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### High Hopes: The Journey of John F. Kennedy Exhibition Closes November 12; Extended Hours Closing Weekend

Portland, OR – November 3, 2017 – [High Hopes: The Journey of John F. Kennedy](#), a centennial exhibition on America’s 35<sup>th</sup> president, is nearing its final days on display at the Oregon Historical Society (1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland). This original exhibition, featuring artifacts that can only be seen in Portland, closes on Sunday, November 12.



The Oregon Historical Society museum will be open from 10am – 8pm on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, and 12pm – 5pm on closing day, Sunday, November 12. In honor of Veteran's Day, all veterans, active duty military, and their families will be admitted FREE all weekend, November 10 – 12.

**WHAT:**

Extended Hours for High Hopes: Journey of John F. Kennedy Closing Weekend

**WHERE:**

Oregon Historical Society  
1200 SW Park Avenue, 97205

**WHEN:**

Friday, Nov. 10, 10am – 8pm  
Saturday, Nov. 11, 10am – 8pm  
Sunday, Nov. 12, 12pm – 5pm

“*High Hopes* has exceeded even our high expectations, and has been one of the most popular and well attended exhibits in the history of the Oregon Historical Society,” said Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. “We were especially honored that Ambassador Caroline Kennedy traveled to Portland to visit the exhibit. She agreed with me that it is a remarkable exhibit. Here’s hoping that many more Oregonians will take advantage of the opportunity to see these priceless artifacts and documents from the life of one of America’s most iconic presidents.”



One hundred years after his birth, John Fitzgerald Kennedy remains a subject of endless fascination for millions of Americans. During his 1,037 day presidency, Kennedy boasted an average approval rating of 70.1 percent, and his popularity has endured over the past half century, with public surveys revealing that Americans regard him as one of our country's greatest presidents.

This original exhibition explores Kennedy's early life, his road to the presidency, and the changes he effected during his time in office. With the high hopes of the country behind him, Kennedy made a commitment to changing the world for the better, and in his legacy he continues to live on.



This exhibition, the largest centennial exhibit outside of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum in Boston, features more than 100 rare artifacts and manuscripts from the Mark Family Collection, the Shapell Manuscript Foundation, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, and the Oregon Historical Society collection.

*High Hopes* is on view at the Oregon Historical Society now through November 12, 2017. For additional press images and featured artifacts, view the exhibition press kit at <http://bit.ly/2ILYBR7>.

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## About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website ([www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view. The Oregon Historical Society's museum (1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland) is open seven days a week, Monday – Saturday from 10am – 5pm and Sunday from 12pm – 5pm. Admission is \$11, and discounts are available for students, seniors, and youth. Admission is free for OHS members and Multnomah County residents thanks to the renewal of the Oregon Historical Society levy.