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**THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S AUTHOR SERIES CONTINUES
DECEMBER 19TH AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM WITH "DETROIT'S
DOWNTOWN MOVIE PALACES"**

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DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society's author series continues with the co-author of "Detroit's Downtown Movie Palaces," Michael Hauser, on Wednesday, December 19 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Michael Hauser, curator of the Detroit: The 'Reel' Story exhibit currently on display at the Museum, recounts the story of how Detroit was once home to one of America's premier entertainment districts. Detroit's downtown theatres were once concentrated along Monroe Street near Campus Martius. After 1917, more than a dozen surrounded Grand Circus Park. During the first half of the 20th century, Detroiters escaped to downtown movie palaces like the Fox and Michigan Theatres to see the latest films. Many of these downtown movie palaces rivaled those in New York and Chicago and were crafted by renowned architects.

The event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for guests. For more information or reservations for the event, please call (313) 833-7935 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

The author series is presented by Arcadia Publishing, the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America's people and places.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. 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. New exhibits include 1920s: Detroit's Building Boom; Rallying the Home Front: Posters from WWII; New to the Collection, a showcase of recently acquired antiquities,

oddities, and treasures; the Detroit Artist Showcase featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; Fabulous 5: Detroit Sports Legends; and Automotive Showplace. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.