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AIDS, ART, AND ACTIVISM EXPLORES ARTISTIC RESPONSES TO THE AIDS CRISIS

Film, spoken word performances, and panel discussion trace history of early activism

CHICAGO (May 29, 2007) – The Chicago History Museum is pleased to present *AIDS, Art, and Activism* on **Tuesday, June 5**, the final installment of the 2007 *Out at CHM* series. The program will explore the political activism of gay visual and performance artists during the early years of the AIDS crisis.

Through film clips, spoken word performances, and a panel discussion, see and hear how various artists influenced the early response to AIDS. The panel will include historian **Jennifer Brier** from the University of Illinois at Chicago, filmmaker **Mary Patten** from the School of the Art Institute, and performer Avery R. Young. The panelists will outline the legacy and direct influence of early gay activism, including the role of lesbians in the 1970s women's health movement, on early AIDS activism.

AIDS, Art and Activism will be held at the Chicago History Museum from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. with cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10, students and Museum members are discounted at \$5. Following the program, *Newcity* will host an after-party at Sidetrack, 3349 North Halsted Street.

Out at CHM is presented by The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust with additional support from UBS and The Irving Harris Foundation. It is presented in partnership with the Center on Halsted, The Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media at Columbia College Chicago, the University of Illinois at Chicago Gender and Women's Studies Department, and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.