

PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release

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From: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum – 204 S. Main

RE: MUSEUM EVENT: FINAL FRIDAY VISUAL ART EXHIBITS

Friday, February 27th 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

At: The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum – 204 S. Main

Celebrate our local built environment with the paintings of **Wichita Artist Bill Goffrier**. Here is an artist using the old world (old school?) technique of painting in the open air from direct observation (*en plein air*). The art work featured is from the artist's ongoing series of oil paintings entitled "**Authenti-City**" which seek out and capture fresh perspectives of Downtown Wichita. This work, large and small is displayed together for the first time. Artist Bill Goffrier says he "will be on hand to provide the backstory". These works will be available for sale in the Museum's gift shop; a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Museum.

More Art - The Museum exhibits on all four floors will also be open. Be sure to see the special visual arts exhibit **Wichita's Modern Art Galleries of Mid-Century** – Closing in March.

Wichita, Kansas emerged as an American art center during the 1920's when citizens organized to make visual art part of our local culture. By the 1950s, Wichita's avant-garde abstract artist set-up galleries of their own downtown; first the "indeX Gallery", then the "Bottega Gallery". Learn about the art and artists who forded new territory and brought their art out to the general public in the heart of the city.

Admission is free and open to the public for this Final Friday Art Event

The Historical Museum was founded in 1939 and today occupies Wichita's original City Hall, an accredited museum open to the public six days a week with four floors of exhibits featuring local history.

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Venue: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main, Wichita, KS 67202 ,

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Regular Museum Hours: Tues. – Fri. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Regular Admission Charge: Adults \$ 5.00, Children under 12 years \$ 2.00; under 6 free

Supported in part by the City of Wichita and the Board of Commissioners for Sedgwick County.

OUR VISION: To provide a world class Museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.