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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HONOR E. STEWART & KIMBERLY JONES AT 2014 MUSEUM GALA

ALBANY, NY– The Albany Institute of History & Art will host its biggest event of the year, the 2014 Museum Gala, on the evening of Friday, June 6, 2014. The Board of Trustees of the Albany Institute is dedicating this year's gala to Kimberly and E. Stewart Jones, Jr. for their philanthropic support of our community.

"Kimberly and Stewart's philanthropic commitment to the Capital Region has created a lasting legacy for future generations," says George R. Hearst, III, the Chair of the Board of Directors at the Albany Institute. "We wish to thank them for their hospitality, generosity, enthusiasm, and vision."

Kimberly is the administrator of and responsible for the operation and management of her husband's Troy-based law firm. Kimberly came to Albany from New Hartford to attend the University at Albany and has never left this region. She sits on many boards of the Capital Region, including those of the University at Albany Foundation, Capital District Community Gardens, Double H Ranch, and Unity House. In addition to the Albany Institute of History & Art, she also supports the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Capital Repertory Theatre, Families in Need of Assistance, and the Troy Music Hall.

Stewart, a Troy native, is the third generation lawyer at the namesake firm founded by his grandfather almost 120 years ago. Mr. Jones' firm is litigation-based, focused on personal injury and criminal defense litigation. He has been listed in the Best Lawyers of America for over 30 years. Stewart's commitment to philanthropy has been heralded by many. He has twice been chair of the board of Albany Law School, is the current chairman of the board at the Albany Academies, and Vice-Chair of the board at Saratoga Performing Arts Center, among many other philanthropic commitments.

The event will be hosted by honorary chairs and previous Gala honorees Denise and Tony Gorman at their home at 37 Spring Street Road in Loudonville, New York. The evening will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a seated dinner catered by Mazzone Hospitality. The master of ceremonies for this year's gala is WNYT anchor Benita Zahn. Proceeds from the event and the accompanying live and silent auctions will support the Albany Institute of History & Art.

"We are heartened by the sponsors and patrons who generously support our annual gala," says Tammis K. Groft, Executive Director of the Albany Institute of History & Art. "All the money raised through the gala goes to support the exhibitions and educational programs at the museum. It's a really wonderful way to get ready for another great year of art and history in the Capital Region."

For more information or to purchase gala tickets, please call Andrew at (518) 463-4478 ext 412 or visit www.albanyinstitute.org.

Major sponsorships for this event have been provided by Omni Development Company, Inc., The Gorman Group, MM Hayes, Saratoga Casino and Raceway, and the Times Union.



E. Stewart and Kimberly Jones at the Albany Institute of History & Art's 2012 Museum Gala. Photo by John Whipple.

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue, near the New York State Capitol. The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursdays until 8PM and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. Admission is free on Thursday nights (5PM-8PM). For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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 lectures, outstanding educational and family programming, and special events, 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.

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