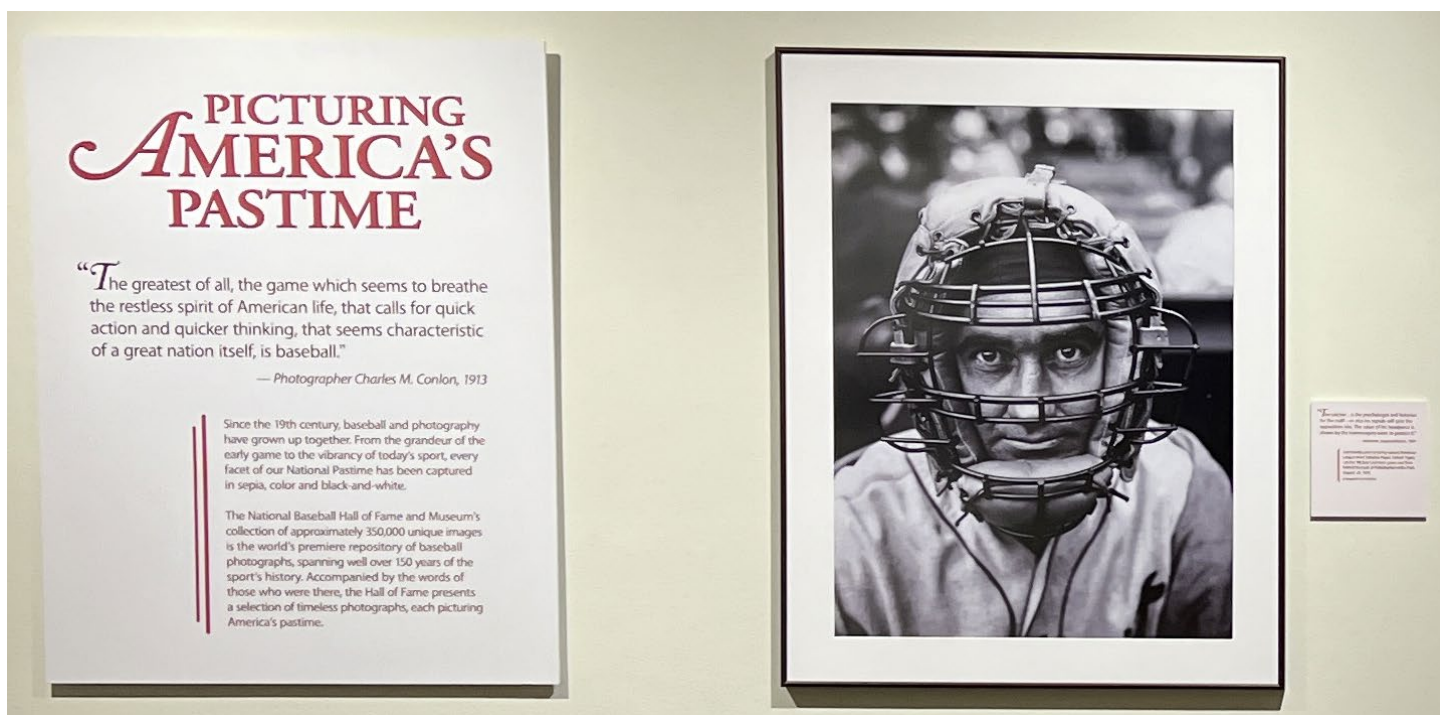




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Cedar Rapids MLB pitcher celebrates Dubuque’s baseball history Cal Eldred keynote for two-day conference at historic Dubuque baseball site



Installation view of *Picturing America's Pastime* at the Dubuque Museum of Art

DUBUQUE, IA, March 4, 2024—Cedar Rapids-born, former big leagues pitcher Cal Eldred will headline two days of programs celebrating the exhibition *Picturing America's Pastime* at the Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) on April 13 and 14, 2024 in Dubuque, IA. On April 13, the 1993 Milwaukee Brewers Pitcher of the Year will speak about his career playing for the Brewers, White Sox, Cardinals and the University of Iowa Hawkeyes.

Also on April 13, Casey-award winning author Phil S. Dixon will lead a conversation about the history of the Negro Leagues. Dixon sits on the National Advisory Board for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, has authored seven books, and interviewed over 500 players and their families. Illinois-native and Major League Baseball Supervisor of Umpires Larry Young will share highlights from his career which included calling Nolan Ryan's 5,000th career strikeout against Rickey Henderson and the 1996 and 2003 World Series. Author-historian John Liepa will host a discussion on the origins of baseball in Iowa and author-historian John T. Pregler will discuss his research on Dubuque's role in the history of professional baseball.

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All discussions will take place at the historic Hotel Julien Dubuque, site of a series of meetings that led to the creation of the American League. Tickets include lunch and refreshments, all talks, and a tour of DuMA's exhibitions *Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum* and *Picturing Dubuque Baseball* curated by John T. Pregler.

On April 14, the conference shifts to Dyersville for an exclusive program at the Field of Dreams movie site, the If You Build It Exhibit, and Dwier Brown's Baseball Hall of Dreams.

All-inclusive tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$15 for students and members of the Dubuque Museum of Art and the Society for American Baseball Research. Tickets may be purchased at dbqart.org/picturing-americas-pastime. Hotel Julien is offering a special rate of \$149 plus tax to all attendees. Hotel rooms may be booked by calling (800)798-7098 and mentioning the Dubuque Museum of Art.

About DuMA's exhibitions

Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (through June 16). Explore the cultural history of America through the lens of the sport's greatest photographers. This landmark exhibition arrives from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY. 51 photographs span the years 1866 to 2012 and reflect some of the most memorable moments in baseball and American history. Highlights include images of Jackie Robinson, Dorothy Kovalchick, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Roberto Clemente, and Orestes "Minnie" Minoso.

Picturing Dubuque Baseball is a companion exhibition that reveals the role Dubuque and Dubqueurs played in shaping Major League Baseball.

This program is a collaboration among the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), Dubuque Museum of Art, Hotel Julien Dubuque, Field of Dreams Movie Site, If You Build It Exhibit, Dwier Brown's Baseball Hall of Dreams, and Travel Dubuque. This project is paid for in part by the Dubuque Destination Marketing Fee partners.

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About the Dubuque Museum of Art

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa's oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA's mission is to create engaging art experiences that excite, inspire, and connect our community. The Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm. More information can be found at dbqart.org.

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