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GLBT Historical Society Museum Reopens in San Francisco on Wednesday, February 23

San Francisco — The GLBT Historical Society Museum, located in San Francisco's Castro district, is reopening to the public on Wednesday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m., after a month's closure during the Omicron surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first stand-alone museum of LGBTQ history in the United States, the GLBT Historical Society Museum displays the only known remnant of one of the two original rainbow flags from 1978. The museum opened its doors to the public in 2011 and welcomes over 20,000 visitors annually.

The reopening inaugurates a new schedule for the museum, which will now be open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ticket reservations are available online at www.glbthistory.org/museum, and walk-ins are welcome when the museum is below capacity. The museum's COVID-19 protocols, which include a vaccination requirement, are still in place. Please see www.glbthistory.org/covid-19-information for more information.

Ticket prices for the museum remain unchanged. General admission is \$10; discounted admission for youth (ages 13 to 17), seniors (age 65 and over), students, teachers, active-duty military service members and people with disabilities is \$6; and admission is free for children (age 12 and under), GLBT Historical Society members, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cardholders and North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) members. Admission is free to all on the first Wednesday of the month, thanks to a grant from the Bob Ross Foundation.

Visitors can experience two exhibitions currently in display at the museum. The

Front Gallery currently hosts “Performance, Protest and Politics: The Art of Gilbert Baker.” This exhibition uses textiles, costumes, photographs and ephemera to paint a complex portrait of artist Gilbert Baker (1951–2017), who designed the iconic rainbow flag. The Main Gallery hosts our long-term exhibition, “Queer Past Becomes Present,” showcasing photos, documents and artifacts telling the stories of over a century of everyday queer life among the diverse populations of San Francisco.

For more information, visit our website at www.glbthistory.org/museum.

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ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves, exhibits and makes accessible to the public materials and knowledge to support and promote understanding of LGBTQ history, culture and arts in all their diversity. Founded in 1985, the society is recognized internationally as a leader in the field of queer public history and maintains one of the world’s largest archival collections of LGBTQ historical materials. Our operations are centered at two sites: the GLBT Historical Society Museum, located in the heart of San Francisco’s Castro neighborhood; and the Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Research Center, open to researchers in the Mid-Market district. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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