

\*\*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\*\*

## “THE WOMEN WHO LOVED POE” FILM INSTALLATION PREMIERES IN PROVIDENCE

*The heart and mind of writer Edgar Allan Poe is revealed by the women he loved and lost,  
at the Governor Henry Lippett House Museum Starting October 17*

**WHO:** Artist Sandra Luzzi Sneesby, Poe expert Chris Semtner & the Governor Henry Lippett House Museum

**WHAT:** Native Rhode Islander creates innovative film installation, “**The Women Who Loved Poe,**” showcasing writer Edgar Allan Poe’s relationship with five women central to his life. The historic Governor Henry Lippitt House Museum in Providence, located only blocks from where Poe once walked the streets, will host the exhibit.

This immersive experience, which combines fictional narrative with fact-based documentary, draws the viewer into the interior life of the artist by allowing them to sit face-to-face with the five women who were most prominent in Poe’s life. Using video-projected commentary, inspired by historical documents, letters, poems and writings, these women reveal intimate, and at times emotional, memories and insights on how the esteemed author lived, loved and struggled. In addition, they share with the viewer the part they played in shaping and propelling Poe through the joys and pitfalls of the human experience.

**WHEN:** Opening Reception: **October 17, 6-8 p.m.**

\*Gallery Talk with Artist, Sandra Luzzi Sneesby & Poe expert, Chris Semtner: **October 19, 1-2 p.m.**

Exhibition: **October 19, 2-4 p.m., October 21 to 24, 1-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.**

The exhibit and gallery talk are free and open to the public. (\*advance registration is required for Gallery Talk, 401-453-0688).

**WHERE:** Governor Henry Lippitt House Museum, 199 Hope Street, Providence, RI

### PHOTO/VIDEO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- Interview with “The Women Who Loved Poe” Artist and Director, Sandra Luzzi Sneesby
- Photo/Video of the film installation in action! Hear from the women directly and learn insights about Poe
- Interview Edgar Allen Poe Expert, Author, Curator and international artist, Chris Semtner
- Interview Jordan Salvatoriello, Media Artist, Documentarian & Co-Producer of “The Women Who Loved Poe”

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