



## **Educational Directory**

### **Albany, New York and Capital Region**

**A listing of attractions, government buildings, tours; cruises; historic homes; receptive operators; step-on-guides and group friendly restaurants for student and youth groups.**

**Albany. Discover the past and experience the present in this historic city. Explore!**

## **ATTRACTIONS**

### **MUSEUMS/PLANETARIUMS**

◆ **Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center (AHAVC) ◆ Henry Hudson Planetarium**

25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, NY 12207, 518-434-0405 - 800-258-3582

Carol Ann Margolis, ext. 202, cmargolis@albany.org

Kathy Quandt, ext. 213, kquandt@albany.org,

<http://www.albany.org/VisitorCenter/SchoolGroups.aspx>

The AHAVC is a tourist information center, history gallery, and planetarium and gift shop. Special events and exhibits are on-going. It is also an educational resource for student groups of all grade levels. Options include guided tours of historic downtown Albany, local history programs, and a variety of astronomy programs in the Henry Hudson Planetarium (an official NASA Space Place). All programs address New York State curriculum and National Standards and include an interactive activity designed to re-enforce topics explored during programs. A listing of programs for the school year is on their website.

◆ **Albany Institute of History & Art**

125 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12210, 518-463-4478

Erika Sanger, ext. 404, sangere@albanyinstitute.org

Barbara Collins, ext. 405, collinsb@albanyinstitute.org

<http://www.albanyinstitute.org/z-%20AIHA%20website/7-Education/education.main.htm>

Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is a museum dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting and promoting interest in the history, art and culture of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley region.

◆ **Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center**

195 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205, 518-456-0655  
 Educational Program Reservations, Ext. 1  
 Erin Kinal, ext.1212, [ekinal@albanypinebush.org](mailto:ekinal@albanypinebush.org)  
 Blake Etchison, Ext., 1222, [betchison@albanypinebush.org](mailto:betchison@albanypinebush.org)  
[http://www.albanypinebush.org/discovery\\_center/education\\_program/public\\_programs.htm](http://www.albanypinebush.org/discovery_center/education_program/public_programs.htm)

Discover the amazing Albany Pine Bush! This fascinating ecosystem is the best example of just 20 inland pine barren environments in the world. The Discovery Center transforms this globally unique destination into an exciting adventure where learning comes naturally through hands-on activities. As the gateway to the Pine Bush, the Discovery Center introduces you to everything that makes the Preserve rare and adventurous.

◆ **American Italian Heritage Museum & Cultural Center**

1227 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, 518-435-1979  
 Prof. Phillip J. DiNovo, [pdinovo@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pdinovo@nycap.rr.com), <http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org>

The American Italian Heritage Museum's goals are to honor the Italian immigrants, tell their story and their contributions as Italian Americans. There are eight exhibit rooms and a gift shop of Italian crafts. Professor DiNovo, founder of the museum, will give a presentation on the Italian American immigrant experience and then give a guided tour of the exhibit rooms. A study guide is available prior to your visit.

◆ **Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST)**

250 Jordan Road, Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, NY 12180, 518- 235-2120  
 Sarah Fisk, Ext. 209, [sfisk@cmost.org](mailto:sfisk@cmost.org), <http://www.cmost.com/programs/school.php>

**CMOST** offers a wide variety of hands-on programming through our live animals, the Hudson River eco-system exhibit, Go Power! An energy pathway exhibit, the Weather Front exhibit that includes amazing green screen technology, and PlayMotion! An exhibit that lets children play with the planets in our solar system. The Lally Digital Dome Planetarium is an exciting adventure where children learn about the world around them, from being as small as an atom in the Molecularium to finding out how big the universe really can be.

◆ **Farmers' Museum**

5775 State Highway 80, Lake Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326, 607 547-1450- 888-547-1450  
 Karen Wyckoff, [k.wyckoff@nysha.org](mailto:k.wyckoff@nysha.org)  
[http://www.farmersmuseum.org/farmers/for\\_teachers/school\\_programs](http://www.farmersmuseum.org/farmers/for_teachers/school_programs)

As one of the oldest rural life museums in the country, The Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, New York, provides visitors with a unique opportunity to experience 19th-century rural and village life first-hand through authentic demonstrations and interpretative exhibits. The museum, founded in 1944, comprises a Colonial Revival stone barn listed on the National Register for Historic Places, a recreated historic village circa 1845, a late nineteenth century Country Fair featuring the Cardiff Giant and The Empire State Carousel, and a working farmstead.

