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THE SPRING FILM SERIES DEBUTS WITH THE "SINGING BIRDS" SATURDAY AND SUNDAY APRIL 12 & 13 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society kicks off the spring edition of its film series with two screenings of "Singing Birds" by Kimberly Conely, showing Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13 at 1 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. All shows are free with regular admission to the Museum.

"Singing Birds," set in Prohibition-era Detroit, was shot during the summer of 1985 in several Detroit locations, including the Warehouse District, Woodbridge, Indian Village and Black Bottom. The film chronicles a day in the life of two competing, immigrant Lithuanian families and features a cast of 50, including 12 main actors, who speak and sing in Lithuanian, 25 period vehicles, police officers on horseback, and music of the era from McKinney's Cotton Pickers. "Singing Birds" was partially funded by the Detroit Council for the Arts and was the winner of a 1986 Cine Golden Eagle award and a 1986 American Film & Video Festival Finalist. The run time for the film is 26 minutes.

Kimberly Conely is an instructional consultant, graduate student assistant and doctoral candidate at Wayne State University.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.