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## **DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS SPORTS ARTIFACTS FOR UPCOMING DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM EXHIBIT**

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**DETROIT** – The next installment of the Detroit Historical Museum’s popular Fabulous Five exhibit, which focuses on saluting the great people, places, events and occasions that have contributed to our area's rich historical and cultural heritage, needs your help.

In the past year, the exhibit has showcased Detroit’s Musical Legends – saluting Bob Seger, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Derrick May and Eminem – and Amazing Annual Events (now on display) – which spotlights Tigers’ Opening Day, the Thanksgiving Parade, the Auto Show, the Jazz Festival and the Dream Cruise.

The next Fabulous Five exhibit, opening in September, will focus on Detroit Sports Legends. The five sports legends to be featured are:

Gordie Howe – the Detroit Red Wings’ “Mr. Hockey”;

Joe Louis – the “Brown Bomber” and longest reigning heavyweight champion ever;

Al Kaline – Detroit Tiger, 1968 World Series champ and Baseball Hall of Famer;

Joe Dumars – Detroit Pistons champion as both a player and executive;

Steve Yzerman – “The Captain” & three-time Stanley Cup champion with the Red Wings.

The Detroit Historical Society needs your help in rounding out these stories. We are searching for these items by June 8th:

Robes, boxing trunks, equipment, photos or other personal memorabilia from Louis;

Memorabilia (signed or otherwise) and championship-era uniform items for Dumars;

Uniform items, memorabilia (signed or otherwise) and photos related to Howe.

Please contact Tracy Smith, director of exhibits and programs, at (313) 833-1405 or Marianne Weldon, curator of collections, at (313) 297-8391 if you are interested in donating or loaning one of these items. Not all items proposed will be accepted, and an appointment with one of these Museum professionals is required (no walk-ups).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).