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County Clerk Hanlon Announces Archives Day Featured Speaker

Actress Michele LaRue to reflect on women's suffrage

MANALAPAN, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is pleased to announce that actress and writer Michele LaRue will present her interpretation of contemporary writing from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries at the County Clerk's 24th Annual Archives and History Day on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters located at 125 Symmes Drive in Manalapan.

At 1 p.m., LaRue will deliver her piece, "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire." The presentation is a Public Scholars Project program of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, LaRue studied acting and specializes in one-woman productions, for which she tours nationally and prepares lively, engaging performances. She reflects on written materials from "the long 19th century" –



*Actress and writer Michele LaRue,
Photographed by Arthur Cohen*

the period between the American Civil War and World War I – with both humor and a keen understanding of historical events.

“Michele LaRue’s presentation is particularly relevant for this year’s Archives and History Day theme, ‘New Jersey in Focus: Four Centuries of Monmouth County Women’,” said Clerk Hanlon. “We are thrilled that she will be showcasing her talent and knowledge as the event’s featured speaker.”



*LaRue in costume,
Photographed by Ken Smith*

LaRue belongs to both the Actors’ Equity Association and the Screen Actors Guild–American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA). She also serves as a theatre editor and writer for Drama Desk, a non-profit organization of theatre critics, reporters, and editors in New York City. LaRue

has participated in events at more than 300 locations, including at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., in Chicago’s Newberry Library, and at Lincoln Center. Her presentation for Archives and History Day will incorporate the social and political contexts of the arguments that opponents of women’s suffrage often referenced.

“Archives Day is an incredible opportunity to learn about our county’s history and to meet the people who are dedicated to preserving and sharing it,” said Monmouth County Archivist Gary D. Saretzky. “The featured speakers are always major contributors to that experience.”

For more information about the 2019 Archives and History Day, please visit the Monmouth County Clerk’s Archives Division website at

MonmouthCountyClerk.com/Archives or contact the Monmouth County Archives by phone at 732-308-3771, ext. 3776, or email CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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