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Photography Program Receives \$1,000 Grant Kurz Family Foundation Supports Visiting Artist

(ROCHESTER, NY – September 16, 2016) The Photography program at Genesee Center for the Arts & Education has received a \$1,000 grant to support a presentation by visiting artist Collette V. Fournier this fall. Fournier will present *Retrospective: Spirit of a People*, an historic embodiment of four decades of her photography archives on Saturday, October 29, 1-3pm.

“This grant has made the presentation this fall possible. This type of funding is crucial - without it we would not be able to bring in artists from outside the region as is the case with Collette V. Fournier.” — Sharon Turner, Photography Director

During her presentation Fournier will discuss themes from her projects *The Amistad: From Mystic Seaport to Nova Scotia, Post Hurricane Katrina, Travels to West Africa*; and her community.

About Collette V. Fournier

Collette V. Fournier has a MFA in the Visual Arts from the Vermont College of Fine Arts and a BS from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Communications and Photographic Illustration. Since 1992 Fournier has worked at Rockland Community College as both the staff photographer in the Campus Communications Department and as an adjunct professor in the Photography Department. Fournier is an active member of NYC-based Kamoinge Inc., an African American photography collective.

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About the Genesee Center

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts. As a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, the organization is committed to making high-quality arts education available to all.

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education has been operating since 1970. Genesee Center is a darkroom and photography facility, a pottery workshop, and a printing and book arts center. Support of the Genesee Center benefits youth outreach programs and programs for the community. All of the money raised stays in Rochester and directly benefits members of the Rochester community. The Center uses its resources to provide youth programs in schools, offers over 140 classes to the general public, and rents space to artists and others interested in the visual arts. Internships, facilities for advanced area arts students and resource facilities for anyone interested in book arts, photography and pottery are also available. Three galleries in the building serve as exhibit space for local, regional and national artists.

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