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Grand Reopening of the International Peace Museum

On June 2, 2022, *The Chicago Freedom Movement*, a rare collection of early photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King and the open housing movement, is the feature at the Grand Reopening of the new home of the **International Peace Museum** on Courthouse Square in downtown Dayton. The Museum closed due to the pandemic and has remained closed for more than 26 months readying for the completion of construction on the new, completely redesigned space. The Reopening reception will feature 89-year-old artist photographer, Bernard Kleina, and local dignitaries. News outlets are invited. Located at *10 North Ludlow Street, on the northeast corner of North Ludlow and West Third Street*, the museum is on the north side of the ground floor of the building, directly on Courthouse Square. The exhibit opens to the public on June 3, 2022 and continues through July 30, 2022. The International Peace Museum's new website is peace.museum

- **An Evening with Bernie Kleina** is Thursday, June 2, 2022, beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are available on the Peace Museum website or in person until sold out.
- **Regular Museum Hours:** Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm with special events during the week. Regular admission to the museum is \$5.

About The Chicago Freedom Movement

From 1965 to 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. moved his crusade for Civil Rights to Chicago, in a campaign named *The Chicago Freedom Movement*. Dr. King raised the nation's consciousness to the issue of "Fair Housing", in a series of infamous, nonviolent freedom marches in all-white neighborhoods in the summer of 1966. Photographer Bernard Kleina documented those open housing marches. Mr. Kleina is widely praised as the only photographer to have captured full-color snapshots of Dr. King in this era. His photographic images depict the relentless struggle that coincided with the growing resistance of working-class Whites who feared the impact that open housing would have on their neighborhoods. Kleina generously bestowed the collection being exhibited to the *Miami Valley Fair Housing Center* which uses the exhibit as an educational tool in public displays to deliver the message of equal housing opportunity.