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THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM TO REOPEN AFTER SUMMER RECESS WITH FREE WEEKEND AND SIX NEW EXHIBITS SEPTEMBER 8-9

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DETROIT -- The Detroit Historical Museum emerges from a three-week summer recess with a free admission re-opening weekend Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9 to show off six new exhibits.

Among new exhibitions, the main attraction will be 1920s: Detroit's Building Boom, in which visitors will marvel at Detroit landmarks that serve as monuments to the decade when the city was America's gilded boomtown. Divided into sections on infrastructure, culture, skyscrapers, residential, community service and industry, the exhibit will feature structures ranging from the Ambassador Bridge (1929) and the Fisher Building (1928) to the Book-Cadillac Hotel (1923) and the Fox Theatre (1928). Supporting sponsors for this exhibit are Flagstar Bank and Barton Malow, with media sponsors Great Stuff and dbusiness.

Rallying the Home Front: Posters from WW II is a new exhibition that displays American propaganda from the Museum's collection from the World War II years. This exhibit is presented by the Detroit Historical Society Guild.

New to the Collection, a showcase of artifacts recently acquired by the Detroit Historical Society, will show off a new batch of Detroit antiquities, oddities, and treasures, including items from the Detroit Tigers American League Championship and World Series appearance in 2006, a Detroit Times delivery wagon from the 1930s, a bronze mouse created by noted Michigan sculptor Marshall Fredericks as part of "The Lion and the Mouse" sculpture on display at Eastland Center since 1957, and a juris doctor robe worn by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick while a student at the Detroit College of Law.

The Detroit Artist Showcase, a mini gallery of paintings by a historic Detroit artist, will feature works by early 20th century painter Amy Lorimer.

Fabulous 5: Detroit Sport Legends will feature the following:

Joe Dumars, NBA Hall of Famer and Detroit Pistons champion as both a player (1985-1999) and current team executive.

Gordie Howe, "Mr. Hockey," who played 26 seasons for the Detroit Red Wings, bringing four Stanley Cups to the Motor City.

Al Kaline, Detroit Tiger Hall of Famer, 1968 World Series Champion and member of the exclusive 3,000 hit club.

Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," the longest reigning heavyweight boxing champion in history (1937-1949).

Steve Yzerman, "The Captain," a sure Hockey Hall of Famer who brought three Stanley Cups to Detroit over a 23-year career with the Red Wings.

Fox Sports Net Detroit is a media partner for the Fabulous 5: Detroit Sports Legends exhibit.

Automotive Showplace, an ode to the American art form of automotive design, will display the classic 1905 Cadillac Osceola owned and driven by Cadillac Motor Car Company founder Henry Leland. The Osceola was the first "concept car" -- and the first closed-body car made in America.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, reopens to the public Saturday, September 8th. Regular hours are 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.