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WINTER BREAK WEEK AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:
EXTENDED HOURS, FREE ADMISSION AND FIVE BRAND NEW EXHIBITS AND
DISPLAYS

DETROIT – Looking for something to do with the kids during Winter Break? The Detroit Historical Museum has free admission for everyone and is open for extended hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 17 through Friday, February 21.

Whether you’re a fan of the Museum’s classics like the Streets of Old Detroit and The Glancy Trains or you haven’t seen more recent favorites like the Allesee Gallery of Culture, Kid Rock Music Lab, Detroit: The “Arsenal of Democracy,” the re-installed Meier Clock or the expanded Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad – this is the week for you to visit!

In addition, there are five brand new exhibits and displays to see: Out on the Town: Drinking and Dining in Detroit Since 1920 in the Booth-Wilkinson Gallery; Detroit Decides: Our Most Celebrated Skyscrapers, features buildings chosen by metro Detroiters last summer -- the Penobscot, the Fisher and the Guardian buildings - - in the center of the Allesee Gallery of Culture; 1916 Packard Twin Six Touring Car owned by Mr. Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car Company, in the Automotive Showplace; Documenting Detroit in the Detroit Artists Showcase; and The Detroit Public Library: 150 Years of Serving Detroit and Beyond in the Community Gallery.

Out on the Town: Drinking and Dining in Detroit Since 1920 features prohibition-era speakeasies, working man’s watering holes of the 1930s/40s, jazz clubs of the 1940s/50s, nightclubs of the 1950s/60s and businessmen’s restaurants of the 1970s, highlighting the places where relationships formed, deals were made and life happened. This exhibit is sponsored by Great Lakes Wine & Spirits.

The Detroit Public Library: 150 Years of Serving Detroit and Beyond exhibit provides an overview of the library’s history and features treasures from their
collections of cultural, historical, social and literary significance. This is a rare opportunity to view select items from the Library’s most prominent collections, including the Burton Historical Collection, the Rare Book Collection, the National Automotive History Collection, the E. Azalia Hackley Collection and the Lulu and Ernie Harwell Sports Collection.

Finally, from 1972 to 1984 the Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies), offered a documentary course taught by Bill Rauhauser. CCS partnered with the Detroit Historical Museum back then to display the final class projects in Documenting Detroit and a sampling of these 1,300 photographs chronicling life in the city during those years is now on display in our Detroit Artists Showcase.

Each of these exhibits are supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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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