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Baltimore Museum of Industry Opens New Exhibition September 24
***Fire & Shadow* Explores Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel Mill**

Baltimore, Maryland -- The Baltimore Museum of Industry's new exhibition, *Fire & Shadow: The Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel*, opens on Friday, September 24, and explores the company's complicated history and tragic legacy.

Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point mill was once the world's largest producer of the world's most important product. The well-paying union jobs—and the hundreds of smaller companies the mill sustained—supported countless Baltimoreans and nourished close-knit communities.

And then it was gone. When the company went bankrupt in 2002, thousands of retirees saw their pensions cut and their healthcare benefits stripped away. When the mill shut for good in 2012, thousands more lost their jobs. Beyond the economic devastation were psychological and even spiritual wounds.

The long-term exhibition is the capstone of the [Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project](#), a multi-year initiative to document and preserve the history of the company and its workers via projects including an award-winning podcast, an outdoor exhibition, a blog series, a legacy garden, and more. The project is made possible by the Davis Family Foundation and Tradepoint Atlantic, a 3,250-acre global logistics center located at the site of the former steel mill.

Fire & Shadow features both historic and contemporary photographs, artifacts ranging from workplace IDs to flame-resistant clothing worn in the mill's furnaces, and first-person narratives of workers themselves. The exhibition provides a look at the history of the steel giant and the devastation left in the wake of its loss.

"This exhibition was made possible by Baltimore's steel community, whose members graciously donated artifacts, shared stories, and helped fill in the human aspect to this story of industrial might," says Anita Kassof, the museum's executive director.

The museum is currently open Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm. A limited number of tickets are available each day, and may be purchased [online](#) or at the museum on a first-come first-served basis.

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