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POPULAR DETROIT PUBLIC TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY TO SHOW AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM JULY 18-19

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society will screen “Detroit, Remember When: Motor City Memories and Hometown Traditions” at the Detroit Historical Museum on Saturday, July 18 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. as part of their monthly Film Series. This event is free.

Travel back in time and experience Detroit traditions that live on in rare films, old photographs, and fond memories in this extraordinary documentary. From Briggs Stadium to Boblo, Black Bottom to the Boulevard, this documentary produced by Detroit Public Television captures the spirit of the city in reminiscences of what used to be and remembrances of what once was. Summer days at Belle Isle, the Vernor’s soda fountain, Jefferson Beach and Edgewater Park are among the sites revisited in footage and from Detroit-area family collections and media archives. The running time is 44 minutes.

The Society’s Film Series features free monthly screenings of fascinating Detroit films on a selected weekend of each month in the Louise C. Booth Auditorium at the Museum. Upcoming films include the following:

• “Detroit Mob Confidential” will be shown on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16 at 3 p.m. This film explores the history of Detroit’s La Cosa Nostra Family, which, in many ways, is the most successful crime family in the United States. In addition to law enforcement and media sources, former associates reflect on the past and their work with Detroit Mafia members in sports gambling and other criminal activities. Several hundred unique and never-seen-before surveillance photographs from Federal law enforcement are used as well as family photos of Don Joe Zerilli on his Grosse Pointe estate. “Detroit Mob Confidential” is the first and only documentary made about America’s most secretive and most successful Mafia family. Beginning in 1912 and finishing in 2009, “Detroit Mob Confidential” is a must-see film for any student of American history, crime buffs, and Detroiters of all ages and backgrounds. The running time is 79 minutes.

• “Detroit: Our Greatest Generation” will be shown on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 at 3 p.m. Directed by Emmy-winning filmmaker Keith Famie, “Detroit: Our Greatest Generation” tells the real-life stories of many Detroit-area residents who are the true heroes of World War II. The film contains archival footage and live interviews with Detroiters sharing their stories from their generation. The running time is 90 minutes.
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 $6 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 Allessee 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 check out our website at detroithistorical.org.