This traveling exhibition presents highlights from the collection of the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) and the Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield Collection. The permanent collection of the WCHOF contains trophies, photographs, scoresheets, periodicals, chess sets, and other artifacts related to significant players and events from chess history. One highlight of the collection is the Paul Morphy Silver Service, presented to the legendary player after his 1857 victory in the First American Chess Congress. The Sinquefield Collection contains many important artifacts related to both the art and culture of chess, including Yoko Ono’s Play It by Trust (Roskilde Version), 2002, and numerous periodicals and books that once belonged to World Chess Champion Bobby Fischer (U.S. Chess Hall of Fame, 1986; World Chess Hall of Fame, 2001).
The World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) celebrates one of the world’s oldest and best-loved games through vibrant, engaging exhibitions and creative programming. A not-for-profit, collecting institution situated in the heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, the WCHOF houses both the U.S. and World Chess Halls of Fame, which honor the accomplishments of the game’s finest players. The organization presents exhibitions that explore the history of the game, as well as its remarkable impact on arts and culture. These unique shows and programs are designed to appeal to both the chess novice and expert, defying expectations and enhancing knowledge of the game. Along with those of its sister organization, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, the WCHOF’s activities have distinguished Saint Louis as a national and international chess destination.