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**Special Exhibit and Discussion for National Preservation Month**

*Photography exhibit opens May 3, panel discussion May 8*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (April 25, 2018)**—In conjunction with National Preservation Month, celebrated in May, Landmark Center and Historic Saint Paul present “St. Paul 1978: Street Photography by Jerry Mathiason” in Landmark Center’s North Gallery, May 3-26, with a special panel discussion on May 8, 12-1 p.m.

“In the late summer and early fall of 1978, I shot about 30 rolls of black and white film. Of those 900 or so images, we selected about 30 images for this exhibit, placing the emphasis on interaction of people and the urban environment,” said Mathiason. “In the span of 40 years since these photos were taken much has changed in the streetscape of downtown St. Paul, but much remains the same and the quality of the street life carries on.”

For a deeper look at the images and that era in the city’s history, attend “We Were There: St. Paul, 1978” a discussion with Jerry Mathiason and former City of Saint Paul Mayor, George Latimer, moderated by Urban Geography Professor, David Lanegran, Ph.D., Tuesday, May 8, 12-1 p.m., in Courtroom 326.

Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Preservation Month events promote historic places and heritage tourism, and show the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. It is celebrated by historical societies, businesses, civic groups and nonprofit organizations across the country, including Landmark Center which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, March 24, 1969, as the Old Federal Courts Building.

This set of photographs illustrates street scenes in the downtown area, including the skyways and small businesses. This exhibit is a retrospective of Saint Paul’s streetscapes after urban renewal effected change on the city. The exhibit opens with a free public reception, May 3, 5-7 p.m., and runs through May 26, during normal building hours.

## **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).

## **About Historic Saint Paul**

Historic Saint Paul is a nonprofit organization, established in 1998, with a mission to preserve and promote the cultural heritage, character, and vitality of Saint Paul neighborhoods. For more information visit [www.historicsaintpaul.org](http://www.historicsaintpaul.org).

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