

LEST WE FORGET: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors
A Luigi Toscano Art Exhibition
The District of St. Louis, Chesterfield, Missouri
April 16 – May 3, 2026



About the Exhibit

[LEST WE FORGET](#) is a large-scale public art installation by [UNESCO Artist for Peace Luigi Toscano](#), featuring larger-than-life photographic portraits of Holocaust survivors as they are today. Installed in open, everyday public spaces, the exhibit brings remembrance and education beyond museum walls, offering an open and barrier-free presentation accessible to all. The installation invites visitors to walk among the faces and stories of those who lived through one of history's darkest chapters, fostering reflection, empathy, and dialogue across generations and time. The portraits honor survivors while serving as a powerful reminder of the devastating consequences of hatred, dehumanization and indifference, providing a deeply affecting and unforgettable experience that underscores the enduring importance of compassion, courage and human dignity.

Context & Remembrance

The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi German regime and its allies and collaborators during the period from 1933 through 1945. Millions of others were targeted, including Roma and Sinti, people with disabilities, gay men, political dissidents, and members of other persecuted groups. As firsthand witnesses become fewer each year, public remembrance and education remain essential. LEST WE FORGET centers lived experience, placing human faces in everyday public spaces to foster reflection, empathy, and dialogue, while supporting awareness and continued learning.

What Visitors Will Experience

- A walk-through experience featuring larger-than-life, close-up portraits of Holocaust survivors, inviting reflection, empathy, and personal connection as everyday life continues around them
- Non-graphic, powerful portraits honoring the dignity of Holocaust survivors, encouraging contemplation on what they endured, our shared humanity, and the enduring strength of the human spirit
- Brief biographical context accompanying each image to provide historical background and insight into the survivors' stories
- Open, barrier-free access in shared public spaces, allowing visitors of all ages and abilities to explore the exhibit at their own pace
- Dialogue across generations, as the installation encourages thoughtful conversation and engagement among individuals, families, and communities
- A profoundly moving experience underscoring the importance of compassion, courage, and human dignity

Presenting Partners

Bayer, Conversation Builds Character, and The Staenberg Family Foundation

Dates & Location

- On View: Thursday, April 16 - Sunday, May 3, 2026
- Hours of Viewing:
 - Monday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Location: The District of St. Louis, 17057 North Outer Forty Rd., Chesterfield, Missouri
- Cost: Free and open to the public

Information

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