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**Winter at the Hoboken Museum Means Sinatra's Birthday  
Celebration, WWI talks, Photo Exhibit, and  
Holiday Concert and Crafts Fair**

*"Heaven, Hell or Hoboken" Lecture Series Continues: Authors  
Ann Hagedorn, Chad Millman Discuss Lessons for our Times from WWI*

**Hoboken, N.J.** – November 14, 2008 – The Hoboken Historical Museum livens up the winter season with a calendar packed with music, art, crafts and historical insights.

This weekend opens the season with a double bill for those interested in history and the arts. On **Sunday, November 16, from noon to 3 p.m.**, all are invited to a free reception to celebrate the opening of a new Upper Gallery exhibit of photographic works by **McKevin Shaughnessy** depicting iconic local businesses. In photos transposed on glass, Shaughnessy's "**Suspended in Time: Works on Glass**" captures the essence of six local businesses that have endured for decades, including Fiore's deli, Schnackenberg's luncheonette, Lepore's Homemade Chocolates, Giovanni D'Italia's Shoe Repair, Annette's Beauty Salon and the Guitar Bar, a newer business that preserved much of the décor of the florist shop that occupied the store from the early 1900s.

While there, visitors are encouraged to take a tour of the Museum's current Main Gallery exhibition, *Heaven, Hell or Hoboken: A City Transformed by World War I*, and stay for a **talk at 4 p.m. by noted historian and author, Ann Hagedorn**. Her recent novel *Savage Peace, Hope and Fear in America, 1919*, draws lessons from the decisions the country faced after the war that apply to our times. The following **Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m.**, another author visits to discuss an event that helped accelerate the United States' entry into World War I, an explosion on Black Tom Island in N.Y. Harbor. **Chad Millman**,

whose book *The Detonators, The Secret Plot to Destroy America*, is a journalist who writes like an espionage novelist about a real incident that exposed the country's vulnerability to sabotage. Admission for both talks is \$5, free for Museum members.

### **Celebrate Sinatra**

Last year, the Museum celebrated the city's favorite son's birthday with a "Sinatra Idol" contest. This year, noted **Sinatra interpreter, Greg Wilder**, visits on **Friday Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.** for a concert and multimedia celebration of the great singer's career. Admission is \$10 (\$5 for Museum members). For a different take on Sinatra's considerable talent, visit the Museum on **Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.**, for a talk and book signing by **Tom Santopietro**, author of the just-released *Sinatra in Hollywood*. The book traces the complete arc of Sinatra's astonishing 60-year career, from his rise in musicals like *On the Town* to his Oscar-worthy comeback in *From Here to Eternity*. Santopietro has also written critically acclaimed bios on icons Barbra Streisand and Doris Day.

### **Holiday Concert, Crafts Fairs**

For families, the Museum is bringing back popular entertainers Dave Lambert and Howard Olah-Reiken for the fourth annual concert and sing-along of favorite holiday songs, on **Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.** Admission is \$5 per family.

The Museum is bringing back its popular **Holiday Crafts Fair** for two weekends: **Dec. 13 – 14 and 20 – 21**. It will also have a booth selling its own wares at the City Hall Holiday Crafts Fair, Dec. 6 – 7 and 20 – 21.

Also for families, the Museum has extended its **Uptown Storytime** reading hour, for children ages 2 to 5 years, from monthly to twice a month. Upcoming dates are **Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 and 18**. Admission is \$2, free for Museum members.

## **MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

**Sun., Nov. 16, 12 – 3 p.m., Opening reception for "Suspended in Time: Works on Glass"** by McKevin Shaughnessy, in the Upper Gallery of the Museum. Free.

**Sun., Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Heaven, Hell or Hoboken talk:** Ann Hagedorn, historian and author of *Savage Peace, Hope and Fear in America, 1919*, at the Museum. Admission: \$5, free for HHM members.

**Sun., Nov. 23, 4 p.m., Heaven, Hell or Hoboken talk:** Chad Millman, historian and author *The Detonators, The Secret Plot to Destroy America*, at the Museum. Admission: \$5, free for HHM members.

**Sun., Dec. 7, 4 p.m., Sinatra in Hollywood book launch and signing** with author Tom Santopietro. Free.

**Wed., Dec. 10, 5 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Holiday Family Concert** with Dave Lambert and Howard Olah-Reiken. Admission: \$5 per family.

**Fri., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., “Sinatra, A Fan and His Music,”** presented by Sinatra interpreter Greg Wilder, in honor of Ol’ Blue Eyes’ birthday. Admission: \$10; \$5 for HHM members.

**Sat. - Sun., Dec. 13 – 14 and 20 – 21, from 12 – 5 p.m., Museum Holiday Crafts Fair,** at the Museum. Meet local artisans and craftspeople selling jewelry, candles, home decorations and more.

*Littleman Parking-Independence Garage, located at 12th Street and Shipyard Lane, offers three hours of free parking for Museum visitors with validated tickets.*

### **About the Hoboken Historical Museum**

Founded 1986, the Museum’s mission is to educate the public about Hoboken’s history, diverse culture, architecture and historic landmarks. In 2001, the Museum moved into one of the oldest buildings on the waterfront, in the former Bethlehem Steel shipyard, at 1301 Hudson St., Hoboken, where it maintains a series of rotating exhibits. The Museum is open six days a week, 2 – 9 pm on Tues. – Thurs., 1 – 5 pm on Fridays, and noon – 5 pm on weekends. It offers special exhibits, tours, events and lectures, as well as educational programs for adults and children on a weekly basis. An updated schedule of events and an online catalog of many items in its collections are available at [www.hobokenmuseum.org](http://www.hobokenmuseum.org). The Museum is a not-for-profit tax-exempt 501(c) entity.

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