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**"On the Line: Autoworkers at the Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant"**  
*An exhibit of photographs by David Parker and Dan Huseby*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Sept. 29, 2016)**—The Twin Cities Assembly Plant closed on December 22, 2011 ending a century of operations for the Ford Motor Company in Minnesota. Two extraordinary photographers, David Parker and Dan Huseby, took pictures during the final years of the plant's operation, capturing the experience of working on the assembly line and documenting the end of an era. A number of their images will be on display, October 13 - November 20, in Landmark Center's North Gallery. The exhibit will open with a reception on Thursday, October 13, at 5 p.m. at Landmark Center.

In addition to the exhibit, local author and historian, Brian McMahon, will discuss his new book, *The Ford Century in Minnesota* at a *Landmark Literati* book discussion on Thursday, November 10 at 12 p.m. in Courtroom 430. This book presents first-person accounts from over forty retired auto workers who share their experiences at the Twin Cities Ford assembly plant. This event is free and open to the public, however, reservations are recommended to ensure seating by calling 651-292-1239. Guests are welcome to bring their lunch to the event.

**About the Photographers**

**Dr. David Parker**

Dr. David Parker photographed workers at the Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant in 1998 for his book entitled *By These Hands: Portraits from the Factory Floor*. Ten of these images will be on display at the Landmark Center exhibit. Since 1992, Parker has pursued dual careers: working as an occupational physician and epidemiologist in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and photographing children working, labor conditions, and public health problems around the world. His work has been widely exhibited in museums throughout North America and he has written and photographed three books, *Stolen Dreams: Portraits of Working Children* (Lerner Publications, 1998), *By These Hands: Portraits from the Factory Floor*, (Minnesota Historical Society, 2002), and *Before Their Time: The World of Child Labor* (2007). Parker has also written about 75 scientific manuscripts and reports, and was a recipient of the Christopher Award for work affirming the highest values of the human spirit.

**Dan Huseby**

Dan Huseby is an award winning professional photographer who worked at the Ford Twin Cities Assembly Plant from 2006 until the plant closed on December 22, 2011. He was the only professional photographer permitted to have complete access to the plant during its final weeks of operation. The

Minneapolis *Star Tribune* published several of his iconic images, including one showing the last Ranger pickup truck made at the plant driving off the assembly line.

#### **About the Author**

##### **Brian McMahon**

Brian McMahon, a trained architect, has lectured and written extensively on industry, urban history, and architecture. He has developed and designed several exhibits for museums and galleries in New York and Minnesota.

#### **About Landmark Center**

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3063 or visit [www.landmarkcenter.org](http://www.landmarkcenter.org).

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