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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST HUDSON 400 SPELLING BEE

ALBANY, NY—Many Capital District students have spent much of this quadricentennial year learning about Hudson Valley history. Now, a group of them are learning how to spell it.

On Sunday, November 15, at 1:00 pm, the Albany Institute of History & Art will put those spelling skills to the test at the Hudson 400 Spelling Bee. The event—sponsored by the Albany County Convention Center and Visitor’s Bureau through a New York State legislative grant, and through support from the *Times-Union*—will challenge children 8 to 14 years of age to use their spelling and phonetic skills while learning about the history of the Hudson River. Words used in the spelling bee will be derived from the text of the ongoing exhibition, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*, now on view at the Albany Institute. Contestants can either visit the museum to see how the text is used in relation to the exhibits, or download the exhibition text from the Institute’s website.

The judges for the spelling bee are Albany Tulip Queen Julianna Hernandez; Timothy Burke, assistant director of the Albany Public Library; and Bob VanAmburgh, executive assistant to Mayor Jerry Jennings. Hernandez is a supporter of literacy, and members of the Tulip Queen’s court will also be on hand to escort contestants through the various stages of the contest.

For more information about the spelling bee and the rules of the competition, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org/spellingbee.htm. Contestant registration for the event closed on November 2. Viewing is open to the public with paid admission to the museum.

For more information, interviews, or to set up photography or video coverage, please contact Steve Ricci, Public Relations and Marketing Manager, at (518) 463-4478, ext. 467, riccis@albanyinstitute.org.

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