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### **THE BROOKLYN DODGERS ARE BACK IN TOWN** Exhibition goes into Extra Innings at the Brooklyn Historical Society **RELIVE THE 1955 WORLD SERIES WIN**

**Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, NY, November 10, 2005** – Because of overwhelming interest in the very popular *Dodgers Do It!: Celebrating Brooklyn's 1955 Big Win!* will be extended through December 31, 2005. The exhibit, developed in partnership with the National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, is a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Brooklyn Dodgers' long-awaited 1955 World Series win.

In 1950s New York, the landscape of professional baseball was occupied by three teams: the Giants, the Yankees, and the Dodgers. Brooklyn Dodgers fans of that era experienced the same angst as present-day Boston Red Sox fans (until 2004), having a team that had never won a World Series. As close as they came, the pennant remained out of reach for the Dodgers, who lost to the Yankees in 1952 and 1953. Each year's loss was marked by the cries of Dodgers fans proclaiming, "Wait til next year." Not in 1955! Although the Yankees won the first two games of the series in Yankee Stadium, the Dodgers went on to win the next three games at their home park, Ebbets Field, lost the sixth game at Yankee Stadium, and won a memorable seventh game, 2-0, at Yankee Stadium behind the superb pitching of Johnny Podres. It would be their only World Series victory while in Brooklyn; they moved to Los Angeles after the 1957 season.

Experience the intimacy of Ebbets Field stadium, the screaming fans, and the players who heard and responded to their cries. Feel the thwack of the ball against the bat, anticipate the home-run hits that sailed out of the ballpark onto Bedford Avenue, and follow the ball to see where it goes. Face the agony and the ecstasy of the Brooklyn Dodgers' "Big Win"—all over again or for the first time.

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This interactive exhibit features images and artifacts memorializing the momentous occasion on which the underdog Brooklyn Dodgers finally took home the much-coveted World Series Pennant. In a game-by-game breakdown of the series, exhibit-goers relive the anticipation and the thrill Brooklynites felt as they witnessed their team outplay the Yankees. They can hear live game-day radio broadcasts, see the actual pennant that flew over right center field in Ebbets Field, and see the uniforms and equipment from baseball's golden age. Dozens of poignant photographs and oral histories illustrate how Brooklyn's love affair with their 'Bums' kept hearts thumping and pulses racing.

Through environments fancifully illustrated in the style of cartoon artist Willard Mullins, fans, both young and young at heart, can experience the energy of Ebbets Field from the front stoops and rooftops of Brooklyn, from inside a public school classroom, from a stadium box seat, or simply by waiting in line for tickets to Ebbets Field. Visitors enter a Brooklyn bar and discover the unique advertising campaigns created by the Dodger organization, then uncover the rich history of baseball in Brooklyn through an interactive map highlighting many baseball firsts, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Guided tours of the exhibition will be available on the following Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Meet in the lobby at 128 Pierrepont Street: November 5, November 12, November 19, November 26, December 3, and December 17.

*Dodgers Do It!: Celebrating Brooklyn's 1955 Big Win!* reflects on the significant role that Brooklyn played in shaping the game of baseball. Before the Civil War, Brooklyn wrote the book on baseball and spread enthusiasm for the game throughout the country. The history continues with the Negro Leagues in Brooklyn and great baseball legends like Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, and many others who helped to define the spirit of baseball. Come out and hear the sounds, quicken your pulse, and feel the energy of America's Favorite Pastime. This exhibit is made possible, in part, through the generous support of Modell's Sporting Goods, Astoria Federal Savings Bank, The Peter Jay Sharp Foundation, Condé Nast Publications, UTZ Quality Foods, Inc., and the Bank of New York.

*The Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally renowned urban history center committed to offering free and low-cost education, library, and museum programming that encourages Brooklynites of all ages to develop pride in their own cultural traditions and to understand their neighbors' similarities and differences. **Hours, Admission, and Directions:** The Brooklyn Historical Society is open, Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5pm. Admission is free to members. Non-member admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. The Brooklyn Historical Society is located on the corner of Pierrepont and Clinton Streets in Brooklyn Heights. Subway: R, 2, 3, 4, 5, to Court Street/Borough Hall. For more information, please call 718-222-4111 or visit [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org).*