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MARTHA GRAHAM CRACKER RETURNS TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY WITH A ROCK & ROLL CABARET ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

WHAT: Groundbreaking diva Martha Graham Cracker returns to the National Museum of American Jewish History’s stage for the first time in two years with a rock & roll cabaret inspired by the Museum’s special exhibition, *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution* (closing January 16). The renowned Philadelphia-based drag queen and her incredible band will perform the *Martha “Bill Graham” Cracker Cabaret*, taking audiences back in time on a mash-up filled musical journey through rock history.

WHEN: Two performances will take place on Saturday, January 14 at 7 and 10 pm. Doors open one hour prior to show time. Runtime is approx. 90 min with no intermission.

WHERE: National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia

All seating is general admission and first come, first served. The ticket price includes access to the *Bill Graham* exhibition as well as complimentary snacks and drinks.

**Note:** These performances are open to all ages, although some material is intended for more mature audiences.

**PREVIOUS APPEARANCE AT NMAJH:** The Martha Graham Cracker Cabaret previously performed at the Museum in 2014 as part of the Museum’s *OPEN for Interpretation* artists in residence program. Martha’s alter ego, co-founder and co-artistic director of the OBIE Award-winning Pig Iron Theater Company, Dito van Reigersberg, joined bassist and composer Andrew Nelson (who will also be performing on January 14) as OPEN artists that year. The artists created an audio tour and original cabaret, *It’s High Time I Said Something: Martha Graham Cracker’s Intervention at the Museum*.

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**About the National Museum of American Jewish History**

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is $12.00 for adults, $11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. For the run of *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution*, September 16, 2016 – January 16, 2017, the Museum will stay open until 8 pm on Wednesday evenings (except on select evenings for private events as detailed on the website). Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NMAJH), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/MuseumNMAJH), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nmajh/), and [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/nmajh/). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.