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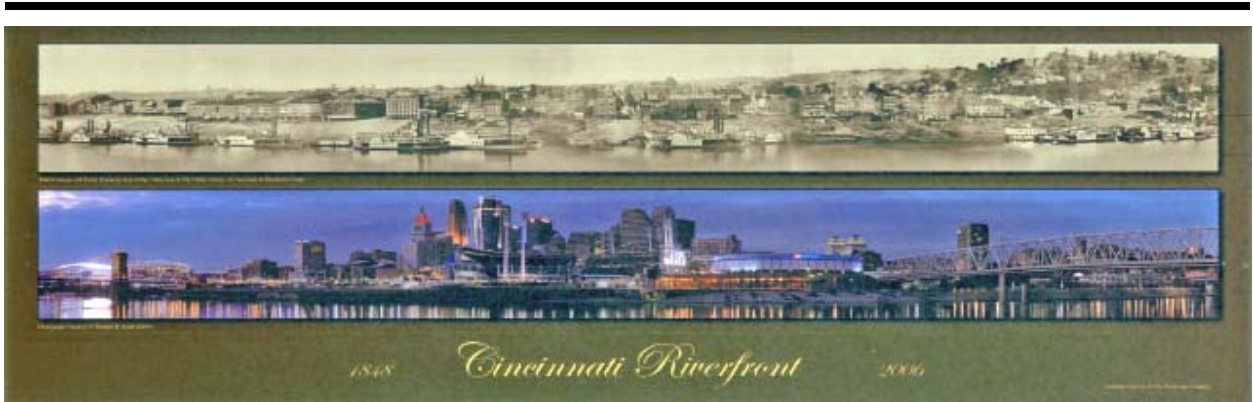
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**Press Release**



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## **Cincinnati Riverfront 1848-2006**

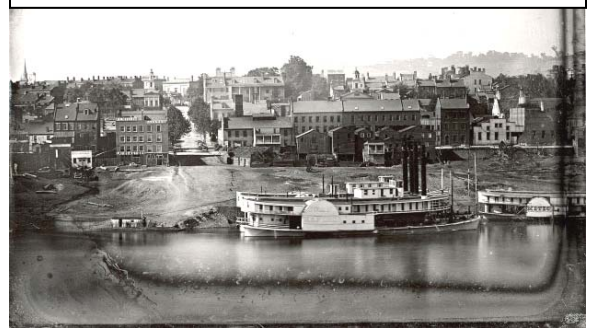
### **Unveiling of New Poster September 13 to Benefit Library Foundation**

On an afternoon in mid-September in 1848, photographers Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter set up their equipment on the banks of the Ohio River in Newport, Kentucky and took pictures of more than two miles of the Cincinnati waterfront. By exposing eight, silver-plated copper sheets treated with iodine through a camera lens for a few minutes, then developing the exposed plates with heated mercury vapors, it resulted in eight, non-reproducible image.

Now, 158 years later, noted Cincinnati photographer Thomas R. Schiff has taken a modern day view, and the two images will be unveiled as one at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The 12 x 36 inch four-color poster is a joint venture with Mr. Schiff, the Library Foundation, and the Hennegan Company. Mr. Schiff will be available to sign the poster in the Atrium next to the thirty-foot mural of the 1848 panoramic skyline.

A limited edition of the posters has been printed and donated by the Hennegan Company, along with the photograph by Mr. Schiff. Proceeds from the sale of the poster will benefit the Library Foundation. Unsigned copies can be purchased for \$19.95; signed copies for \$34.95. Information: (513) 369-4591.

This unretouched 1848 photo is number four in the series of eight taken by Fontayne & Porter.



Mr. Schiff is a lifetime Cincinnati who became interested in photography as a child. His work has appeared in several books—*Panoramic Ohio*, published in honor of Ohio's Bicentennial Celebration, *Panoramic Parks*, and *Panoramic Cincinnati*.

**About the 1848 Daguerreotype**

During its heyday, over 3,000 steamboats annually visited Cincinnati. The 1848 daguerreotype is a one-of-a-kind window in time that documents how busy a river port Cincinnati was, with nearly 60 steamboats pictured. The detail is so great that the names of about 16 steamboats can be read, and even some of the buildings' signs.

**Support the Library's Foundation**

High quality digital prints and postcards of the 1848 Riverfront Panorama are also available for purchase at the Library Friends' Shop at the Main Library (513-369-6920), the Framery on Hyde Park Square (513-871-9393), and Row House Gallery in Milford (513-831-7230). All proceeds benefit the Library Foundation.

- **10.5 x 13.75" duotone prints** of four daguerreotype plates taken in 1848, \$30 each plus tax. (Set of all four \$100 plus tax—a \$20 savings.)
- **5½" × 8½" postcard sets** of all 4 plates, \$10 including tax.

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