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NEW ALBERT KAHN EXHIBITION OPENING AT DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Open now through July 3 in the Robert and Mary Ann Bury Community Gallery

DETROIT – Perhaps Detroit's best known architect, Albert Kahn was a German-born Jewish immigrant who moved to Detroit as a child and went on to change the skyline of his adopted city and influence design around the world. New in the Detroit Historical Museum's *Robert and Mary Ann Bury Community Gallery*, ***Albert Kahn: Innovation and Influence on 20th Century Architecture*** tells Kahn's story through a wealth of artifacts and architectural models. It is open through **July 3** and included with museum general admission.

The Fisher Building, the Conservatory and Aquarium on Belle Isle and multiple structures on the University of Michigan campus are all Kahn designs. His streamlined, light-filled factories for Henry Ford and other manufacturers became a seminal influence on European modernists who developed the principles of modern architecture. Museum visitors will see both wood and Lego architectural models of some of Kahn's most famous buildings, the architect's hand-drawn architectural sketches, artifacts from his office and more. The exhibition is presented by the **Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation**, a non-profit 501c3 organization launched in 2020 to honor the life, innovations and influence of Kahn.

"We are excited at the opportunity to share with the community how Albert Kahn and his team's innovations changed the world," said Heidi Pfannes, president of the Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation. "We are hoping this exhibit tells the story of how one person has the ability to impact so many people and will inspire a new generation of architects and engineers who will continue to change the world, making it an even better place to live, work and play," Pfannes said.

Join us on **Saturday, May 15** for a special panel discussion, as part of the exhibit:

- **Architecture on the Page: Recent Books from Wayne State University Press**, 2-4 p.m., Free with registration. [More info](#)

The Detroit Historical Society is an independent non-profit organization that manages the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, while caring for an outstanding collection of 250,000+ historic artifacts. The Society presents hundreds of educational tours, programs, workshops and lectures annually. Founded in 1921, Detroit Historical Society has worked for 100 years to foster an appreciation of our region's rich history, telling Detroit's stories and why they matter.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit. The Detroit Historical Museum is currently open to the public with abbreviated hours (**Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**), with enhanced health and safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Historical content and virtual tours and exhibits are available at detroithistorical.org. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, the *Allesee Gallery of Culture*, *Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad*, *Detroit: The “Arsenal of Democracy,”* the *Gallery of Innovation*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *America’s Motor City* and *The Glancy Trains*.

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