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## JENNESS CORTEZ TO LECTURE AT ALBANY INSTITUTE

ALBANY, NY— Acclaimed area artist Jenness Cortez will discuss her new book, [Homage to the Creative Spirit: The Paintings of Jenness Cortez](#) at the Albany Institute on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 PM. The book presents her latest series of paintings, which pay tribute to some of history's most celebrated artists.

Inspired by the light, color, and form of the great masters, Cortez skillfully incorporates their time-honored images into exquisitely painted contemporary settings. In each of the forty masterfully executed paintings in the book she presents a specific theme, mixing straightforward cues and obscure allusions and complementing them with references to other artists' lives and times.

Following the presentation, Cortez will be available to answer questions and sign copies of the book, which is available for sale in the Albany Institute Museum Shop. This event is free and open to the public to attend.

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute)).

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