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STORYTELLERS WILL HIGHLIGHT FINAL FOLKLORE EVENT AT ALBANY INSTITUTE

ALBANY, NY—On **Sunday, February 21**, from **1:00 to 4:00 pm**, the Albany Institute of History & Art and the New York Folklore Society will present ***Tell Me a Story***, the fourth and final presentation in a series entitled, **Hudson River Folklore**. The series, which began in January, traces the history and traditions of life along the Hudson River. The February 21 event will be held at the Albany Institute, 125 Washington Ave.

Tell Me a Story gives voice to the Hudson River through various cultural forms of traditional storytelling, including music, dance, and song. Presenters will include a Congolese mbira player, dancers from a Hindu temple, and a Senegalese griot (a storyteller who uses a traditional spiked harp instrument). Also, Native American educator and storyteller Kay Olan will tell stories that provide insight into the beauty of Iroquois culture and tradition.

The event is free with paid museum admission. Previous presentations focused on Hudson River occupations, including ice yachters, fishermen, and tugboat operators; traditional forms of dance, including Irish set dancing, Colombian folk dancing, and step dancing; and crafts and handiwork, featuring a lacrosse stick maker, a wood carver, and a bluestone carver.

The **Hudson River Folklore** program was made possible by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts' Folk Arts Program.

For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or www.nyfolklore.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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