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Moments & Markers: An Adolph Rosenblatt Retrospective Beginning June 15 at Jewish Museum Milwaukee

One of Milwaukee's most beloved artists will be the subject of a new retrospective at Jewish Museum Milwaukee (JMM), a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, 1360 N. Prospect Ave., June 15 through August 27.

Moments & Markers: An Adolph Rosenblatt Retrospective celebrates the distinctively joyous work of the longtime Milwaukee sculptor, who died this year at the age of 83. Among the works on display will be the iconic *Lunch counter at the Oriental Pharmacy* and *Balcony at The Oriental Theater*, two sizable installations famous for the wit, flair and sheer affection with which they capture the city's diverse residents. As Dean Jensen of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel once wrote, "Rosenblatt succeeds more than just about any other artist in conveying a real sense of the peculiar spirit...of Milwaukee."

Though a Connecticut native who earned a BFA from Yale (where he studied with the illustrious Josef Albers, among many others), Rosenblatt raised his family and spent most of this adult life in Milwaukee. He taught for many years at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he influenced countless students.

Trained as a painter, Rosenblatt began to experiment with thicker and thicker textures, eventually leaving the palette knife behind in favor of roughly hewn hand-painted ceramics. As Jensen wrote, "the longer one studies Rosenblatt's clay works, the more they suggest Expressionist pictures that somehow left the canvas and took on a third dimension."

The exhibit will open at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, with *Moments & Markers: An Adolph Rosenblatt Retrospective Opening Preview*. Visitors are invited to lace up their walking shoes at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, for *East Side Stomping Grounds: A Walking History Tour*, a trip through the historic neighborhood whose memorable characters and colorful settings inspired much of the artist's work.

For a complete listing of events, exhibit hours and admission fees, visit JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org or call (414) 390-5730.

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.

Jewish Museum Milwaukee, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, is at 1360 North Prospect Avenue. Museum admission: Adults \$7; seniors \$6; students \$4; children age 6 and under are free; active duty military are free.

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