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World Chess Hall of Fame Debuts New Family-Friendly Exhibition Celebrating Superheroes, Chess and Comics

Opening Reception Thursday, March 23

SAINT LOUIS (March 7, 2017) — The [World Chess Hall of Fame](#) (WCHOF) in Saint Louis proudly debuts an interactive new exhibition, *Pow! Capturing Superheroes, Chess & Comics* on **Thursday, March 23**, with a special public opening reception from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through September 17, 2017.

With [Pow! Capturing Superheroes, Chess & Comics](#), the WCHOF is delighted to present a family-friendly exhibit geared toward visitors of all ages. This colorful and interactive exhibit is sure to wow even the most seasoned museumgoer. Visitors will enjoy:

- Over 200 chess-themed comic books
- Dressing up like their favorite superheroes
- Taking a selfie in the photo booth
- Perusing favorite comics in the reading room
- Illustrating in a drawing room
- Playing chess on fun boards featuring Spiderman, Batman, Wonder Woman and more.

The historic comics collection includes rare editions, such as the earliest chess-related cover, DC Comics' *More Fun Comics 76*, released in 1942, and a 1947 DC Action Comics *Superman in The Cross Country Chess Crimes*. Additionally, objects will be on view for comic and chess aficionados to appreciate, including limited edition, collector comic-inspired chess sets. This novel exhibit is designed to bring out the kid in everyone!

“We are thrilled to introduce this new exhibit. In *Pow! Capturing Superheroes, Chess & Comics*, the fantastical worlds of superheroes, chess and comics come to life in an interactive and educational way. We look forward to welcoming visitors of all ages,” said Shannon Bailey, chief curator.

Works in this exhibit are from the collection of WCHOF as well as on loan from Bernice and Floyd Sarisohn and Jeff Pennig, lender of original artwork by Bob Clarke from the 1963 No. 78 issue of *Mad Magazine*. Written contributions are by Michael Tisserand, author of *Krazy: George Herriman, A Life in Black and White* and Roy Thomas, former Editor in Chief at Marvel Comics.

This year commemorates the fifth anniversary of the WCHOF. The organization has welcomed more than 60,000 visitors since its opening. Its widespread acclaim has been complemented by the efforts of its sister organization, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, an educational institution that focuses on teaching and promoting the game of chess. The combined efforts of the Saint Louis chess campus led the United States Senate, in 2014, to declare Saint Louis the national capital of chess.

EDITOR’S NOTE: *Interviews with the Chief Curator and tours of the exhibits are available upon request.*

Admission to exhibit is complimentary with a suggested donation of \$5.

**WCHOF Hours: Monday–Tuesday and Saturdays (10 a.m.–5 p.m.),
Wednesdays–Fridays (10 a.m.–9 p.m.) and Sundays (noon–5 p.m.)**
Proceeds from Q Boutique, the gift store of the WCHOF, support the exhibitions and education programs of the WCHOF.

About the World Chess Hall of Fame

The World Chess Hall of Fame is a nonprofit organization committed to building awareness for the cultural and artistic significance of chess. It opened on Sept. 9, 2011, in the Central West End after moving from previous locations in New Windsor, New York; Washington, D.C.; and Miami. The World Chess Hall of Fame is located at 4652 Maryland Avenue, housed in an historic 15,900 square-foot residence-turned-business, and features the U.S. and World Chess Halls of Fame, displays of artifacts from the permanent collection and exhibitions highlighting the great players, historic games and rich cultural history of chess. The World Chess Hall of Fame partners with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis to provide innovative programming and outreach to local, national and international audiences.

For more information, please visit the World Chess Hall of Fame online at www.worldchesshof.org or call (314) 367-9243(WCHF).

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