



## Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum

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#### CELEBRATE THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION AT THE FORD MUSEUM SEE *THE WHITE HOUSE IN MINIATURE* – NEW FEATURE EXHIBIT

**Grand Rapids, Mich...** Watch the festivities unfold as the nation confirms its 44<sup>th</sup> President Barack Obama. The events will be broadcast live in the Gerald R. Ford Museum's newly renovated auditorium. On **Tuesday, January 20, 2009** the Ford Museum will be **open free of charge**, allowing visitors to see the world-renowned exhibit *The White House in Miniature*. The Museum will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2009.

Americans will now have the chance to get an insiders tour of "The Presidents House" without traveling to the nation's capital. John and Jan Zweifel have labored since 1962 to create *The White House in Miniature*, a breathtaking scale model of the Executive Mansion that is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. The replica took more than 35 years to research, design and construct.

Among the features are tiny, working televisions, hand-carved chairs and tables, crystal chandeliers, portraits and miniature carpets that reproduce the originals stitch by stitch- each nuance of the White House is painstakingly reproduced to capture the elegance of one of the world's most recognized residences.

**Photos and interviews with John Zweifel are available upon request.**

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. It is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens, \$3.00 for 18-6 years, and free for those 5 and under. For information please call (616) 254-0400 or visit us on the web at [www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov](http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov).

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