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Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication Starts Tomorrow in Detroit

Organizers Unveil Mural of Chin, Release Legacy Guide for Schools

DETROIT (June 15, 2022)—On the eve of the **Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication**, organizers invited in-person and virtual participation in the four-day commemoration, which marks 40 years since the beating death of Vincent Chin by two white men who never served a single day in jail for the horrific hate crime, as well as the start of the modern Asian civil rights movement. To register your participation, visit www.VincentChin.org.

“Over the next four days, we invite you to share in moments for somber reflection and moments of celebration,” said James Shimoura, co-founder of American Citizens for Justice (ACJ) and chair of the Vincent Chin 40th committee. “These events bring together our movement’s earliest activists with a new generation of people fighting for social change – building a bridge from one generation to the next. There will be time for examining our history and for re-energizing our movement for equity and racial solidarity. Our goal is that you leave these events inspired to continue our march for justice.”

At a news conference today in Detroit’s historic Chinatown, members of the Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication committee said the current climate of anti-Asian hate reminds them how important it is to be torchbearers for Chin’s legacy. “We unfortunately see too many parallels and history repeating itself in our present-day fight for civil rights and justice,” said Roland Hwang, president & co-founder of ACJ. “We know that Vincent Chin’s murder was fueled by anti-Asian hate, so as we stand together, here in Detroit’s historic Chinatown, we say firmly, racial violence and hate has no place here.”

Organizers unveiled a commemorative mural of Chin by artist Anthony L. Lee that will remain at Peterboro Street & Cass Avenue. They also announced that a 64-page legacy guide about Chin and the movement that grew out of his case will be distributed free and online at <https://www.vincentchin.org/legacy-guide> and to every middle school and high school in the greater Detroit area.

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“The legacy guide is meant to be a discussion guide and teaching tool,” said Helen Zia, executor of the Estate of Lily and Vincent Chin and a co-founder of ACJ. “It is also a tribute to the individuals and communities who came together for justice for Vincent Chin and who are standing up today so that all communities may live without fear of violence.”

When the Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication events kick-off tomorrow, organizers said participants will take part in sessions, performances, screenings and discussions that are moving and inspirational.

“We have an impactful slate of events planned, including a film festival, a national dialogue on race, democracy and Asian Americans, community conversations and performances,” Shimoura said. “We hope that you will take time to reflect on Vincent Chin’s legacy and join us for the Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance and Rededication during the next four days.

Below are some of the highlights planned for the **Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication**, which runs June 16-19 in Detroit. For more information or to register to attend in-person or to view key events online, visit www.VincentChin.org.

Vincent Chin Mural: Installed by artist Anthony L. Lee for the 40th Remembrance & Rededication, this mounted painting of Vincent Chin is located in Detroit’s historic Chinatown at the corner of Peterboro Street and Cass Avenue. The mural features Chin, along with traditional Chinese ancestor offerings.

Timing: Ongoing

Location: Historic Chinatown: Peterboro and Cass

National Conversation This community watch-party will feature a pre-recorded conversation on “Asian Americans, America and Democracy” followed by a live Q&A with the co-founders of American Citizens for Justice, which was formed by activists in the wake of Chin’s killing.

Timing: Saturday, June 18–1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts

Arts & Culture Event This celebration of Asian American arts, community & culture will feature Detroit AAPI musicians, singers, dancers and Nobuko Mlyamoto, activist and artist. Through song, poetry and dance, these artists will affirm a spirit of healing and unity.

Timing: Saturday, June 18–7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts

Community Dialogues Two historic panel discussions—one reuniting original Vincent Chin activists, and one that brings together emerging leaders—will examine where the modern Asian American civil rights movement started and where it is going.

Timing: Sunday, June 19–11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts

Interfaith Ceremony At a graveside memorial, eight interfaith leaders and a Vincent Chin family member will lead meditations on Vincent’s legacy and the ongoing quest for justice. The U.S. flag that draped the casket of Chin’s father, a veteran of World War II, will be unfurled. *Due to space limitations, media credentials for this graveside event will be limited. Contact DKCVincentChin@dkcnews.com to request.*

Timing: Sunday, June 19–3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location will be provided to credentialed media in advance.

PBS Broadcast In conjunction with the Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance & Rededication, PBS will air a national broadcast of the remastered, Oscar-nominated documentary *Who Killed Vincent Chin?*

Timing: Monday, June 20–10 p.m. ET

PBS stations nationwide

Visit www.VincentChin.org for historical background, photos and complete event details, including sponsors and presenter bios.

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