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### Oregon Historical Society Offers Free Admission May 27-29 in honor of John F. Kennedy's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Portland, OR – May 24, 2017** – Monday, May 29, 2017, would have marked President John F. Kennedy's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. In honor of this milestone, and in celebration of the Oregon Historical Society's current exhibition [High Hopes: The Journey of John F. Kennedy](#), OHS is offering free admission Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29.

"As we approach the centennial of John F. Kennedy's birth, we thought it would be a fitting tribute to open our doors for free this weekend in order to share Kennedy's compelling story with all Oregonians," said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk.

**WHAT:**

Free Admission to the Oregon Historical Society Museum

**WHERE:**

1200 SW Park Avenue  
Portland, OR 97205

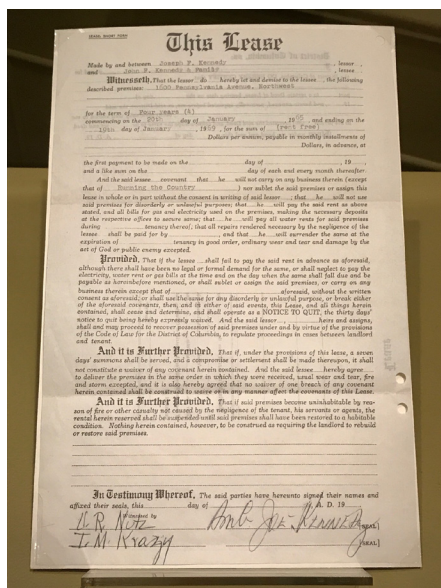
**WHEN:**

Saturday, May 27, 10am – 5pm  
Sunday, May 28, 12pm – 5pm  
Monday, May 29, 10am – 5pm

More at [www.ohs.org/jfk](http://www.ohs.org/jfk)

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, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, and the Oregon Historical Society collection.

One notable and poignant item is a framed faux-lease document for The White House, assuming his eventual re-election. Drafted by his father, this document was presented to the President on May 29, 1963, what would be his last birthday.

*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.