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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Neville Public Museum opening brand new History Exhibit – *Guns & Gowns: 200 Years of Fashion and Firearms.*

Green Bay, WI—October 22, 2019— Over the past 200 years, the fashion and firearms industries have transformed. Dresses have gone from elaborate silhouettes using yards of fabric, to slimming and short designs. Guns evolved from a single shot sparked by flint, to automatic rifling.

What sparked these changes? Technology, Politics, and Society. All three were catalysts that directly affected designers, inventors, and consumers in these industries. From the American Revolution to the Vietnam War, explore two centuries of fashion and firearms and the trends that defined each era.

"I am thrilled that after a year and a half of research, planning, fabrication, and installation *Guns & Gowns* opens to our community on Saturday," said Lisa Kain, Curator of the exhibit. "I'm excited to share these artifacts with our visitors. *Guns & Gowns* might seem like an odd pairing but, as you'll see in the exhibit, their evolutions mark big changes in society."

Open to the public on October 26, 2019, *Guns & Gowns* features twenty historic gowns and forty firearms from the collection of the Neville Public Museum of Brown County. *Guns & Gowns* will be on display until January of 2021.

About the Neville Public Museum Collection

The Neville Public Museum Collections Department supports the museum's mission through the management and preservation of our collections. There are over one million items in the permanent collections, including historic artifacts, original artworks, archeological objects, still photographs and film.

For more information about *Gun & Gowns* and other upcoming exhibits please visit <https://www.nevillepublicmuseum.org/exhibits>

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