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SUNY PRESS AND ALBANY INSTITUTE RELEASE COMMEMORATIVE HUDSON RIVER BOOK

ALBANY, NY— The State University of New York Press and the Albany Institute of History & Art announced the release this week of *Hudson River Panorama: A Passage through Time* (SUNY Press/Excelsior Editions; \$29.95 pb; ISBN 978-1-4384-3256-4). This beautifully illustrated history of the river commemorates Henry Hudson's 1609 exploration of the historic waterway that bears his name, and tells the remarkable story of the people, events, and ideas that have shaped this magnificent region through the past 400 years. It includes 116 color photographs, all of which appear in the Institute's Hudson River Panorama exhibit.

Featuring a foreword by Christine M. Miles, Director of the Albany Institute; an essay by distinguished Harvard University historian John R. Stilgoe; and hundreds of artworks, artifacts, and rare archival documents from the Institute's renowned collections, the book presents a stimulating and enjoyable look at one of America's great rivers and the people and history it helped to shape.

"This book is a fascinating reflection of the Albany Institute's collections and a true fulfillment of our mission to collect, preserve, and interpret Hudson Valley history," said Tammis K. Groft, Deputy Director for Collections, Exhibitions, and the Library at the Albany Institute. Groft coauthored the book with W. Douglas McCombs, Curator of History at the Albany Institute, and Ruth Greene-McNally, a former research curator for the museum's Hudson River exhibit.

Gary H. Dunham, Executive Director of SUNY Press comments, "It is a distinct pleasure to help showcase the wonder and history of the irresistible Hudson River Valley as well as once again celebrate the centuries of work by our esteemed partner, the Albany Institute."

In September 2009, SUNY Press and the Albany Institute announced a publishing partnership, making available digital and print editions of the dynamic range of previously published works by the Albany Institute, one of the oldest and most prestigious museums in the United States.

The publication of *Hudson River Panorama: A Passage through Time* illustrates SUNY Press's mission to serve three vital communities equally: the community of scholars in the fields they publish, the SUNY campus communities, and the community of New York State.

Hudson River Panorama: A Passage through Time is available at www.sunypress.edu; in the Museum Shop at the Albany Institute of History & Art, and at book stores throughout the Capital Region.

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