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New Exhibit at Fairfield Museum:
Philip Trager Photography: Selections from the Connecticut Series, 1974-1976

FAIRFIELD,CT (August 11) The Fairfield Museum and History Center will feature the early work of internationally-renowned photographer Philip Trager in an exhibit running from August 22nd to September 21st. Trager is a Connecticut native who lives in Fairfield, and is recognized for his brilliant photography of architecture and dance. In his 1977 book, *Photographs of Architecture*, he focuses on Connecticut architecture by capturing the essence of buildings, houses, and other structures from bold angles, often with unique effects of light and shadow. His work is studied and precise, and shows his attention to detail. Reviews of his work include *Art in America*, which writes, “[T]he personality with which Trager shows each building [in Philip Trager: New York] derives from his own emotional response to it... distinctly personal vision.” Trager has also won several book awards. His work has been collected by many museums across the nation including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and The Smithsonian Institution.

The Fairfield Museum’s exhibit, entitled *Philip Trager Photography: Selections from the Connecticut Series, 1974-1976*, features Trager’s photographs of rural and urban Connecticut architecture. The photos include historical buildings as well as more contemporary architecture. Visitors will view 23 exquisitely detailed, sometimes stark, black and white photographs arranged in small groups to emphasize aesthetic similarities. Each photograph evokes emotion, which allows people to explore Connecticut architecture from an artistic, rather than documentary, perspective. Having traveled to every town in the state, Trager’s visceral work captures the spirit of Connecticut and shows how architecture is man’s created landscape. The exhibition will take place in the museum’s Ruth Carlson Horn Gallery.

The Fairfield Museum and History Center’s collection includes over 30,000 items, with significant collections of: Clothing and Textiles, Fine Arts, Furniture, Clocks, Books and Manuscripts, Prints and Photographs, Archaeological Artifacts, Agricultural and Maritime Implements and Library Materials. Located at 370

Beach Road in Fairfield, on the southern edge of Fairfield's original town green, it is surrounded by historic properties that create a cultural campus. The museum is open seven days a week, Monday-Friday: 10am – 4pm, Thursday 4pm– 6pm, Saturday and Sunday: 12pm – 4pm. The research library is closed on Monday. General Admission: Adults: \$5, Students and Seniors: \$3, Children ages 5 and under are free. Museum members enjoy unlimited free admission to the museum and research library, along with many other benefits of membership. Visit www.fairfieldhs.org to learn more.

Photos to accompany this release:

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Caption: Main Street, Hartford. 1975.

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Caption: Town Hall, Sterling. 1975.

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Caption: Church, West Woodstock. 1976.

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