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Baltimore Museum of Industry Honors Local Workers In New Outdoor Exhibition

Baltimore, Maryland -- The Baltimore Museum of Industry has unveiled an outdoor exhibition titled *Redefining Industry*, recognizing extraordinary individuals who are redefining industry with their work and pointing the way to a positive future for Baltimore.

The exhibition, installed along the museum's Key Highway fence at the junction with Lawrence Street, is now open to the public and free of charge to view. Featuring portraits by acclaimed local photojournalist J. M. Giordano and quotes about industry from the honorees themselves, the exhibition explores work grounded in Baltimore's complex industrial past with an eye towards the future. With creativity, commitment, and grit, these workers are contributing to the economic and social vibrancy of Baltimore and beyond, and include:

- Chris Blume (environmental research)
- Scott Budden (oyster farming)
- Dr. Frances "Toni" Draper (media)
- Smitha Gopal (healthcare technology)
- Laura Gamble (finance)
- Janear Garrus (future entrepreneurs)
- Drew Greenblatt (manufacturing)
- Ryan Lynch (maritime)
- Judy Neff (brewing)
- Jaime Windon (distilling)
- Evan Woodard (urban archaeology)
- Ireatha Leona Woods (fashion design)

"Industry is about people–and this incredible group represents such an interesting variety of fields, from banking to bat research, media to maritime. They really are the future of industry in Baltimore," says Anita Kassof, Executive Director of the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

A soiree was held on May 31 to celebrate the opening of the *Redefining Industry* exhibition, which will remain up for the balance of 2023.

The exhibition is generously underwritten by PNC Bank.

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The Baltimore Museum of Industry is located at 1415 Key Highway, Baltimore MD 21230. Free onsite parking is available. Tickets and information at <u>www.thebmi.org</u> and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @BMIatWork.