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INVISIBLE NO LONGER: NEW EXHIBITION LOOKS AT THE STRUGGLE FOR GAY RIGHTS IN DETROIT

DETROIT- June is Pride Month and the Detroit Historical Museum has a new exhibition to celebrate, the museum's first to focus on the struggle for gay rights in Detroit. ***Invisible No Longer: LGBTQ+ Detroit*** showcases the struggle for civil rights by the LGBTQ+ community over the past 50 years through photography and artifacts, created in partnership with the Ruth Ellis Center, *Between The Lines*, LGBT Detroit and Dr. Tim Retzloff. **It's on display now** in the museum's *Theater Showcase* (located on the lower level) and will remain open **through September 29, 2019.**

About the exhibition: Following the police raid on the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969 in New York City, the gay rights movement changed forever. Activists across the world embraced a new visibility and direct action demanding civil rights, respect, and safety. In Metro Detroit, activists forged a new path forward through street protests and education as the community grappled with police oppression, violence, family rejection and the AIDS epidemic. Recent years have witnessed significant civil rights milestones, but also reminders that the struggle is not over. Through photography and artifacts, ***Invisible No Longer: LGBTQ+ Detroit*** offers an insight into the lives and work of this vibrant part of Metro Detroit.

Celebrate the exhibition with an opening reception on Thursday, June 20 from 4 – 8 p.m. Curtis Lipscomb, Executive Director of LGBT Detroit, will speak at 6 p.m., as part of the museum's Third Thursday Speaker Series. **The event is free and open to the public.**

More information: <https://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/events-calendar/events-listing/invisible-no-longer-lgbtq-detroit-opening>

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. 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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