

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Daughter of the Holocaust Survivor to Share Her Parent's Story at Biggs Museum

Voices of the Generations: This is Your Life on November 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.



Dover, DE (October 13, 2014) – On November 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., the Biggs Museum of American Art will host a program entitled “Voices of the Generations: This is Your Life” with speaker Julie Kohner, whose mother was a Holocaust Survivor.

After the war, Julie Kohner’s parents, Hanna and Walter Kohner of Czechoslovakia, were reunited in California where Walter found work on *This is Your Life*, a popular TV program recounting the lives of guests through surprise visits with their friends and families. Hanna, a survivor of five concentration camps, was featured on a 1953 episode of *This is Your Life* and made history as the first Holocaust survivor to share her story on American public television.

On November 8, 2014, Julie Kohner will play her mother’s episode during this program and discuss the impact of this artistic medium on America’s growing understanding of the Holocaust. Her parents went on to write a book about their unique experience of survival and reunion, as debuted on *This is Your Life*, entitled Hannah and Walter, A Love Story which will also be discussed. This program is free and open to the public.

His program is scheduled on the eve of the anniversary of Kristallnacht or the Night of Broken Glass. Kristallnacht was a massive, coordinated attack on Jews throughout the

German Reich that began on the night of November 9, 1938 and went into the next day.

Event Quick Facts

Event: Voices of the Generations: This is Your Life

Date: Saturday, November 8

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Description: The Biggs Museum is proud to host a lecture and screening by Julie Kohner entitled Voices of the Generations. After the war, the speaker's parents, Hanna and Walter Kohner of Czechoslovakia, were reunited in California where Walter found work on This is Your Life, a popular TV program recounting the lives of guests through surprise visits with their friends and families. Hanna, a survivor of five concentration camps, was featured on a 1953 episode of This is Your Life and made history as the first Holocaust survivor to share her story on American national television. Julie Kohner will play her mother's episode during this program and discuss the impact of this artistic medium on America's growing understanding of the Holocaust.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling program of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum permanent collection is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs, feature exhibitions and special events.

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