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## AMERICAN CHRONICLES | **The Art of Norman Rockwell**

**March 8-May 31, 2009**

### Related Activities

Activities are free with museum admission

#### **Sundays in March, Noon–4 p.m.**

##### **Drop-in Workshop: DIA Evening Post: Who's Your Family?**

Images of families from Norman Rockwell's paintings were depicted on many covers of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Think about what family means to you as you create your own magazine cover. Your artwork will hang in our community arts gallery for the duration of the exhibition.

#### **Friday Night Live!, March 6; 7 & 8:30 p.m.**

##### **Libby York**

Vocalist Libby York has a sound that recalls, without condescension or nostalgia, the slightly world weary, been around the block ennui of post war Anita O'Day and Sarah Vaughn. This performance features popular American songs from the Rockwell years (most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century) that deal with innocence and its loss.

#### **Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.**

##### **Norman Rockwell: American Chronicler**

Laurie Norton Moffatt, a leading specialist on Norman Rockwell and director of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will share her expertise on Rockwell's life and works.

#### **Friday Night Live!, March 13; 7 & 8:30 p.m.**

##### **The Trachtenberg Family Slideshow Players**

The eccentric and entertaining Trachtenberg Family Slideshow Players are a family pop-rock trio that collects vintage family slides and sets them to music. The quirky lyrics provide a hilarious accompaniment to candid scenes of American family life preserved on 35mm Kodachrome slides. The group features Jason Trachtenberg (dad) on guitar and keyboards, teenager Rachel Trachtenberg (kid) on drums and Tina Trachtenberg (mom) on slide projector.

#### **Sundays, March 15 & 22, 2 p.m.**

##### **Storytelling: Judy Sima**

Join award winning storyteller, author, and educator Judy Sima as she tells tales of Jewish American families.

#### **Saturdays, March 21 & 28, Noon–4 p.m.**

##### **Artist Demonstration: Rockwell's *Freedom from Want***

Patrick Kelly Wise explores the human figure and portraits in his paintings. He will create his version of one of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms Posters: *Freedom from Want*.

**Fridays in April, 6–9 p.m.**

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**April 4 & 11, Noon–4 p.m.**

**Artist Demonstration: Rockwell's *Freedom of Worship***

Sabrina Nelson is a Detroit artist whose work is about spiritual seeking and talking with what ever medium she employs. Nelson will create her version of one of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms Posters: *Freedom of Worship*.

**Sundays, April 5 & 12, 2 p.m.**

**Storytelling: Corrine Stavish**

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**Saturdays, April 18 & 25, Noon–4 p.m.**

**Artist Demonstration: Rockwell's *Freedom of Speech***

Bill Murcko is a primarily self-taught portraitist. He will create his version of one of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms Posters: *Freedom of Speech*.

**Saturdays in May, Noon–4 p.m.**

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**Sundays, May 3 & 10, 2 p.m.**

**Storytelling: Tonya Dallas**

Tonya "Touchdown" Dallas tells interactive and humorous tales of American families.

**Saturdays, May 9 & 16, Noon–4 p.m.**

**Artist Demonstration: Senghor Reid**

As a painter, Senghor Reid has developed both figurative and abstract works, using a brilliant palette and almost tactile brush strokes that punctuate political and cultural issues. Reid will create his version of one of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms Posters: *Freedom from Fear*.

**Sundays, May 17 & 24, 2 p.m.**

**Storytelling: Yvonne Healy**

Yvonne Healy uses voice, gesture and story to share her tales of fascinating, entertaining and outrageous Midwestern American family lore.

**Friday Night Live!, May 22; 7 & 8:30 p.m.**

**Phil Kline's Zippo Songs: Poems from The Front**

Composer and guitarist Phil Kline performs his song-cycle, *Zippo Songs*, which originated from poems inscribed on lighters by American soldiers from Vietnam to the Iraq Wars. The songs

contain a world of pure and direct emotion, described by The New Yorker's Alex Ross as "one of the most brutally frank cycles ever penned."

**Friday Night Live!, May 29; 7 & 8:30 p.m.**

**Sara Lee Guthrie, Johnny Irion, and Robert Jones**

Sara Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, daughter and son-in-law of Arlo Guthrie, join Detroit singer and guitarist Robert Jones for a performance channeling the passion of musicians involved in 20<sup>th</sup> century American labor and civil rights conflicts, including Woody Guthrie, Leadbelly, and Josh White.