Provided by the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Contact: Jeanne L. Toth, CTIS Group Tours Sales Manager  
[jtoth@albany.org](mailto:jtoth@albany.org) (518) 434-1217, ext. 106 - 800-258-3582 [www.albany.org](http://www.albany.org)

◆ **FASNY Museum of Firefighting**

117 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534, 518-822-1875  
 Mary Ann Iaccino, maryann@fasnyfiremuseum.com  
[http://www.fasnyfiremuseum.com/school\\_youthprograms.php](http://www.fasnyfiremuseum.com/school_youthprograms.php)

The FASNY Museum of Firefighting contains the premiere collections of firefighting apparatus, equipment, gear and memorabilia in the world.

◆ **Fenimore Art Museum**

5798 State Hwy 80, Lake Road Cooperstown, NY 13326, 607 547-1400 - 888-547-1450  
 Karen Wyckoff, k.wyckoff@nysha.org  
[http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org/fenimore\\_3](http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org/fenimore_3)

One of the nation's premier art institutions, the Fenimore Art Museum is home to an exceptionally rich collection of American folk art and American Indian art as well as important holdings in American decorative arts, photography, and twentieth-century art. The museum's renowned Eugene and Clare Thaw Collection, housed in the American Indian Wing, comprises more than 800 significant art objects, representing a broad scope of North American cultures.

◆ **The Half Moon**

P.O. Box 10609, Albany, NY 12201, 518-434-0405 - 800-258-3582  
 Kathy Quandt, ext.213 or Carol Ann Margolis, ext 202 at the Albany Heritage  
<http://www.halfmoon.mus.ny.us>

Step aboard a full size replica of the ship Henry Hudson originally sailed up the Hudson River. The ship docks in Albany a few weeks per year for touring. Call for dates and times.

◆ **Howe Caverns**

255 Discovery Drive, Howes Cave, NY 12092, 518-296-8900 - 888-696-2283  
 Business Office, reception@howecaverns.com, <http://www.howecaverns.com>

Go underground to visit the coolest cave around, Howe Caverns. Open all year, Howe Caverns is located only 45 minutes west of Albany, half way to Cooperstown. It is New York State's second most-visited natural attraction (after Niagara Falls) and is located right near the Iroquois Indian Museum.

◆ **Irish American Heritage Museum**

2267 Rte. 145, East Durham, NY 12423, 518- 432-6598  
 Krisy O'Connor, irishamermuseum@cs.com, <http://www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org>

The Irish American Heritage Museum is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Irish American Heritage in the United States and offers exhibits and programs focusing on the unique heritage of the sons and daughters of Erin.

◆ **Iroquois Indian Museum**

Caverns Road, P.O. Box 7  
 Howes Cave, NY 12092, 518- 296-8949  
 Erynne Ansel-McCabe, [info@iroquoismuseum.org](mailto:info@iroquoismuseum.org)  
<http://www.iroquoismuseum.org/edprog.htm>

The Iroquois Indian Museum is an educational institution dedicated to fostering understanding of Iroquois culture using Iroquois art as a window to that culture. As an anthropological institution, it is informed by research on archaeology, history, and the common creative spirit of modern artists and craftspeople.

◆ **National Baseball Hall of Fame**

25 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326, 607-547-0347 - 888-425-5633  
 Education Department, ext 1347, <http://education.baseballhalloffame.org/index.html>

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the historical development of the game of baseball and its impact on our culture by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting its collections for a global audience, as well as honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to our National pastime. Cooperstown is only one and half hours west of Albany.

◆ **New York State Museum**

Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12230  
 Director of Youth Services: 518-486-1420  
 Museum's Information Line: 518-474-5877  
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/education>

The New York State Museum in Downtown Albany explores the cultural and natural history of New York State. The Museum features approximately 10 new exhibits each year including the Bank of America Great Arts Series. Favorites include a full-sized Iroquois longhouse, working carousel and The Cohoes Mastadon. Temporary exhibitions are often developed with our own extensive collections or traveled from renowned museums across the country. Special student programs are offered and fill up quickly therefore make reservations early.

