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THE OLANA PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES INTERIM PRESIDENT

HUDSON, NY

David Redden, Vice President, Sotheby's NYC, and President of The Olana Partnership board of trustees, has confirmed the appointment of Rena Zurofsky as Interim President of The Olana Partnership.

Zurofsky brings thirty years of experience and an extensive background in the museum field to her role as Interim President. She has previously served as Interim Director for other National Historic sites, including Philip Johnson Glass House and Chesterwood, as well as for museums. As a consultant for the past fourteen years, she has specialized in stabilization and optimization of cultural institutions. Prior to founding her firm, Zurofsky held positions at the American Museum of Natural History, The Newark Museum, The Brooklyn Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

“Frederic Church's Olana is one of the Country's most beautiful and significant estates. Art, architecture, and landscape design combine to fully embody the sublime vision of the Hudson River School, the first truly American art movement. I am privileged to be here,” says Zurofsky.

Zurofsky resides in the Berkshires and holds an MBA from Columbia University. She has taught graduate courses in non-profit arts management and marketing at NYU, and has lectured on the same subjects internationally

She replaces outgoing Washburn and Susan Oberwager President Sara Griffen, who served the organization for 25 years, first as a trustee and then as president.

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. 2016 will mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of this public/private partnership. To learn more about Olana and The Olana Partnership please visit www.olana.org.

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