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Fairfield Museum and History Center First Anniversary Celebration

FAIRFIELD, CT (August 12) The Fairfield Museum and History Center will hold its first anniversary celebration at the Museum on Saturday, September 13, 2008, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will feature cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres and lavish desserts, with catering by the Canterer Caterer. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Milt Jacoby Trio. Fairfield former First Selectwoman Jackie Durrell and Fairfield Museum and History Center Board Member Hoyt O. Perry, Jr. will serve as the Honorary Chairs for the event. Funds raised through the event will support exciting exhibitions and engaging educational programs at the Museum.

Last year's sold out gala raised more than \$50,000 for the Museum's exhibitions and programs; a testament to the community's support. The event welcomed nearly 350 guests, including State Senator John McKinney, the Honorable Daniel Caruso, and First Selectman Kenneth Flatto among many others. An equal number of guests are expected to attend this year's celebration. Event co-chair Carol Wheeler said, "The event will be a festive evening, and a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the many accomplishments of the Museum's opening year. The Museum's superb ambiance provides a wonderful setting for people to gather and enjoy each other's company."

The event will also celebrate the opening of a new exhibition of the work of internationally-renowned photographer Philip Trager. In a limited-time exhibition entitled *Philip Trager Photography: Selections from the Connecticut Series, 1974-1976*, Trager captures the spirit of Connecticut and shows how architecture is man's created landscape.

Tickets for this year's elegant affair are available for a range of contributions: \$750 at the Visionary level, \$500 at the Benefactor level, \$250 at the Patron level and \$100 at the Friend level. Guests at the Visionary and Benefactor ticket level will enjoy a private reception with Presidential Historian, Douglas Brinkley and attend his lecture at Fairfield University's Open VISIONS forum on Monday, September 15, 2008. For further information about tickets, please contact the Museum at 203-259-1598.

The Fairfield Museum and History Center would like to thank its generous sponsors who have helped make the event possible: Lead sponsor Mitchells of Westport and sponsors: The Bank of Fairfield, Brody Wilkinson PC, Diageo, Joanie Frost, PNC Wealth Management and Westport Magazine . The reception with Presidential Historian Douglas Brinkley is sponsored by Catamount Management Group.

The Museum would also like to thank the members of the First Anniversary Celebration Committee: Carol H. Wheeler and Pinkie Anderson, Co-Chairs, and committee members: Lori Addison, Sallie Codman, Fran Dubicki, Megan Eckenberger, Nancy Edmiston, Diana Erdmann, Sara Essig, Laura Fasano, Joanie Frost, Sarah Galluzzo, Barbara Geddis-Wooten, Martha Gesswein, Kathy Hamilton, Beth Hayes, Nancy Hayes, Joyce Hergenhan, Cindy Herrington, Jen Hinkle, Mary Hodgman, Veronika Horvath, Charlotte Jehle, Becky Jensen, Lulu Kleinbeck, Peter Kunkel, Leslie Parmiter, Cary Peirce, Ellie Powers, Carolyn Rogers, Ann Shaw, Mary Martha Sherts, Patti Spaght, Janet Thomas, Carolyn Twiname, May Vogel, Barbara Ward and Laura Wilbur.

About Fairfield Museum and History Center

The Fairfield Museum and History Center was established in 2007 by the Fairfield Historical Society. The 13,000 square-foot museum presents engaging exhibition galleries, a special collection library and reading room, a family education center, an 80 seat theater overlooking Fairfield's Town Green and a delightful museum shop. The Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of Fairfield, Connecticut and surrounding regions for present and future generations. The museum provides educational programs to schools in and around Fairfield County, and helps to enrich the cultural and social life of the area. The Museum has quickly become an integral part of Fairfield, serving nearly 10,000 visitors in its inaugural year.

The museum, located at 370 Beach Road in Fairfield, CT, is open seven days a week. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, members of the museum and children age 5 and under are free of charge. For current program and exhibition information, visit www.fairfieldhs.org and for group tour reservations and information, please call 203-259-1598.

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