◆ **USS Slater DE-766 – Destroyer Escort Museum**

Snow Dock at Broadway & Quay, Albany, NY 12202, 518-431-1943  
 Reservations: Rosehn Gipe, [gipe@usslater.org](mailto:gipe@usslater.org)  
 Education: Linda Wruck, [linda@usslater.org](mailto:linda@usslater.org), <http://www.usslater.org/education>

The USS Slater is a destroyer escort built in 1943, it is now renovated and she sits majestically on the Hudson River. Tours are guided by destroyer escort veterans and volunteers. The tour includes crew's quarters, galley, wardroom, pilothouse and bridge, main gun and anti-aircraft batteries and anti-submarine weapons. Students will learn about communicating at sea by using Morse code, semaphore and flag signals. They will also learn how the Navy organizes a ship's crew.

## **HISTORIC HOMES**

### ◆ **Crailo State Historic Site**

9 ½ Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer, NY 12144, 518-463-8738  
 Heidi Hill, heidi.hill@oprhp.state.ny.us  
<http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/30/details.aspx>

Crailo is a museum that tells the unique story of the early Dutch inhabitants of the upper Hudson River Valley. Archaeological artifacts from Fort Orange and personal items handed down through Dutch families in the region illustrate early colonial life in and around Albany and Rensselaer. A branch of the Van Rensselaer family built the original Crailo around 1700.

### ◆ **Historic Cherry Hill**

523 ½ South Pearl Street, Albany NY 12202, 518-434-479  
 Liselle LaFrance, liselle@historiccherryhill.org  
<http://www.historiccherryhill.org>

Catherine Putman came to Cherry Hill—the 1787 home of her Van Rensselaer ancestors—at the age of three following her mother’s death. Catherine’s life spanned the Civil War, World War I and World War II, and was marked by major personal and social change. This home has the original collection of the family which includes 20,000 objects, 7,500 textiles, 5,000 books and 3,000 photographs. During 2010 the house will be undergoing restoration and will be closed to the public. Call for information about their Behind-the-Scenes Restoration Tours.

### ◆ **Knickerbocker Historical Society**

P.O. Box 29, Schaghticoke, NY 10154, 518-459-5098  
 Steven O’Connor, ardrigh\_2000@yahoo.com, <http://www.knickmansion.com>

The Knickerbocker Historical Society (KHS) mission is to restore the late 18th Century Knickerbocker Mansion at Schaghticoke, NY. The KHS provides tours of the Mansion, living history programs, and presentations on colonial New York. Schaghticoke is forty-five minutes from Albany.

### ◆ **Mabee Farm Historic Site**

1080 Main Street, Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150, 518- 887-5073  
 Stan Lee, mabee@nycap.rr.com, <http://www.mabeefarm.org>

The oldest house in the Mohawk Valley, the Mabee Farm Historic Site was originally settled by Daniel Janse VanAntwerpen around 1670, who established it as a fur trading post to meet Native American traders before they reached Schenectady. The farm complex comprises of a 17th Century Dutch House, Inn, Slave Quarters, 1760 Dutch Barn, English barn, family cemetery and other outbuildings.

◆ **Olana State Historic Site**

5720 Rte 9G, Hudson, NY 12534, 518- 828-0135  
 Carri Manchester, ext. 305, [carri.manchester@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:carri.manchester@oprhp.state.ny.us)  
[http://www.olana.org/learn\\_education.php](http://www.olana.org/learn_education.php)

Named for a fortress treasure-house in ancient Persia, Olana was the home of Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900), one of America's most important artists, a student of Thomas Cole, and a major figure in the Hudson River School of landscape painting. The Albany Institute of History and Art has on display in the Hudson River Valley exhibit paintings by Thomas Cole and Frederic Church. Hudson is forty-five minutes from Albany.

◆ **Pruyn House**

207 Old Niskayuna Road, Box 212, Newtonville, NY 12128, 518-783-1435  
 Diane Morgan and Jo Anne Saulsbery, [pruynhouse@colonie.org](mailto:pruynhouse@colonie.org)  
<http://www.colonie.org/pruyn>

Discover New York's Dutch heritage at the country estate of Casparus Francis Pruyn (1792-1846). Dutch ambiance radiates throughout this classic beautifully restored house (ca. 1830), a blend of Federal and Greek revival architecture. This country manor is filled with period furniture and changing exhibits. The Buhrmaster Barn was built with hand-hewn beams and wooden pegs. The Verdoy Schoolhouse, built in 1910, Herb and perennial gardens grace the grounds. A visit to the tool museum/privy, smokehouse, potting shed, and carriage house complete the tour.

