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Performer Kitty Jones Kicks off Women's History Month at March 7 Arkell Museum Family Day

CANAJOHARIE, NY—The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie announces a special Family Day featuring nationally-acclaimed performer Kit Jones with her one-woman show “Women’s Rights,” slated for Sunday, March 7. **Admission to the performance and Arkell Museum exhibitions is free on March 7 thanks to a generous sponsorship by Fidelis Care.**

The Family Day performance complements a brand new exhibition—*Picturing Women: American Artists’ Images of Women 1780s – 1940*—which opens to the public on March 4. Arkell Museum treasures by Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt and Reginald Marsh will be featured along with other remarkable portraits and painted views of women at leisure and pursuing everyday activities.

Kit Jones’ “Women’s Rights” show will take place at 1:30pm, with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the Museum open at 1pm on March 7.

Jones’ show takes visitors back in time to the Suffrage movement, exploring nineteenth-century roles and values at home in the workforce for women. Attendees will meet powerful women and men—including locals Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony—who led American women in the fight for voting and other human rights.

Following Jones’ show, at 2:30pm, an improvisational drama workshop will be led by Jason Radalin, assistant professor of theater arts at Fulton-Montgomery Community College.

March 7 events and free museum admission are sponsored by Fidelis Care, which offers free or low-cost comprehensive health insurance through a variety of programs to ensure that every state resident has access to quality health care.

“When the Arkell Museum was approached by Fidelis regarding an event sponsorship opportunity, we saw this as the perfect match,” said Andy Albertson, Arkell Museum Curator of Education & Public Programs. “The organization’s mission of ensuring health care access for all dovetails nicely with the Arkell’s mission of offering affordable high quality family programming and insightful exhibitions to our local audiences.”

The *Picturing Women* exhibition will remain on view through June 8, 2010.

For more information on exhibitions and programs at the Arkell Museum, please call 518-673-2314 or visit www.arkellmuseum.org.

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