

-John Wilmerding, Sarofim Professor of American Art, Emeritus, Princeton University, and recipient 2008 Fredric E. Church Award This statement so clearly describes Olana and what, with the assistance of our In this report we have included quotes from letters in support of our We may not have made the cut-this time-but our efforts did bring us even

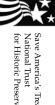
board, members and supporters, The Olana Partnership works so hard to preserve, protect and promote to the world. Following a year of great challenge 2007 ended up a year of great triumph. The list of accomplishments that follows outlines the various projects. Yet, there was one significant undertaking that did not result in the intended goal-but because of the amazing work of the team and the outpouring of support we gained through this endeavor, I felt it worthy of a mention. application to the World Heritage Organization in our bid to place Olana on the tentative list for World Heritage Site status. The team made up of Partnership and NY State staff came together to craft a very compelling argument for consideration. Through weeks of meetings and revisions, with many letters of support from scholars and curators, the Olana submission continued to move forward in the process. Ultimately, we did not make the final list but our application did "merit further consideration" and "will be reexamined for possible inclusion at a later date." closer in our public-private partnership, and reinforced the importance of Olana among our peers and to a new group of potentially influential people at the National Park Service and the US Commission on UNESCO. Who knows what future impact this may have for Olana? But the experience and our growing group of allies will certainly be helpful as we move forward with enormous momentum into 2008. Our work is not possible without the encouragement and generous assistance of our many friends and donors. We hope that this report will inspire you to become more involved and join us in our efforts to achieve Olana's vision--- "The fully restored Olana, vibrant with the activity of students, visitors, and scholars, will be the most widely recognized artist's home and studio in the world."

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To say that Olana is the single most important artistic

residence in the United States and one of the most

history, and cultural history cannot be overstated.

significant in the world, is only to state the obvious."

-Franklin Kelly, Senior Curator of American and British Paintings, National Gallery of Art

Olana's importance to American art history, architectural

-Sarah Cash, Bechhoefer Curator of American Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art

There is simply no other site in the United States that

nineteenth century painter and his audience.

-Patricia Junker, Curator of American Art, Seattle Art Museum

conveys so thoroughly and so beautifully the ideals of a





Olana seems to me part and parcel of the reputation of the artist; it's a direct summary of his life's career and vision, a three-dimensional embodiment of his aesthetic.

Sara J. Griffe

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## The Olana Partnership Year-End Review 2007

The projects outlined were accomplished through the combined efforts of Partnership staff and our colleagues employed by New York State. Our success is a result of the strength of our longstanding public-private partnership.

**Restoration:** Reopening the house in May revealed the completion of three major projects: installation of fire suppression and climate control systems, a fully restored Studio and significant conservation work completed on the Court Hall's painted stencils. The Partnership's curators completed a final draft of the Historic Furnishings Report Part II covering the second floor, kitchen and servants' areas of the house. Painting and construction work on the second floor began and will continue through 2008. Reconstruction of Olana's wagon house for an education center began in earnest mid-summer and the project will be completed this April. Five acres of second-growth woods have been removed in accordance with Church's plans, restoring breathtaking views from Ridge Road and Mount Merino that have been blocked for many years.

Education: Olana's traveling exhibition ended its run at the Princeton University Art Museum in June. The show introduced thousands to Olana, received extensive media coverage across the country and benefited hundreds of students through associated programs. Olana once again collaborated with Cedar Grove in presenting an annual symposium, this time on Asher B. Durand and Church. State staff produced onsite and outreach programs including a multi-week intergenerational program in collaboration with LINC and the Hudson Senior Center. They also developed a program in collaboration with the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, Hudson High School and Catskill High School, working with 11th and 12th grade students.

Visitor Experience: The visitor services task force completed work on a new, cohesive design for directional and informational signs at the site. Olana's museum shop added many new items and developed an online store. A new landscape brochure was created that provides a detailed map of Olana's grounds and trails.

Fundraising: Fundraising goals were surpassed in several areas including unrestricted grants and annual fund. Staff organized the annual summer party and a successful private fundraising dinner in the fall. They also undertook work for the January 2008 FEC Award dinner. Stewardship and acquisition events were conducted locally and in New York City.

*Community:* The Partnership participated in several local events, including Arts Walk, Winter Walk and Columbia County Chamber events. Collaboration partners included the Shaker Museum, Lindenwald, Clermont, Columbia County Historical Society, Columbia County Tourism, Cedar Grove, CCCA, LINC, Operation Unite and Hudson Opera House.

Visibility: Olana received prominent coverage in eight national publications and 48 local and regional publications on the exhibition and the house opening. Regional and local press provided great coverage for programs, special events and progress on restoration projects. Olana's website was updated to include an events calendar on the front page and a YouTube site was launched. WAMC Northeast Public Radio did a live, three-hour radio show from Olana in the fall.

2008 and Beyond: 2008 will see the end of an 18-year odyssey to remove utility poles from the landscape and place wires underground. The dream of a yearround education center will be realized. Work will be completed to open the second floor to the public for the first time in more than 40 years in 2009. The opening of the second floor will include a special exhibition of never-before-seen Church sketches from the collection in conjunction with New York State's Quadricentennial Celebration. TOP will focus restoration efforts on the historic Main Barn in the farm complex. We anticipate planting hundreds of trees throughout the landscape and hope to complete view restoration projects on Ridge Road and Crown Hill.

We are grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and governmental entities that generously support Olana. We are especially grateful to Governor David A. Paterson, Commissioner Carol Ash, Senator Stephen Saland and Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro, Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Charles Schumer for their leadership in support of Olana.

Olana's dedicated volunteers make a huge difference to the operation of the site and we applaud their generosity of time and energy.

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