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Documentaries to Spotlight Akron's Howard Street

AKRON, OH – Two independent documentary films chronicling the history and culture of Akron's Howard Street are in production under the title, The Howard Street Project. What started as separate visions joined to offer a compelling examination of this historic thoroughfare that was an integral part of Akron and American life for generations before being erased from the Akron landscape.

The Howard Street Project consists of two, one-hour films that will be produced and released simultaneously using local resources. *Historic Howard Street* will chronicle the complex history of Howard Street over the years, while *Legends of Howard Street* will focus on its jazz heyday in the mid-20th century.

Co-directed, produced and written by Blue Green, Joanne Green and ToddV of The Hill Cinema Tech, these documentary films are intended to be a positive contribution to the local dialogue and put Howard Street on the historical map before its memories completely fade.

"Everyone seems to have a story recalling Howard Street," said Joanne Green, co-creator of *Historic Howard Street*. "We're excited to tell its stories because they have never been shared with public audiences."

"Most people don't realize how significant Akron was to jazz," said ToddV, creator of *Legends of Howard Street*. "And Howard Street was the center of it."

To help piece together Howard Street's story, The Hill Cinema Tech is seeking old photos, videos, documents and memorabilia, as well as interviews with individuals. If you are willing to talk about Howard Street on video camera or audio only, or if you have any information to contribute to the production of these films, call 330-573-3631 or email info@thehowardstreetproject.com.

All items donated for use in the making of The Howard Street Project will be returned and credited to the owners. Copies of all historical documentation will be archived for future public use. If funding goals are reached, DVD copies of The Howard Street Project will also be produced for public distribution.

Donations are greatly appreciated. All monetary and in-kind contributions will support the making, release and archiving of The Howard Street Project films. Make checks payable to Standing Rock Cultural Arts (501c3 fiscal sponsor) – 257 N. Water Street, Kent, OH 44240 with reference to The Howard Street Project. Donations are tax-deductible.

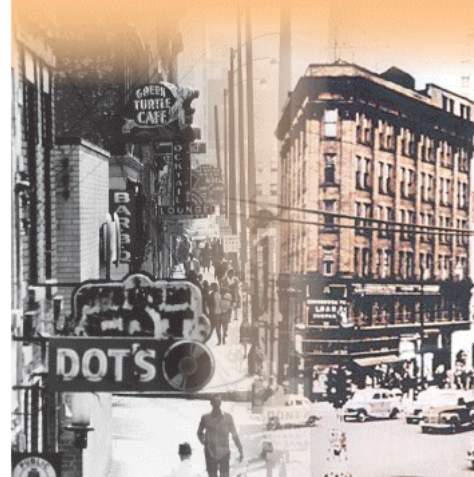
The Howard Street Project is being produced by local citizens as a non-profit project to benefit the Akron community. Visit www.thehowardstreetproject.com for more information and to find out how you can get involved.

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The Howard Street Project

a two-part documentary

Historic Howard Street
Legends of Howard Street



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