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## ***Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion Power Opens at The Henry Ford*** **May 17 – August 17, 2014**

**(Dearborn, Mich. – Mar. 12, 2014)** – Explore the powerful role women have played in the world of rock and roll music inside the *Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power* exhibition at Henry Ford Museum starting May 17 through August 17, 2014. Created by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, this groundbreaking and provocative exhibition features the firsts, the bests, and the celebrated and sometimes the lesser-knowns whose innovation advanced the progress of rock and roll.

Putting the spotlight on 70 artists and featuring more than 250 artifacts, the interactive exhibition features original handwritten lyrics, stage outfits, concert posters and videos from artists including Billie Holiday, Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, Patti Smith, Madonna, Lady Gaga and more. The exhibition weaves a powerful and engaging narrative that demonstrates how women have been engines of creation and change in popular music, from the early years of the 20th century to the present. Notable artifacts include Lady Gaga's meat dress, Wanda Jackson's acoustic guitar, Joan Jett's leather jacket, Bessie Smith's "Oh Daddy Blues" sheet music and many more.

To celebrate the opening of the new exhibit Henry Ford Museum will host *Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power* preview on May 15, 2014 hosted by original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood. The party will feature music, food and the chance to see the exhibit before it opens to the public. Tickets for the preview go on sale April 9<sup>th</sup> at \$125 per person.

Admission to the exhibition is free for members. Nonmember tickets are \$17 adults, \$15 seniors (62 and up), \$12.50 youth (5-12) and free for children ages 4 and under. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org)

### **About The Henry Ford**

The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan is an internationally-recognized cultural destination that brings the past forward by immersing visitors in the stories of ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation that helped shape America. A national historic landmark with an unparalleled collection of artifacts from 300 years of American history, The Henry Ford is a force for sparking curiosity and inspiring tomorrow's innovators. More than 1.6 visitors annually experience its five attractions: Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Factory Tour, The Benson Ford Research Center and The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre. A continually expanding array of content available online provides anytime, anywhere access. The Henry Ford is also home to Henry Ford Academy, a public charter high school which educates 485 students a year on the institution's campus. For more information please visit our website [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org).

### **About the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. is the nonprofit organization that exists to educate visitors, fans and scholars from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music. It carries out this mission through its operation of a world-class museum that collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets this art form and through its library and archives as well as its educational activities. For more information, visit [rockhall.com](http://rockhall.com).

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