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**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES NEW MUSEUM ACCESSIBILITY
CERTIFICATION**

***The Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum offer new sensory
resources for guests***

DETROIT (October 29, 2021) – Guests of all ages with sensory sensitivities who visit to the **Detroit Historical Museum** in Midtown and the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on Belle Isle have new options to make their experience more enjoyable, thanks to the Detroit Historical Society's recent certification through **KultureCity**.

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to overstimulation and noise.

During the certification process, the Detroit Historical Society's full staff received training to recognize guests with sensory needs and assist in a sensory overload situation. In addition, **sensory bags** are now available for museum guests to use during their visit. The kits – which are sterilized between uses – contain **noise canceling headphones (provided by Puro Sound Labs), fidget tools, verbal cue cards (produced in conjunction with Boardmaker) and weighted lap pads**. For those who may need a break in a quieter and more secure environment, a dedicated sensory room is also available.

Prior to attending an event or visiting the museums, families can download the **free KultureCity App** to view what sensory features are available and where they can access them.

Learn more before you visit at <https://bit.ly/2HlxSH9>.

KultureCity is a leading non-profit recognized nationwide for using its resources to revolutionize and effect change in the community for those with sensory needs, not just those with autism. Since the program's inception, KultureCity has created over 350 sensory-inclusive venues in four countries: this includes special events such as the NFL Pro-Bowl, NFL Super Bowl and MLB All Star Weekend. KultureCity has won many awards for its efforts, including the NASCAR Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award in 2017 and the 2018 Clio Sports Silver for social good in partnership with Cleveland Cavaliers/Quicken Loans Arena. The Cleveland Cavaliers' Quiet Space Sensory Room at Quicken Loans Arena was a finalist for the 2018 Stadium Business Award, and recently, KultureCity was named one of the World's Most Innovative Companies for 2019 by *FastCompany*.

The Detroit Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. Founded in 1921, its mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. The Society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on historic Belle Isle. In addition, the Society is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of our region's rich history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs

and history-themed outreach efforts, the Society serves more than 150,000 people annually. For more information on the Detroit Historical Society, visit detroithistorical.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit. The Detroit Historical Museum is currently open to the public with abbreviated hours (**Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**), with enhanced health and safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Historical content and virtual tours and exhibits are available at detroithistorical.org. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, the *Allesee Gallery of Culture*, *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*.

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