◆ **Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site**

32 Catherine Street, Albany NY 12202, 518-434-0834  
 Heidi Hill, [heidi.hill@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:heidi.hill@oprhp.state.ny.us)  
<http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/33/details.aspx>

Schuyler Mansion is the historic home of Revolutionary War General Philip Schuyler and his family. Built during 1761-1765, the Georgian style mansion features 18th century interiors complete with furniture, decorative arts, paintings, and personal artifacts of family members. A visitor center provides an overview of Philip Schuyler and his 80 acre estate in the 18th century.

◆ **Shaker Heritage Society**

Heritage Lane, Albany, NY 12211, 518- 456-7890  
 Starlyn D'Angelo, [shakerwv@crisny.org](mailto:shakerwv@crisny.org), <http://www.shakerheritage.org/education.htm>

This is the site of America's first Shaker settlement. This site is unique, peaceful, historic setting featuring the 1848 Meeting House, 1916 Barn, Shaker herb garden, orchard and cemetery.

**◆ Ten Broeck Mansion\Albany County Historical Association**

9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, NY 12210, 518-436-9826

Wendy Burch, achadirector@onecommail.com, <http://sites.google.com/site/tenbroeckmansion>

The Ten Broeck Mansion was built in 1797-98 for General Abraham Ten Broeck and his wife, Elizabeth Van Rensselaer. The home is a Federal-style house with sloping lawns and formal gardens. Theodore Olcott purchased the residence in 1848 and renamed it Arbour Hill. After 100 years of Olcott family ownership, the Mansion was presented by the heirs of Robert Olcott to the Albany County Historical Association.

**◆ The Executive Mansion**

138 Eagle Street, Albany NY 12230, 518- 473-7521

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/ESP/CT/Tours/Mansion.asp>

The Executive Mansion is the official residence of the Governor of New York State. Built in 1857 as a private home, it was rented and then purchased by the State. Tours available on Thursdays only by appointment.

## TOURS & CRUISES

### ◆ **Albany Aqua Ducks and Trolleys**

P.O. Box 446, Albany, NY 12201, 518-462-DUCK (3825)  
 Maureen Lundberg, maureen@albanyaquaducks.com  
<http://www.albanyaquaducks.com/pages/educational.asp>

Try the newest, most extraordinary way to cruise around New York's Capital City-by land and water! The Aqua Duck seats 42 people. Tours run daily May-October. Each trolley seats 26 people and there are three trolleys in the fleet. Trolley tours run all year long since each trolley is heated. Private charters are available for both the Albany Aqua Ducks and the trolleys.

### ◆ **Captain JP Cruise Line, Inc.**

278 River Street, Troy, NY 12180, 518-270-1901  
 Contact: Jennifer Sherran, wrkingrl427@aol.com  
<http://www.captainjp.com>

The Captain J.P. II is a sleek, modern, & luxurious yacht with four decks and a capacity of 600 people. Its three interior decks are climate controlled and can seat in excess of 500 people.

### ◆ **Dutch Apple**

141 Broadway, Albany, NY 12202, 518-463-0220  
 Jenni Vasu, captlou@dutchapplecruises.com  
<http://www.dutchapplecruises.com>

Cruise with us on the scenic and historic Hudson River, the ideal way to see the sights. Our vessel offers you sunshine and breezes or the protection of fully enclosed and heated decks. The ship is U.S. Coast Guard inspected vessel and there is parking available for motorcoaches.

### ◆ **Erie-Champlain Canal Boat Company, Inc.**

142 Van Wies Point Road, Glenmont, NY 12077, 518-432-6094  
 Richard Powell, aphowel@aol.com  
<http://www.eccboating.com>

It all begins with Waterford, the country's oldest incorporated village and the meeting place of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers, where the highest canal lift in the world begins with your westward cruise ascending 169 feet through a series of five locks up and on your way to navigate the Erie Canal. Learn about the Erie Canal during your walking tour and boat cruise.

