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Suffragette and Friend of Georgia O'Keeffe in Focus at CMA Lecture

"A Night with Anita" celebrates the contributions of S.C. native Anita Pollitzer

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Close friend of O'Keeffe and women's rights activist Anita Pollitzer

Columbia, SC -

On Monday, December 7, the Columbia Museum of Art hosts a discussion on the life of Anita Pollitzer, friend and confidant of Georgia O'Keeffe and suffragist with the militant National Women's Party. Benedict College professor and *Auntie Bellum* Editor Meeghan Kane and South Caroliniana Library Manuscripts Specialist Graham Duncan give a joint lecture on Pollitzer.

"Anita Pollitzer, a powerful combination of conviction and Southern charm, dedicated her life to women's rights and made a deep impression on two of America's most cherished feminist heroes - Georgia O'Keeffe and Alice Paul," says Meeghan Kane. Pollitzer was instrumental in launching O'Keeffe's career, but the native South Carolinian was a photographer and suffragette in her own right. In conjunction with the exhibition *Georgia O'Keeffe: Her Carolina Story*, which celebrates one of American art's most iconic and pioneering women, this program highlights another strong and independent woman with a Carolina story.

"We're very excited to work with our partners *Auntie Bellum* and the South Caroliniana Library to shed light on the life of Anita Pollitzer," says CMA Deputy Director Joelle Ryan-Cook. "This is such a fascinating and under-told story of a South Carolina woman who made incredible contributions to the women's rights movement on a national level."

"A Night with Anita" is on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. This program is free with membership or admission. To learn more, visit

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About the CMA

The Columbia Museum of Art is a charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to lifelong learning and community enrichment for all. Located in the heart of downtown Columbia, SC, CMA ranks among the leading art institutions in the country and is distinguished by its innovative exhibitions and creative educational programs. At the heart of the CMA and its programs is its collection, which encompasses nearly 7,000 works and spans thousands of years of history, representing a range of world cultures. Established in 1950, the CMA now welcomes more than 135,000 visitors annually and is a catalyst for community creativity, engaging people of all ages and backgrounds with a diverse spectrum of programming, from exhibitions and lectures to concerts, Arts & Draughts parties. It is the recipient of a National Art Education Association award for its contributions to arts education and an Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts for outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina.

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