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DOCUMENTARY FOCUSING ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN DETROIT TO BE SHOWN AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 12

DETROIT- The Detroit Historical Society will screen “**Detroit Mob Confidential**” at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle on **Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m.** as part of their monthly **Film Series**. This event is free.

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.

The Society’s Film Series features free monthly screenings of fascinating Detroit films on the second Sunday of each month in DeRoy Hall at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Upcoming films include the following.

- “**Lean, Mean and Green**” will be shown on Sunday, May 10. Urban heroes employ agricultural efforts, mural art, community organizing, and tenacious urban planning in order to create a sustainable future for their communities. This film features Detroit as well as examples from other American and international cities. The running time is 75 minutes.
- “**Regional Roots**” will show on Sunday, June 14. Covering 300 years of history, “Regional Roots” uses the immigrant experience as an introduction to the diverse landscape of Detroit. From the early French and German settlers to today’s growing communities, immigrants continue to shape the region in pursuit of the American Dream. This film won Best Detroit Documentary in 2010 at the Detroit Windsor International Film Festival and Best Short Documentary in 2009 at the Trinity Film Coalition Festival. The running time is 26 minutes. Both films will start at 2 p.m.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. Permanent exhibits include *Built by the River* in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the

Miss Pepsi vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the *City of Detroit III* in the Polk Family Hall, a bow anchor from the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. *William Clay Ford* in the Wayne and Joan Webber Gallery, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world.

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