### ◆ **Underground Railway History Project Inc.**

P. O. Box 10851, Albany, NY 12201, 518-432-4432  
 Paul Stewart and Mary Liz Stewart, info@ugrworkshop.com  
[http://ugrworkshop.com/?page\\_id=468](http://ugrworkshop.com/?page_id=468)

This non profit organization works on researching the story of the Underground Railroad with a fresh look at the sources, telling the story, and celebrating it. Albany walking tours are available and begin at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

Provided by the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Contact: Jeanne L. Toth, CTIS Group Tours Sales Manager  
 jtoth@albany.org (518) 434-1217, ext. 106 - 800-258-3582 www.albany.org

## **GOVERNMENT SITES**

### **◆ Corning Tower Observation Deck**

Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12242, 518-474-2418

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/visiting/cultural/defaultObservation.html>

The Corning Tower is the tallest building in New York State outside of Manhattan. On a clear day you can see the Hudson River Valley and three adjoining states. Guides are available to indicate points of interest.

### **◆ Empire State Plaza**

Visitors Assistance Office, Concourse Level, Rm. 106, Albany, NY 12242, 518-474-2418

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/visiting/cultural/defaultplaza.html>

Empire State Plaza is a government center, encompassing the State Capitol, the NYS Museum, a Convention Center, A Performing Arts Center, the Plaza Art Collection and an outdoor Plaza with reflecting pools, sculpture and free public events during the summer months. The Corning Tower Observation Deck offers spectacular views of the City of Albany and upstate New York.

### **◆ New York State Capitol**

Visitors Assistance Office, Concourse Level, Rm. 106, Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12242 518-474-2418, <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/Core/SN.asp>

This is the center of New York State government. Sitting majestically atop Albany's State Street hill, the New York State Capitol has served as the seat of government for New York since the 1880s. The building is a marvel of late 19th century architectural grandeur. Under the direction of five architects, the Capitol was built by hand of solid masonry over a period of 32 years. By 1899 its cost had exceeded twenty-five million dollars. Group reservations need to be made in advance. No group tours of 15 or more scheduled on Saturdays and there are no tours on Sundays.

## **PERFORMING ARTS VENUES**

### ◆ **Albany Symphony Orchestra**

19 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12207, 518-465-4755  
 Melanie Stark, ext. 22, melanies@albansymphony.com  
<http://www.albansymphony.com/education>

The Albany Symphony is one of this region's most revered music and cultural institutions, having won numerous national awards for its adventurous concert programming, recording projects, composer residencies, and innovative educational efforts involving area schools throughout the region. As the only professional symphony orchestra based within the Capital Region, the Albany Symphony enriches a broad and diverse regional community, engaging over 150,000 people each year.

### ◆ **Capital Repertory Theatre**

111 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207, 518-462-4531  
 Education: Laura Andruski, ext. 301, education@capitalrep.org  
 Groups: Lyndsay Drew, ext 310, accountexecutive@capitalrep.org, <http://www.capitalrep.org>

Located in the heart of downtown Albany, Capital Repertory Theatre, in its 30th anniversary season of award-winning professional theatre, offers all ages a wide array of theatre from contemporary and classic drama to off Broadway musicals, cutting edge comedy to major premieres in an intimate 277 seat theatre. With close proximity to New York City, the Berkshires, and the Catskills, the theatre draws its directors, casts and creative designers from the best in the world.

### ◆ **Cohoes Music Hall**

58 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY 12047, 518-237-5858  
 Gilli Van Deusen, ext. 5, gvandeusen@cohoesmusic hall.com  
<http://www.cohoesmusic hall.com>

The Historic Cohoes Music Hall was constructed in 1874, and during its history featured many luminaries of the day, including Buffalo Bill Cody, John Philip Sousa, and Col. Tom Thumb and his wife. Today, the theatre has been completely restored and its beauty has been compared to Symphony Hall in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Hall presents high quality, professional theatre, accessible to all patrons.

- ◆ Empire State Performing Arts Center, (The Egg)  
PO Box 2065, Albany, NY 12220, 518- 473-1845  
Box Office: [jmoskowitz@theegg.org](mailto:jmoskowitz@theegg.org), <http://www.theegg.org>

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center Corporation presents quality performances, accessible to all citizens of New York State, highlighting the unique and extraordinary artists from New York State, across the country and around the globe. It is made up of two theatres: Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre and the Lewis A. Swyer Theatre. Their schedule is very diverse and is made up of music, theatre and dance.

Architecturally, The Egg is without precedent. From a distance it seems as much a sculpture as a building. Though it appears to sit on the main platform, the stem that holds The Egg actually goes down through six stories deep into the Earth.

