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Special “Meet the Artist” Opportunity at Leland Stanford Mansion SHP on May 9

Photo Exhibit Part of “Lincoln’s California Legacy” Focus

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park are proud to host a special “meet the artist” opportunity for respected rail photographer Shen-Chih (Sam) Cheng on Saturday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m.

With nearly two dozen black and white photographs currently on display as part of an exhibit titled “Walking the Grade: Contemporary Views of the Pacific Railroad,” Cheng will be on hand to talk about his works and answer questions related to his art. Cheng’s exhibit will be on display in the Mansion’s majestic ballroom through March 31, 2010, and is part of an important “Lincoln’s California Legacy” focus happening at several State museums and historic parks in downtown Sacramento.

A resident of Southern California, Cheng is a well known rail photographer who has been photographing railroads and historic images for many years. The photographs currently on display showcase the western half of the Transcontinental Railroad and include compelling images rich in history that highlight the original Central Pacific route as it looks today.

Open to the public, the “meet the artist” opportunity will take place at the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park located at 800 N Street in Sacramento. For more information about the reception or “Walking the Grade” exhibit, visitors can call (916) 324-0575. More information about “Lincoln’s California Legacy” focus can be found at www.parks.ca.gov/lincoln.

About the Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks

The Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks encompasses seven State Historic Parks and Museums located within the Downtown and Midtown areas of California’s Capital City: California State Capitol Museum, California State Indian Museum, California State Railroad Museum, Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, Old Sacramento State Historic Park and Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park. Additionally, two units are in outlying areas: the Woodland Opera House in Woodland, California; and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park located in Jamestown, in the heart of California’s Gold Country about 100 miles southeast of Sacramento. Collectively these facilities preserve and interpret the heritage of California’s Capital City, and illuminate the many forces that have shaped Sacramento and the Golden State.