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JFK Exhibition in Final Weeks Exhibition of Iconic and Rare Images Closes June 29 at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw

Saginaw, Mich. – An acclaimed photographic exhibition commemorating President John F. Kennedy’s private life and public trajectory is coming to an end. “American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times” will close on Saturday, June 29, ending a highly successful run at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. The exhibition is free to the public through closing. One of the most exhaustively researched collections of Kennedy photos ever assembled, “American Visionary” brings together images from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Getty Images, private collections, and the Kennedy family archives that capture public and private moments from Kennedy’s life. Some of the photographs on display are iconic; others have never been seen publicly.

“The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is the only Michigan venue where this historically important exhibition will be shown,” said museum director Megan McAdow. “We are honored to commemorate the centennial of John F. Kennedy’s birth with this powerful and important exhibition.”

Highlights of “American Visionary” include images from Kennedy’s political and private life. Unforgettable images are featured, such as Jacques Lowe’s 1961 photograph of Kennedy standing hunched over his desk in the Oval Office, and a haunting photograph of the shattered First Lady departing the White House on the day of Kennedy’s state funeral in 1963, captured by I.C. Rapoport as a brief glimpse through the crowd.

The exhibition is based on “JFK: A Vision for America” (2017), the award-winning book celebrating the history of Kennedy’s historic life by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley, and the visual re-telling through exhibition curator Lawrence Schiller’s unique photojournalistic perspective. The exhibition has traveled extensively around the United States, including to the Smithsonian American Art Museum, The New York Historical Society and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The museum has a robust schedule of fun and engaging programs for the exhibition’s final weeks, including “Tacos & Trivia: JFK Edition,” a trivia event based on the Life and Times of JFK. The event takes place on Monday, June 24 from 5–7 p.m. and includes a free taco buffet. Those

interested must RSVP by emailing mfsm@svsu.edu or calling 989-964-7125 by Monday, June 17.

Exhibition Credits

“American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times” is presented by the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and Wiener Schiller Productions in cooperation with the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation. Additional support is provided by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Getty Images.

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The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum’s website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

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