- ◆ **New York State Theatre Institute**  
155 River Street, Troy, NY 12180, 518- 274-3200  
Education: Christine Boice Saplin, [cbs@nysti.org](mailto:cbs@nysti.org)  
<http://www.nysti.org/education.htm>

NYSTI is a nationally and internationally acclaimed professional and educational regional theatre that produces the highest quality live theatre for school and family audiences. NYSTI is particularly noted for its high quality musicals, classics, mysteries and the development and production of new plays and musicals. The Theatre Institute's mission includes using theatre as an educational tool for school groups of all ages.

- ◆ **Palace Performing Arts Center**  
19 Clinton Avenue, Albany, NY 12207, 518- 465-3335  
Group Sales: Cassandra Pratt, ext. 103, [boxoffice@palacealbany.com](mailto:boxoffice@palacealbany.com)  
<http://www.palacealbany.com/BoxOffice/SchoolPrograms.aspx>

The Palace Theatre, a grand cultural entertainment facility in the heart of Albany, New York  
Their season includes a wide diverse offering of popular musical acts, cultural events and Classic Movies.

◆ **Proctors Theatre Arts Complex**

432 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305, 518-382-3884  
 Education: Christine Sheehan, Ext. 112, csheehan@proctors.org  
<http://www.proctors.org/education>  
 Group Sales: Jennifer Kilcoyne, ext. 187, jkilcoyne@proctors.org  
 Gail Wilson, ext. 139, gwilson@proctors.org  
<http://www.proctors.org>

Proctors Performing Arts Complex consists of: Proctors Mainstage, the restored historic theatre listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offering a wide assortment of performing arts programming including national Broadway touring productions, singers, comedians, dance programs and world renowned classical productions, including opera and symphony orchestras; The GE Theatre featuring the iwerks Extreme Screen showing 2 and 3-D movies. The space will also be home to the Comedy Box, The Eighth Step Music Series and off-Broadway productions; 440 Upstairs, a 100-seat acoustic performance space located at the 440 Arts Center on State Street and host to a new series of intimate, regionally exclusive theatre performances.

◆ **Times Union Center (Formerly the Pepsi Arena)**

51 S. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207, 518-487-2000  
 Maggie Zmuda, ext. 2100, maggie.zmuda@timesunioncenter-albany.com  
<http://timesunioncenter-albany.com/info/index.aspx>

Upstate New York's premiere sports and entertainment facility! As a multi-purpose facility, the Times Union Center has hosted a variety of events, including concerts, family shows and sporting events, averaging 165 events each year. Annual events include: "Disney on Ice" and Ringling Brother's Barnum and Bailey Circus and Harlem Globe Trotters. Visit website for event listing.

◆ **Troy Savings Bank Music Hall**

30 2nd Street, Troy, NY 12180, 518- 273-8945  
 Box Office, info@troymusichall.org  
<http://www.troymusichall.org>

Built in 1875, the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall is a National Historic Landmark building and 1,180 seat concert hall known the world over for its superb acoustics. As one of only three continuously operating 19th Century concert Halls in the United States, the Hall's old world charm provides the perfect setting for the finest jazz, classical, folk and world music artists as well as an artistic home for many of the regions leading classical music organizations.

## **TOUR GUIDES/RECEPTIVE SERVICES**

◆ **Hayfield Quality Tours**

PO Box 4042, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-1253 - 888-721-8555

Doris Herwig and Gloria Gillman, Hayfield@capital.net

<http://www.hayfieldqualitytours.com>

Receptive company with 22 years experience and professionally trained tour guides, Hayfield Quality Tours provides the best in knowledge of the tour, fun-filled itineraries, and people with "care in their hearts" to serve clients. English and French speaking guides.

◆ **Hudson River Valley Tours, LLC**

PO Box 474, Rosendale, NY 12472, 845-658-3101 - 800-382-3818

Cathy Ellis and Ernie Bruno, info@HudsonRiverValleyTours.com

[www.hudsonrivervalleytours.com](http://www.hudsonrivervalleytours.com)

Formerly Aristocrat Tours, Inc provides Complete Receptive Services and Step-On Guide Service to the scenic Hudson River Valley including Albany.

We provide all the services necessary in planning the perfect customized group tour.

◆ **Plaza Meetings/Tours of Albany**

P.O. Box 849, Latham, NY 12110, 518-785-3392 - 877-666-3404

John Giordano, john@plazameetings.com

[http:// www.plazameetings.com](http://www.plazameetings.com)

When you think of receptive services and tour guides think, full-service and vast experience. English, French, Spanish, German and Italian speaking guides.