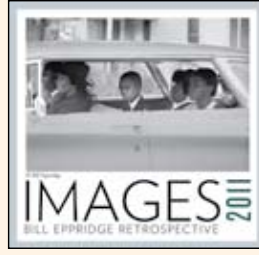
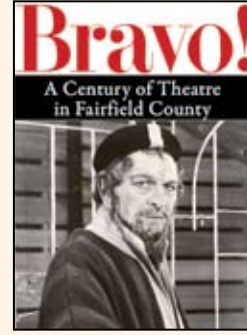


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 FAIRFIELD MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

Using History to Strengthen Community and Shape its Future

History is a powerful platform for examining and understanding the civic values and responsibilities of our democratic society. As a public forum for the process of shared discovery, the Fairfield Museum and History Center celebrates and cultivates the elements that create and bind community: stories from multiple points of view that explore the diverse legacies of our region.

*Our Mission: The Fairfield Museum and History Center believes in the power of history to inspire the imagination, stimulate thought and transform society. We connect people around the complex history of Fairfield and neighboring communities so that together we may shape a more informed future.*

**When you make a gift to the Annual Fund, your contribution is put to work immediately, providing funding for current programs and supporting new dynamic learning experiences for all ages. Thanks to you, in the past year the Museum has:**

- ◆ Welcomed more than 18,000 visitors to the museum
- ◆ Expanded our school programs to nearby communities
- ◆ Presented more than 80 adult and senior programs enjoyed by 2,500 adults
- ◆ Served nearly 1,000 researchers from across the country in our Library
- ◆ Presented free community events like the Memorial Day Picnic and the September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemoration that continue to position the Museum as a vital community center
- ◆ Provided educational programs to 4,655 students
- ◆ Increased educational opportunities for underserved students

**The Fairfield Museum and History Center's Annual Fund supports innovative educational programs, engaging exhibitions and community events that have a meaningful and lasting impact on participants, including:**

**EXHIBITS**

- ◆ *Bravo! A Century of Theatre in Fairfield County*
- ◆ *IMAGES 2011: Bill Eppridge*
- ◆ *It's a Hit! Baseball: Our National Pastime*
- ◆ *Our Nation's Generations: Student Works*
- ◆ *Celebrating Our Cultural Legacies*

**COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- ◆ Fall Festival
- ◆ Spooky Stroll
- ◆ Holiday Express Train Show
- ◆ Girls' Club
- ◆ Memorial Day Picnic

**EDUCATION**

- For all ages, from Pre-K to Adults*
- ◆ Primary Source & Teacher Workshops
  - ◆ Student Docent Training
  - ◆ Ogden House Tours
  - ◆ Walking Tours
  - ◆ Summer Camps



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**CASH GIFTS** can be made via credit card, cash, personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders made payable to the Fairfield Museum.

**MATCHING GIFTS**

An easy way to double or even triple your donation is through a matching gift program from your employer. Some companies match on a dollar-for-dollar basis, while other companies match at a 2 or 3 for 1 rate. Simply obtain a matching gift form from your employer's personnel office, fill it out, and return it to us with your contribution.

**SECURITIES**

Gifts of appreciated securities, stocks, and bonds provide considerable tax advantages when transferred to the Fairfield Museum before they are sold. If you have held your securities for more than one year, your gift may provide a twofold tax benefit, creating a tax deduction as well as helping avoid the capital gains tax that would have been due on their sale. Please contact us for details at 203-259-1598.

**GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLANS AND INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

Retirement plan assets can be a practical source from which to make gifts. If you are over 70 1/2, you may want to consider making charitable gifts directly from these funds. Amounts given for

charitable purposes are not taxed as income to you. Those over 59 1/2 may be able to accomplish a similar result by combining a gift with a withdrawal.

*Some retirement plan giving options are available only for gifts completed in this calendar year. Check with your financial advisors for the latest opportunities that apply to your situation.*

**PLANNED GIFTS**

To learn about deferred or planned gifts, bequests, life-income plans, and other options for increasing your income, earning valuable tax deductions or reducing your estate taxes, please call the Fairfield Museum's Development Office at 203-259-1598.

**YES! I would like to support the Fairfield Museum's Annual Fund with my contribution of:**

\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I would like additional information about:*

- \_\_\_ Upcoming programs
- \_\_\_ Volunteer opportunities
- \_\_\_ Providing for the Fairfield Museum in my estate
- \_\_\_ Becoming a docent
- \_\_\_ Facility Rentals

*The Fairfield Museum and History Center is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- \_\_\_ Check payable to the Fairfield Museum
- \_\_\_ Enclosed is my matching gift form

*Please charge my credit card:* \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Discover

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_