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Program on Museum exhibit receives Emmy Governor's Archives Award, History in Progress Award given to Museum

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin— Multiple awards and honors — including an Emmy — were recently given to broadcasters and the Jewish Museum Milwaukee for its nationally acclaimed and originally curated exhibition, *Stitching History From the Holocaust*.

- Milwaukee Public Television in November 2015 received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming for a Program/Series/Special for “The Arts Page” episode on the exhibit. Earlier this year, the episode came in first place for Best Specialty Programming from the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.
- The 2015 Governor’s Archives Award for Archival Innovation, awarded by the Library-Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society in October 2015. This award recognizes individuals, programs or organizations that successfully experiment with new ways to demonstrate the significance or relevance of historical records for understanding the past, or that use historical records to reach new audiences.
- The History in Progress Award from the American Association of State and Local History, one of three projects recognized nationally in October 2015. It is for a project that is highly inspirational, exhibits exceptional scholarship, and/or is exceedingly entrepreneurial in terms of funding, partnerships, or collaborations, creative problem solving, or unusual project design and inclusiveness.

Stitching History From the Holocaust is dedicated to all of the people and talent lost in the Holocaust, and focuses on Paul and Hedy Strnad. All efforts failed in a plea to their cousin in Milwaukee to help them escape Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia and get visas to the United States. The couple perished in the Holocaust, but their memory lives on in a letter and dress sketches, which form the core of this haunting exhibit. The Milwaukee Repertory Theater’s costume shop meticulously created with historic accuracy the eight dresses and accessories from the original sketches by using period styles and techniques. For a virtual look of the exhibit, visit StitchingHistory.org.

The exhibit, which ran Sept. 14, 2014 – Feb. 28, 2015 at JMM, will start traveling next year. It will be showing at Florida International University in Miami Beach from Dec. 16, 2016 through March 19, 2017. Other venues are planned.

For further information about Jewish Museum Milwaukee, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, visit JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org or call (414) 390-5730.

About the Jewish Museum Milwaukee

The Jewish Museum Milwaukee is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the Jewish people in southeastern Wisconsin and celebrating the continuum of Jewish heritage and culture. The history of American Jews is rooted in thousands of years of searching for freedom and equality. We are committed to sharing this story and the life lessons it brings with it, so that we may enhance the public’s awareness and appreciation of Jewish life and culture.

About the Milwaukee Jewish Federation

For more than 100 years, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation has been dedicated to building a strong Jewish community. We distributed \$20 million last year to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations locally and around the world, and manage philanthropy through our \$165 million Jewish Community Foundation.

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