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CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVALS IN NEW EXHIBITION AT DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Opens on September 26 and on display through Spring 2021

DETROIT (September 18, 2020) - For 20 years, electronic music fans from around the world have flocked to Detroit at the end of May for one of the biggest urban parties on the planet. What began as a loose and free celebration put on with the help of grassroots volunteers has evolved into a professionally produced, internationally known event. Even though the in-person festival paused this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Detroit Historical Museum will recognize its two-decade milestone anniversary with a photography exhibition highlighting each year of the festival, curated by Detroit electronic music community insiders **Rita Sayegh** and **Tim Price**. The exhibition ***2000/2020: Celebrating 20 Years of the Electronic Music Festival in Detroit*** will open in *the Robert and Mary Ann Bury Community Gallery* on **Saturday, September 26 and run through next years' festival in 2021.**

The photography on display captures all the joy of Detroit's famous festivals by focusing on the people who make the events so special. In addition to framed photographs featuring all aspects of the festival experience, the exhibit will include a living wall of fan photos from the festival's 20 years with the names of fans who contributed them. **Information about contributing photos is at bit.ly/31VXi5V.** This area will continue to grow as Detroiters learn about the exhibition and add their memories. For those who can't visit the museum in person, a virtual exhibit will accompany the physical exhibition, making it accessible to fans across the globe.

Tracy Irwin, Detroit Historical Society Chief Exhibitions and Enrichment Officer and one of *Crain's Detroit's* 2020 Notable Women in Design, was the lead designer of the exhibition, working with guest curators Rita Sayegh and Tim Price. She noted that the exhibition will be as unique as the fans who come to the festival each year. "We really wanted to tell this story from the point of view of the people who make Detroit's festivals so dynamic," Irwin says. "From fan photos to a display that gives visitors a backstage view of the action, this exhibit is going to be a lot of fun for anyone who loves the music or the festival."

Saturday, September 26 will also be the first day of the Detroit Historical Museum's **Lunchtime Techno** series, featuring tunes by **DJ John Collins**, food by **Guerilla Foods and Cold Truth Soft Serve** and pop-up record sales by **Peoples Records**. For three Saturdays in a row, visit Legends Plaza at the Detroit Historical Museum (facing Woodward Avenue) at lunchtime for a new lineup of DJs, food trucks and socially-distanced fun. View the whole lineup of Lunchtime Techno guests at **detroithistorical.org**.

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.**) and enhanced health and safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The ***2000/2020: Celebrating 20 Years of the Electronic Music Festival in Detroit*** exhibition is included with general admission.

The Detroit Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. Founded in 1921, its mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. The Society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on historic Belle Isle. In addition, the Society is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of our region's rich history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs and history-themed outreach efforts, the Society serves more than 150,000 people annually. For more information on the Detroit Historical Society, visit detroithistorical.org.

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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