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Baltimore Museum of Industry Opens New Exhibition Exploring Link Between Loss of Manufacturing Jobs and Recent Protests

Baltimore, Maryland – The Baltimore Museum of Industry will today unveil its newest temporary exhibition, ***Changing Baltimore: Share Your Voice***. The exhibition was inspired by a Tweet from Orioles Executive Vice President John Angelos during the protests in the wake of the death of Freddie Gray which read in part, “ . . . *My greater source of personal concern, outrage and sympathy beyond this particular case is focused neither upon one night’s property damage nor upon the acts, but is focused rather upon the past four-decade period during which an American political elite have shipped middle class and working class jobs away from Baltimore and cities and towns around the U.S. to third-world dictatorships like China and others, plunged tens of millions of good, hard-working Americans into economic devastation.*”

Featuring eight stirring photos from local photojournalist J.M. Giordano, and quotes from a variety of voices on the matter, including Dan Rodricks of *The Baltimore Sun*, Gerry Sandusky of WBAL-TV, Louis Hyman of Cornell University, and others, the exhibition invites visitors to think about how the loss of manufacturing jobs has impacted the people of Baltimore, and what the city’s future holds without such jobs. Visitors are invited to leave comments on notes they can adhere to the exhibit itself.

“The museum is a place that celebrates the dignity of work, so we are in a unique position to foster a dialog about the impact on people when the loss of manufacturing means fewer jobs,” says Anita Kassof, the museum’s executive director. “We hope visitors will be moved by the images and quotes,

and be inspired to share their voices on the events that have taken place, not only in the last few weeks following the unrest, but in the decades leading up to the protests.”

J.M. Giordano, an award-winning photographer, graciously donated the use of the photos for the exhibition, which will be open indefinitely.

ABOUT THE BMI:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry collects, preserves, and interprets the industrial and technological heritage of the Baltimore region for the public by presenting educational programs and exhibitions that explore the stories of Maryland’s industries and the people who created and worked in them.

VISITOR INFORMATION:

The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located at 1415 Key Highway, Inner Harbor South, Baltimore, MD 21230. The BMI is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and closed Mondays and certain holidays. Free on-site parking is available. Admission prices, general museum information and directions can be found at www.thebmi.org. Follow us on Facebook at [BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry) and on Twitter at @BMIatWork.

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