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SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

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Susquehanna Art Museum Honors the Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising

Harrisburg, PA – June 28 – July 1, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the historic Stonewall uprising. The uprising, a series of violent demonstrations, was a spontaneous moment of courageous activism by members of the LGBTQ+ community against a police raid that took place at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village. The Stonewall Riots served as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States and around the world. To recognize and commemorate this historic moment, Susquehanna Art Museum partnered with the LGBT Center of Central PA and Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections to open the LGBTQ+ history project collection to artists and creators. The collection documents the stories and history of LGBTQ+ life and activism in Central PA.

Susquehanna Art Museum's 2019 juried exhibition *Inspired: Contemporary Responses to A Legacy of Courage* provided an opportunity for artists to visit the collection at the Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections. Artists were tasked with creating original works of art inspired by the items in the collection. Works selected for this exhibition provide a contemporary reflection on a pivotal moment in American LGBTQ+ history.

An opening for *Inspired* will be held on May 17 during Third in the Burg. Admission to the Museum is free from 5:00 – 8:00pm. Barry Loveland, Chair of the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project, will lead a tour through the exhibition on Sunday, July 28. This event is included with standard Museum admission, and free to current SAM members. The tour will begin in the Lobby Gallery at 3pm with an opportunity for questions to follow.

As an additional tribute to this historic event, *Inspired* will be traveling to the Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA to be on view November 1 – 17, 2019.

"Using artifacts, historic photographs, documents, oral history recordings, or general themes or stories that evolve from these collections, artists interpreted this history through their unique talents of creative expression. Their artworks explore the full range of the LGBTQ+ experience. In addition to exhibiting these artistic works, this exhibition includes artifacts from the History Project collection, many of which served as direct inspiration to the artists."

- Juror Barry Loveland, Chair of the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project

***Inspired* is generously sponsored by Ross Kanenson and Marcy Kanenson
in memory of their Mother, Marilynn R. Kanenson.**

Susquehanna Art Museum, located at 1401 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with extended hours on Wednesdays til 7:00 pm. Sundays: 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Free parking is available to museum-goers in the lot immediately adjacent to the rear of the museum at Calder and James Streets.

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