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State Capitol Photography Display Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Johnny Cash’s “At Folsom Prison”

*Additional historical materials about Cash’s prison performances are
online and on display at the Library and Courts Building*

(Sacramento) The State Capitol’s halls now feature an exhibit of fine-art prints of rarely seen photos from the 1968 Johnny Cash concert immortalized on the live-music album *At Folsom Prison*. Photos from the 1969 *At San Quentin* album are included as well.

“These photos offer a behind-the-scenes peek at this unique musical event and the library is pleased to help share them,” said State Librarian Greg Lucas.

“A lot has changed over the past 50 years in the way the United States and California think about incarceration. One of the reasons for at least some of that change is Johnny Cash spotlighting individuals and their treatment behind bars – like he did at Folsom and San Quentin.”

The images of Cash were captured by the late Jim Marshall, a prolific photographer best known for his rock-and-roll photography. The display is made possible through the generosity of Marshall’s estate.

The display is located in the hallway of the capitol “annex” just outside the Governor’s office, across from the elevator. It will be available for public viewing until August 24, 2018.

The State Library’s online exhibit [50 Years Ago – At Folsom Prison](#) tells the story of Cash’s prison concerts, his visits with six U.S. presidents, and his testimony before Congress on prison conditions, during which he said he had “seen and heard of things at some of the concerts that would chill the blood of the average citizen.”

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Historical artifacts, including original news clippings from inmate newspapers, can be seen at the State Library, 914 Capitol Mall, Room 220 – across the street from the front of the Capitol – along with other social commentary artworks by Shepard Fairey and photography from Jim Marshall in the “American Civics” display.

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About the California State Library

Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. www.library.ca.gov

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