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Christine Kane, CFRE

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**THE OLANA PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT**

**Christine Kane joins The Olana Partnership as Vice President for Development**

Hudson, NY - Christine Kane recently joined the staff of The Olana Partnership (TOP) as Vice President for Development. She is responsible for the planning and implementation of all fundraising, marketing and outreach efforts for TOP, the non-profit partner of New York State's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Sean Sawyer, the Washburn & Susan Oberwager President of TOP, said: "I am thrilled to welcome Christine Kane as a senior member of our team at Olana. She brings a passion for our educational and environmental work and a depth of knowledge and experience in the region."

Before joining TOP, Kane most recently served as Director of the Office of Institutional Advancement at Dutchess Community College and Executive Director of the DCC Foundation. Immediately prior to that she served as Vice President at Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Kane holds a B.S. in Forestry from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and will receive an M.S. in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy from Bay Path University this fall. She holds the CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) credential - the only internationally recognized, professional credential for fundraising professionals - and has raised millions of dollars for education, environmental

issues, social services and religious congregations throughout the Hudson Valley during the course of her career.

Kane stated, "I'm very excited to be working at The Olana Partnership, a well-known and highly respected organization whose focus on the artistic, historic, and environmental importance of Frederic E. Church's home and landscape allows me to bring my love of those subjects together with my passion for fundraising."

#### 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 incorporating 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 50th Anniversary of this public/private partnership. To learn more about Olana and The Olana Partnership, please visit [www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org).

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