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“ROOTS OF REBELLION”
TO BE STAGED
IN NEW YORK CITY

The first American women to speak out on public platforms will be brought to life in an original docu-drama entitled, “Roots of Rebellion,” by Laurie James, featuring women out of history including Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Angelina Grimke, Frances Wright, Sojourner Truth as well as others, and involves lively audience participation.

Sponsored by UUWA and Uuw&R-Metro District, the presentation will serve as a fundraiser for The Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Committee, and will be presented on May 31 at 1 PM at The Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th Street, New York. Sliding scale donations are to start at \$10.

Based on records from herstory, “Roots of Rebellion” dramatically illustrates the struggle women had to speak out while facing strong disapproval from contemporaries since speaking was considered immoral for nineteenth century women (even in church), but a few were so appalled by slavery, poverty, and women’s inequality, that they protested in barns, lyceums, churches, or wherever they could gather an audience. Gloria Steinem’s words about her own difficulties poignantly lift the issues into today’s context. The story of the strength of these “pioneers” will help inspire/encourage contemporary youth and women to speak up in groups, to take action whatever way is individually most feasible.

Actor/playwright Laurie James previously brought this material as a one-woman show to conference venues, schools and libraries. She has toured her historically documented one-woman drama of Margaret Fuller throughout the world and has written books on this nineteenth American who laid the groundwork for the women’s rights revolution in America.