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THE OLANA PARTNERSHIP AWARDED \$148,500 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

HUDSON, NEW YORK – The Olana Partnership announced today a grant award totaling \$148,500 over three years from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Following New York State’s historic investment for the arts, NYSCA has awarded \$90 million since Spring 2022 to a record number of artists and organizations across the state.

The Olana Partnership is grateful to be among the recipients of this statewide investment in the arts. Since its creation by artist Frederic Church in the 19th century, to its current status as one of the most widely visited New York State Historic Sites and as a National Historic Landmark, Olana has always been a center of inspiration and creativity.

The Olana Partnership has primary programming responsibility at Olana State Historic Site, where it operates one of the highest volume historic site tour programs in the Northeast and delivers diverse, dynamic on-site and remote educational programs for local and regional audiences. These range from K-12 trips and family programs to nationally recognized creative aging workshops. These initiatives provide opportunities for diverse audiences to connect with the relevance of Olana’s history and engage in creative experiences. This grant will enable The Olana Partnership to continue to grow and expand its diverse offering of programming and exhibitions for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, and to increase and strengthen its partnership with local, national, and international individuals and organizations.

Governor Kathy Hochul said, “As a cultural capital of the world, New York State is strengthened by our expansive coverage of the arts across all 62 counties. This year’s historic commitment to the arts sector will spur our continuing recovery from the pandemic and set the course for a stronger future.”

NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus said, “We are immensely grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their unprecedented investment of \$240 million to support arts organizations across the state. New York State arts organizations such as The Olana Partnership are the cornerstone of our vibrant arts economy. As crucial drivers of our health and vitality, we are grateful to the unwavering dedication of arts workers across the state.”

NYSCA Chair Katherine Nicholls said, “On behalf of the entire Council, I congratulate The Olana Partnership on this grant award. Their creative work provides the benefits of the arts to both their community and all of New York. Arts organizations are essential, leading our tourism economy and fueling sectors such as hospitality, transit, and Main Streets across our state.”

Washburn and Susan Oberwager President of The Olana Partnership Dr. Sean Sawyer said, “The Olana Partnership greatly appreciates NYSCA's strong support for our work to engage and inspire diverse audiences with the artistic treasures and natural beauty of Olana.”

To learn more about Olana State Historic Site and The Olana Partnership visit OLANA.org.

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About the New York State Council on the Arts: NYSCA preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. NYSCA upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, NYSCA will award record funding in FY 2023, providing support across the full breadth of the arts.

NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

About Olana and The Olana Partnership: *Olana is the greatest masterwork of Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900), the preeminent American artist of the mid-19th century and the most important artist's home, studio, and designed landscape in the United States. Church designed Olana as a holistic environment integrating his advanced ideas about art, architecture, landscape design, and environmental conservation. Olana's 250-acre artist-designed landscape with five miles of carriage roads and a Persian-inspired house at its summit embraces unrivaled panoramic views of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains and welcomes more than 170,000 visitors annually. The landscape is open for guided touring, and reservations are highly recommended. The landscape is open daily 8 AM-sunset. Olana State Historic Site, administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state. The Olana Partnership is the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit cooperative partner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Olana State Historic Site.*