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WINTER FILM SERIES DEBUTS WITH ELIZABETH GREENE'S "SAVING THE AQUARIUM"

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DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society kicks off the winter edition of its film series with Wayne State University graduate Elizabeth Greene's "Saving the Aquarium," showing January 12th and 13th at 1 p.m. The film is free with regular admission to the Museum.

The documentary chronicles the Belle Isle Aquarium in the months leading up to its closure in 2005. More than 100 years old, the Belle Isle Aquarium was the oldest existing aquarium in the United States. The Gothic styled building designed by Albert Kahn was renowned for the underwater feeling its jade green tiled grotto ceilings gave visitors. Running time for this film is 20 minutes.

The next film in the series is Greene's "Grandma's Pharmacy," showing February 9-10. The film highlights Elizabeth Wize, a 91 year-old business woman and the first African-American woman to own a chain of pharmacies in Michigan. Running time for this film is 28 minutes.

Greene graduated from Wayne State University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film and is currently pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts in Film from Syracuse University.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.