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LECTURE, PUPPET SHOW, AND FAMILY FESTIVAL FOCUS ON NATIVE AMERICAN THEMES

ALBANY, NY—On **Sunday, March 21** the Albany Institute of History & Art will host the Muhhekkunnetuk Family Day Festival from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and also welcomes author Eric Hinderaker, who will speak at 3:00 pm about his latest book, *The Two Hendricks: Unraveling a Mohawk Mystery*. The event will be held at the Albany Institute, 125 Washington Ave.

1:00 to 4:00 pm—*Muhhekkunnetuk* is the Native American name for the Hudson, and it means “river that flows both ways.” The festival celebrates the great river with art-making activities in the art studio from 1:00 to 4:00, in which participants of all ages will create their own Native American-inspired felt bags. Participants will also be welcome to explore the current exhibit, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*, using the free *Hudson River Panorama Discovery Guide*. FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION.

2:00 pm—The festival features a performance at 2:00 pm by Gunstwork Puppet Mask Theater of a play entitled *Four Wishes* (adapted from *Gluskabe and the Four Wishes* by Joseph Bruchac). The play offers life lessons about the universal theme of human desire and features exquisite puppets, expressive masks, and original choreography. FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION.

3:00 pm—Eric Hinderaker, author of *The Two Hendricks: Unraveling a Mohawk Mystery* (Harvard University Press) will reveal the secrets behind two men frequently thought to be the same person. In September 1755, the most famous Indian in the world—a Mohawk leader known as King Hendrick—died in the Battle of Lake George while fighting the French in defense of British claims to North America. Half a century earlier, another Hendrick worked with powerful leaders in the frontier town of Albany. In his book, Hinderaker sets the record straight, reconstructing the lives of these two men in a compelling narrative that reveals the complexities of the Anglo-Iroquois alliance, a cornerstone of Britain’s imperial vision. FREE OF CHARGE.

PLEASE NOTE: The Muhhekkunnetuk Festival and the Puppet Show require paid museum admission. The Eric Hinderaker lecture is free and open to the public at no charge. For more information, call (518) 463-4478, or visit www.albanyinstitute.org.

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