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Ulster County to Present *State of Culture* Report on October 24

A Key Milestone in the Development of Ulster County's First Arts and Culture Plan

(*Ulster County, NY*) — On October 24 at 6:00 PM, Ulster County will host a virtual State of Culture presentation, highlighting key findings and next steps in the development of the county's first-ever Arts and Culture Plan. This report marks the culmination of six months of intensive data collection, including community town halls, individual and group interviews, online gatherings, and a countywide survey that reached diverse groups across the region.

Led by lead consultant Lord Cultural Resources, the consulting team has worked closely with the county's Project Management Team and a 27-member Project Advisory Committee, made up of a cross-section of arts leaders and stakeholders. Together, they've gathered invaluable insights that will shape the future of arts and culture in Ulster County, ensuring that the plan reflects the community's needs and aspirations.

The State of Culture event will provide the public with an opportunity to engage with the report's findings, which offer a snapshot of the current landscape of arts and culture in Ulster County. It will also detail the next steps in the planning process as the County prepares to move forward with developing actionable strategies for sustaining and enhancing the region's vibrant cultural ecosystem.

Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, will offer opening remarks, followed by a presentation from Lord Cultural Resources and opportunities for attendees to provide input during the interactive session that follows. The public's continued participation is critical to the success of this plan, as community involvement has been central to the process from the beginning.

“We have been deeply impressed by the level of engagement and passion from our county residents throughout this process,” **said Legislative Chair Peter Criswell**. “Arts and culture are essential not only to our local economy but to the quality of life in Ulster County. This plan is about ensuring that we continue to thrive as a creative community for generations to come.”

Event Details:

Date: October 24, 2024

Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: Virtual, via Zoom

Registration: State of Culture Registration [Link](#)

The State of Culture report will be made available to the public on the County's [Participate Ulster - Arts & Culture Plan website](#) prior to the event.

In the December 2023 Session, the Ulster County Legislature passed [Resolution No. 701](#), approving a contract for \$150,000 with Lord Cultural Resources for the drafting of an Arts & Culture Plan. The Ulster County Arts & Culture Plan aims to create a comprehensive vision for the role of arts and culture in the county's future. By engaging with artists, cultural workers, organizations, and residents, the plan will provide strategies to strengthen and support the cultural ecosystem in Ulster County.

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