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Olana Receives Grant for Programming from Hudson River Bank and Trust Company Foundation

The Olana Partnership announced that it received a grant of \$30,000 over the next three years from the Hudson River Bank and Trust Company Foundation (HRBT). The grant will be used to support Olana's programs and activities in the Wagon House Education Center and at Olana State Historic Site.

The Olana Partnership offers creative, exciting programs for the public that incorporate multi-dimensional concepts and themes that teach participants to view the world through the eyes of Frederic Church. Programs enable attendees from all backgrounds and ages to learn more about Frederic Church, the Hudson River School of painting, and the gem that is Olana, making it a community resource for all. Past programs include astronomy walks, landscape walks, paint-outs, painting, photography and cooking workshops, book signings, music and dance performances. Many of these programs are offered free or at a minimal cost. The Olana Partnership is committed to collaborating with local organizations to both reach a broader audience as well as offer expertise in the various subjects of art, architecture, environment, farming and history.

In addition, Olana serves hundreds of local school-age children throughout the year, enriching their curriculum by visiting a local historic site within their community. Children are captured by the wonder that is Frederic Church's Olana and take with them a lasting impression.

Programs promote The Olana Partnership's mission: To inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Olana, Frederic Church's artistic masterpiece. To view a full listing of upcoming programs and events or to sign up visit www.olana.org or call 518.828.1872 x 109.

The Hudson River Bank and Trust Company Foundation provides funding to support charitable causes and community developments in Columbia County. They have been generous supporters of Olana's Wagon House Education Center programming since its inception in 2008 and have supported several Olana projects prior to Wagon House programming.

About Olana and The Olana Partnership

The eminent Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) designed Olana, his family home, studio, and estate as an integrated environment embracing architecture, art, landscape, and conservation ideals. Considered one of the most important artistic residences in

the United States, Olana is a 250-acre artist-designed landscape with a Persian-inspired house at its summit, embracing unrivaled panoramic views of the vast Hudson Valley. Olana State Historic Site, a historic site administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Taconic Region, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state. The Olana Partnership, a private not-for-profit education corporation, works cooperatively with New York State to support the restoration, development and improvement of Olana State Historic Site. To learn more about Olana and The Olana Partnership, please visit www.olana.org.