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THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DEALEY PLAZA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EXHIBIT ON ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

DALLAS, TX – May 23, 2018: The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza will open a special temporary exhibit, *Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.*, on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The exhibition will close on Labor Day, September 3, 2018.

Over the course of five years, beginning with the 1963 death of President John F. Kennedy, three of the most important American leaders of the twentieth century were assassinated. This year marks fifty years since the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who died within two months of each other in the spring of 1968.

Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. showcases approximately 60 photographs that uncover the relationship between these historic figures, supplemented by a selection of artifacts from the Museum's collections.

Robert F. Kennedy (November 20, 1925 - June 6, 1968) and Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968) were born worlds apart—culturally, geographically, racially, financially and politically—but by the time they were killed within months of each other in 1968, their worlds had come together. As their respective concerns expanded beyond civil rights and organized crime, their ties deepened to encompass shared interests in supporting the poor and opposing the war in Vietnam. This unprecedented exhibition explores the overlapping paths of their lives through images taken by some of the most renowned photojournalists of the era, including Bob Adelman, Danny Lyon, Henri Dauman, Jacques Lowe, Spider Martin, Steve Schapiro, Lawrence Schiller and Paul Schutzer.

“Senator Kennedy and Dr. King were instrumental in advancing the important work that was a pillar of President Kennedy’s agenda,” said Nicola Longford, chief executive officer of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. “These two American icons have had a lasting impact on the world. Fifty years ago, they helped shift the cultural mindset of the nation, and their quest to improve race relations and ensure civil rights for all is as relevant today as ever.”

Exhibition highlights include images of King and his son looking at the charred remains of a cross the Ku Klux Klan burned outside his Atlanta home in 1960, King’s mug shot after being indicted for the 1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott and Kennedy being swarmed by an adoring crowd during his 1968 presidential campaign.

The temporary exhibit will be located on the seventh floor of the Museum and is included with general admission.

Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. is based in part on the book *The Promise and the Dream* by David Margolick, published on April 4, 2018 by RosettaBooks.

In conjunction with *Rebel Spirits*, the Museum will offer a special public program at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018, featuring a conversation with photojournalist/exhibit curator Lawrence Schiller and journalist/author David Margolick.

A limited number of interview time slots are available with Schiller and/or Margolick during the day on Monday, June 4. Advance notice is required; to request an interview, contact Laurie Ivy lauriei@jfk.org or 214-389-3046.

Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. was produced by Wiener Schiller Productions and is presented locally by The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. The exhibition was curated by Lawrence Schiller with support from Getty Images.

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About Lawrence Schiller

An accomplished journalist and photographer, Lawrence Schiller has documented major stories around the globe for *Life*, *Look*, *Newsweek*, *Time* and others. As an official photographer on the Robert F. Kennedy presidential campaign staff, Schiller captured iconic images of Senator Kennedy during the months prior to his assassination. Schiller also photographed Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas in November 1963 and collaborated with Norman Mailer for nearly 35 years.

About David Margolick

A longtime contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and a former editor at the *New York Times*, David Margolick writes about culture, the media and politics. *Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.* was inspired in part by Margolick's newest book *The Promise and the Dream*, which was released on April 4, 2018, the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The book is available in the Museum's bookstore and online at jfk.org.

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About the Museum

Mission Statement: The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy; interprets the Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark

District and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza; and presents contemporary culture within the context of presidential history.

Vision Statement: To be an impartial, multi-generational destination and forum for exploring the memory and effects of the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, through sharing his legacy and its impact on an ever-changing global society.

Located at 411 Elm Street in downtown Dallas, the Museum is open Monday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday – Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Audio guides for the permanent exhibit are included with admission and available in eight languages, including ASL. For more information, visit jfk.org or call 214.747.6660.

Admission: \$16 Adult, \$14 Senior, \$13 Youth (children aged 5 and under are free). Entrance to *Rebel Spirits* is included with Museum admission.