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THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOSTS AN EVENING RECEPTION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PRIOR TO A NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, JULY 15

DETROIT - As part of the National Park Service's Network to Freedom Annual Conference, which will be held in Detroit July 16-20, the Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee invites attendees and the general public to an evening reception on Tuesday, July 15 from 6:30 — 9:30 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Mingle with other conference attendees and the descendants of area Underground Railroad participants, and let the backdrop of the Detroit Historical Museum introduce you to the city’s rich history. The Museum’s exhibits include Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad (unveiled in November 2012), which features the story of freedom seeker Caroline Quarlls.

The reception will also include a performance by the Mosaic Youth Theater of scenes from "A Midnight Cry: The Underground Railroad to Freedom," which is based on the life of Caroline Quarlls, whose experience is represented by several Network to Freedom listings. The musical tells the story of Lida Anderson, a young female freedom seeker, and her journey along the Underground Railroad.

Tickets are $25 a person and are available at detroithistorical.org, or at the door. Please call 313.833.1262 for more information.

The Black Historic Sites Committee of the Detroit Historical Society, founded in 1971, is a group of volunteers that promotes a greater understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the history of metro Detroit and the state of Michigan.

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 $5 at all times. Group tour pricing and information is available by calling
313.833.1733. 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 check out our website at detroithistorical.org.

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