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**STORIES OF STEEL SYMPOSIUM INVITES ATTENDEES TO SHARE STORIES AND ARTIFACTS**

**Baltimore, Maryland** – The Baltimore Museum of Industry will hold a full day of steel-related programs on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Visitors are invited to attend a documentary screening, an artist-led exploration of a photography exhibit, and a panel on storytelling.

In addition, museum staff will be on hand to preserve oral histories, photograph artifacts, and digitize photographs provided by former steel workers and their families. Some of these items may be used in future programs or exhibitions as part of the museum's multi-year community engagement and preservation initiative to document the history of Bethlehem Steel, which includes a significant investment made by Tradeport Atlantic.

The schedule for Sunday, November 3 is as follows:

12:30 – 1:45pm

**Mill Stories film screening and discussion**

Michelle Stefano and Bill Shewbridge present their documentary film on the aftermath of the Bethlehem Steel mill closure.

1:45 – 2:15pm

**Shuttered photo exhibition walkthrough**

Photojournalist J.M. Giordano provides visitors with a behind-the-lens look at his haunting exhibition that documents the effect of the mill's downfall on the surrounding communities.

2:15-3:00pm

**Steel Storytelling**

WYPR's Tom Hall moderates a panel featuring former Bethlehem Steel employees Mike Lewis and Len Shindel, and writers Deborah Rudacille and Bill Barry who capture stories of mill work.

From 12:30pm-3:00pm museum staff will be recording oral histories, digitizing photos, and photographing artifacts provided by the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring items and stories to add to the museum's preservation efforts.

Admission to the museum and all programs is free on Sunday, November 3 and there is free onsite parking.

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**ABOUT THE BMI:**

The Baltimore Museum of Industry celebrates Maryland's industrial legacy and shows how innovation fuels ongoing progress. Our exhibitions, educational programs, and collections engage visitors in the stories of the people who built Baltimore and those who shape the region's future.

**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](http://www.thebmi.org). Follow us on Facebook at [BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreMuseumofIndustry), Twitter at @BMIatWork and Instagram at baltimoremuseumofindustry.