



**Western Writers  
of America**

## **2017 Annual Convention Special Events**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

**Tour Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art** – 4525 Oak Street, *(Co-Sponsored by Kirk Ellis/  
Shadowcatcher Productions)*

Recognized internationally as one of the finest general art museums in the United States, the Nelson-Atkins currently maintains collections of nearly 40,000 works of art. The Nelson-Atkins collection of American art includes painting, sculpture and works on paper made in the United States from the 18th century through World War II. The museum is a major repository of work by Missourians Thomas Hart Benton and George Caleb Bingham. The American Indian collection encompasses all North American culture areas and spans pre-European contact to the present day. The American Indian galleries feature more than 200 objects including pottery, basketry, quill and beadwork, textiles, painting and sculpture.

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

**Tour Arabia Steamboat Museum** – *(Co-Sponsored by Visit KC)*  
*(Ticket Required)*

The Steamboat Arabia sank near Kansas City on Sept. 5, 1856, with 200 tons of cargo. Lost for 132 years, the recovery in 1988 revealed a treasure trove of goods: clothes, tools, shoes, guns, dishware, jewelry and more. At the Arabia Steamboat Museum, learn about the story of the ship and her recovery, and view the everyday objects that made life possible for pioneers in the 1800s. It is the largest single collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world.

**Friday, June 23, 2017**

WWA Presents Script Reading of **“Stagecoach”** – Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch, 4801 Main St. – *Public Invited* — Directed by Kirk Ellis

A new cast of WWA Players will present this script reading, sure to both educate and entertain you. The event is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Public Library as a Special Presentation of their “Script-in-Hand” program.