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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM CELEBRATES ARETHA FRANKLIN IN NEW EXHIBIT
'Aretha' is on display now through Summer 2019 in the Kid Rock Music Lab

DETROIT- As Detroit gets ready to honor the Queen of Soul during America's Thanksgiving Parade, the Detroit Historical Museum is offering a new exhibit to celebrate her life. *Aretha*, now open in the *Kid Rock Music Lab*, teaches visitors about Franklin's prominent place in Detroit's history through her roles as musical trailblazer and civil rights activist.

Aretha features a nearly complete record collection from the legendary artist's career, courtesy of Dan and Denise Zieja and Melodies & Memories. Included is her first album (also featuring her father, the Rev. C. L. Franklin), "I Will Trust in the Lord, Vols. 1 and 2," which was recorded live at New Bethel Baptist Church in 1956, when Aretha was only 14 years old. A rare lacquer "test" pressing of "Respect," a sparkling concert-worn dress, and the Queen's hand prints in cement round out the one-of-a-kind artifacts on display. Historical information and little-known facts about Franklin add context to the items in the exhibition and concert footage adds her distinctive sound.

Aretha is on display through Summer 2019. Admission to the museum and the exhibition is FREE. **Please note that the museum will be closed to the public on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving and reopen on Friday, November 23 with regular hours.**

The ***Kid Rock Music Lab*** is an interactive, participatory space that explores the rich legacy of Detroit's music from Gospel to Motown and all things in between.

The **Detroit Historical Museum**, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit, is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$9 at all times. Group tour pricing and information is available by calling 313.833.7979. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, the *Allesee Gallery of Culture*, *Kid Rock Music Lab*, *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*. For more information, call the museum at 313.833.1805 or visit our website at detroithistorical.org.

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