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**SPORTS MUSEUM OF AMERICA WELCOMES BASEBALL AUTHOR AND  
NOTED COLLECTOR STEPHEN WONG AS  
SENIOR CURATORIAL ADVISOR**

(New York, NY) January 14, 2008– The Sports Museum of America (SmA) today announced that noted baseball collector and author Stephen Wong has joined their team as Senior Curatorial Advisor, working with SmA’s Curator, Laura Purcell, and her staff on the museum’s prized baseball collection. In addition to the baseball artifacts he will provide SmA from his personal collection, Wong will work with SmA staff to help secure additional artifacts and memorabilia and design the baseball gallery. The Sports Museum of America is set to open its doors in New York City in Spring 2008.

“Stephen’s passion for and expertise in baseball is evident in his extensive historical knowledge of the sport,” said Laura Purcell, curator of the Sports Museum of America. “His input and additions to the collection will provide our visitors with a unique cultural understanding and experience that will enhance everyone’s knowledge of baseball.”

Wong has written two well-known baseball books – “*Smithsonian Baseball: Inside the World’s Finest Private Collections*” (2005) and the children’s book “*Baseball Treasures*” (2007) - and has appeared nationally on Fox Network’s *Best Damn Sports Show Period*, ESPN, NBC and others to discuss his historical knowledge of baseball in American culture. Wong has also served as the Advisory Director for the Museum of the City of New York’s Summer 2007 exhibit “The Glory Days: New York Baseball, 1947 – 1957” and was an honorary committee member for the city of Pittsfield and the Berkshire Museum’s “1791-Art of the Game-Pittsfield,” a two-year celebration of Pittsfield’s unique place in baseball history.

“I consider it a great honor and privilege to be a part of the Sports Museum of America project in New York,” said Stephen Wong. “To me, historical context is the lifeblood to

all sports, and this is particularly so with baseball given its unique and extensive role within American history. I hope visitors to the baseball gallery will come away with a new level of appreciation of the game's glorious past and how important the sport has been to America."

Wong also currently serves as Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs in Hong Kong.

**About the Sports Museum of America**

The Sports Museum of America (SmA) is a celebration of America's enduring love affair with sports. It is the nation's first and only interactive, multi-media all sports museum experience, and in partnership with over 50 individual sports Halls of Fame and organizations, it richly showcases the history, grandeur and significance of sports in American culture. SmA is also the new permanent home of the legendary Heisman Trophy and annual presentation, and the Billie Jean King International Women's Sports Center, inclusive of the Women's Sports Foundation International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Located at 26 Broadway just footsteps from the Statue of Liberty ferry, the Sports Museum of America will open in Spring 2008. Finally, greatness has a home. [www.thesportsmuseum.com](http://www.thesportsmuseum.com).

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