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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST RADIO PERSONALITY CHUCK D'IMPERIO FOR LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, November 3 at 2PM

ALBANY, NY- The Albany Institute of History & Art will host well-known radio personality, Chuck D'Imperio for a lecture about his books, *Monumental New York!: A Guide to the 20 Iconic Memorials in Upstate New York* and *Unknown Museums of Upstate New York: A Guide to 50 Treasures*. The lecture will be followed by a book signing. D'Imperio will share his enthusiasm for New York State history and the many unusual museums and iconic monuments that can be found on the "road less traveled." This lecture and book signing is organized by the Museum Shop at the Albany Institute of History & Art and is free with museum admission.

Monumental New York! features thirty of the most fascinating statues and memorials found in the Upstate New York. Author D'Imperio guides readers through New York State's rich history by exploring both famous and lesser-known monuments in the region, including the Attica Prison Riot Memorial in Attica, the John Brown State in Lake Placid, and the Sandlot Kid Statue in Cooperstown. Each chapter offers detailed information on the history and significance of each monument as well as useful travel information about the area.

Unknown Museums of Upstate New York: A Guide to 50 Treasures is an entertaining and informative look at the information and resources 50 different regional museums have in Upstate New York. D'Imperio highlights these often overlooked museums by telling their stories and explaining their historical and cultural relevance. He sparks reader's interest in the museum as a place to visit, not just to read about. The book is broken up by region to make planning trips to the different museums easier. The book also gives information regarding ticket prices, museum hours and travel directions.

Chuck D'Imperio is one of Upstate New York's longest tenured radio personalities. His morning show at WDOS (Oneonta) started in 1989 and is still popular today. He was inducted into the NYS Country Music Hall of Fame as "New York's Broadcaster of the Year: 2000." He has written several books, exclusively about Upstate New York. He is also a longtime newspaper columnist and travel writer, as well as one of the most in-demand public speakers in Upstate New York. He received the New York State D.A.R. Media Award for his work promoting Upstate New York. He and his wife Trish are the parents of four children.

The lecture and book signing will be held at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York on Sunday, November 3 at 2pm. The museum is open Wednesday- Saturday 10am- 5pm, on Thursdays until 8pm, and Sunday from Noon- 5pm. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free for Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6 children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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