

**PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release**

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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

**SPECIAL EXHIBITION OPENING: “*Portraits from the Museum Collection*”**

**On View through 2025 during regular Museum hours.**

**Opens with a First Friday after hours reception, March 7th from 5-7pm. Reception is free and open to the public.**

Portraiture is amongst humanity’s oldest artistic traditions and captures the essence of individuals across time and cultures. The Museum’s collection holds a variety of portraits from close to home. Portraits depict specific people and offer a glimpse into their world—providing clues about personal identity, social status, cultural values, and artistic trends.

This exhibition highlights portraits from the Museum’s collection, showcasing works acquired for their local relevance and backstories. Explore how these portraits tell stories of their subjects, creators, and the eras they represent, and consider how the tradition of portraiture continues to evolve today. What can be learned about those captured in portraits—and what do they reveal about ourselves?

This exhibition is part of the Lois Kay Walls Local Visual Art History Series, established in 2011.

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum is one of America’s leading local history museums and accredited by the American Alliance of Museum since 1972. It has served the community since 1939 and since 1980 has occupied Wichita’s original 1890 City Hall building, a National Historic Landmark featuring dozens of exhibits on all four floors.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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*OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.*