

Celebrate the Holidays (Safely) at the MCHC

Baltimore, MD (December 4, 2020) – Though many holiday celebrations will look different this year, the Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) is offering safe, educational experiences for people of all ages to learn about Maryland and U.S. history while staying in the Baltimore area this season. Visitors can spend a day visiting the museum, reserve a private tour with household members, or purchase a gift from the museum store.

The Maryland Center for History and Culture is offering free admission on Second Saturday, December 12. To ensure the safety of guests, tickets will be limited. Those interested in visiting the museum on Second Saturday are encouraged to reserve tickets online early to secure a spot.

Private, family tours are available for visitors to experience the museum's newest exhibitions, including *Spectrum of Fashion, Flickering Treasures: Rediscovering Baltimore's Forgotten Movie Theaters and Wild* and *Untamed: Dunton's Discovery of the Baltimore Album Quilts*. Each of these feature innovative, touch-free technology developed and custom-built by MCHC staff, that allows guests to safely interact with the content on display. Private tours are available by appointment only, Wednesdays through Saturdays, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Holiday shoppers can find collectables, books, toys, Maryland-themed gifts and more at the MCHC <u>Museum Store</u>. From December 10 – 12, MCHC members will receive 25 percent off their purchase* in store and online at shop.mdhistory.org for MCHC Member Shopping Days. The MCHC is now open and continues to operate under COVID restrictions and guidelines, with limited hours and capacity—the museum's hours are subject to change due to COVID, and visitors are advised to check the museum's hours online or by calling prior to visiting. The institution has implemented online, touchless ticketing (as well as walk-in ticketing) and other safety procedures. The library is currently closed for in-person research appointments, but the library staff is accessible by email at <u>specialcollections@mdhistory.org</u>, or by phone at 410-685-3750, ext. 359, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Discount does not include consignment pieces.

ABOUT THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) collects, preserves, and interprets the history, art, and culture of Maryland. Originally founded as the Maryland Historical Society in 1844, MCHC inspires critical thinking, creativity, and community through its Museum, Library, and education programs. The Museum and H. Furlong Baldwin Library are currently open Wednesday-Saturday. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Library hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn more at mdhistory.org, including MCHC's safety procedures.

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