LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Wayne State University Law School Auditorium is the site of the first two events on Friday as part of the North American Labor History Conference.

Community Arts Auditorium is the site of “The Forgotten Man’s Radio Hour” show on Saturday.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is the site of Friday Night Live and the Rivera mural tour. The DIA is open from 9 AM to 10 PM on Friday and from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

The Detroit Historical Museum will provide tours of the Motor City, Arsenal of Democracy, and Frontier to Factory exhibits. Children’s activities and “Tell Your Story” will be at this location. The DHM is open from 10 AM to 3 PM on Friday and Saturday and from 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday.

The Walter P. Reuther Library will be the site of the WPA mural talk on Saturday. It will be open from 10 AM to 4 PM on Friday and from 12 Noon until 2 PM on Saturday.

Don’t miss the special exhibits commemorating the 1967 civil disturbances in Detroit at the DHM, the DIA, the Reuther Library and the Museum of African-American History.
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“The Great Awakening” that changed the lives of Michigan’s working people

Tours and activities honoring the 1932-1937 events in Detroit, Flint, Lansing, and other cities that injected new energy into Michigan’s rising labor movements.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

10 AM - 3 PM Visit America’s Motor City, Frontiers to Factories, and Arsenal of Democracy exhibits, where docents will be on hand to answer questions. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum)

10 AM - 4 PM Walter P. Reuther Library Open for exhibits.

2:00 PM Panel: “Building the Engine” (Location: WSU Law School Auditorium)

How Michigan is commemorating major labor anniversaries in 2017, including the Flint sit-down strike, the Lansing Labor Holiday, the Ford Hunger March, the U.P. Lumberjacks strike, the Battle of the Overpass, and more. Convened by the North American Labor History Conference.

4:15 PM Keynote Presentation: “Labor and The Arts” (Location: WSU Law School Auditorium)

A presentation by Canadian activists and information on the new Southwest Detroit labor mural. Convened by the North American Labor History Conference.

6 PM Art, Music and “Friday Night Live” (Location: Detroit Institute of Arts)

Take a free guided tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts, including art inspired by early working-class life in cities and in rural areas. A drop-in workshop and drawing in the galleries will be available. Musical performances follow in the Rivera Court at 7 PM and 8:30 PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Pick up guides and maps at the Michigan Labor History Society kiosk at Woodward and Kirby outside the Detroit Historical Museum.

10 AM Video: “Rivera’s Labor Legacy” Emmy-award winning video about the Mexican artist, Diego Rivera, whose frescoes are in the Detroit Institute of Arts. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum Wrigley Auditorium)

11 AM Tour: Diego Rivera’s “Detroit Industry Murals.” (Location: Rivera Court, Detroit Institute of Arts) Dr. Steve Babson, Labor Historian Saturday only You may visit the murals throughout the day with museum docents or a self-guided tour brochure.

10 AM - 3 PM Visit America’s Motor City, Frontiers to Factories, and Arsenal of Democracy exhibits, where docents will be on hand to answer questions. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum)

“Tell Your Story”: An opportunity to record on video stories about your work life and union experiences. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum DeRoy Room) WSU History Department

Children’s activities: Coloring, Hands-on exhibits (Location: Detroit Historical Museum)

12 Noon Children’s Concert Julie Beutel

12:45 PM Magician Quinn Nebr

11 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM - 3 PM Continuous screenings of labor films. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum Wrigley Auditorium)

12 Noon - 2 PM Walter P. Reuther Library Open for exhibits.

12 Noon and 1 PM Discussion: Walter Speck WPA-era mural (Location: Reuther Library 3rd Floor Reading Room) Mike Kerwin, UAW 174 retiree

SATURDAY CONTINUED

12:30 PM Presentation: The Southwest Detroit Auto Heritage Guide (Location: Detroit Historical Museum Wrigley Auditorium) Brian Yopp, Ron Alpern

12:30 PM and 1:30 PM Guided Tour: The Labor Legacy Landmark and Underground Railroad monuments. (Location: Hart Plaza)

2 PM - 4 PM Guided Labor History Bus Tour Leaving from John R entrance to DIA (Also available: a self-guided “Walk Down Woodward” map and app with information on labor history sites at Grand Circus Park, Woolworth’s, Cadillac Square, Labor Legacy Landmark, Underground Railroad Monument, and other sites.) Limited capacity: Reserve your seat by email to MichLabor@aol.com.

7:00 PM “The Forgotten Man’s Radio Hour” (Location: WSU Community Arts Auditorium)

A 75-minute musical show based on Steve Jones’ labor jazz opera, “Forgotten.”

9:00 PM Reception sponsored by Labor at Wayne (Location: WSU Community Arts Building).

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

10 AM - 5 PM The Detroit Historical Museum Open for self-guided tours of exhibits. Hands-on activities for all. Docents will be available.

11 AM - 3:00 PM Continuous screenings of labor films. (Location: Detroit Historical Museum Wrigley Auditorium)

2 PM - 3 PM Guided Labor History Walking Tour Meet your guide at the Hazen Pingree statue at Woodward and W. Adams. Experience “Living History” programs with student actors from Detroit School of Arts at relevant sites.