

*The New York Folklore Society
70 Years of Service*

We're Asking for Your Support Going Forward!

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Dear Friend of the New York Folklore Society,

The New York Folklore Society continues to serve as a vital support organization for folk and traditional culture in New York State. Each year, we work to sustain folk and traditional culture in New York by providing important assistance for folk and traditional artists, folklorists, and organizations that have folk and traditional arts and culture at the core of their missions.

This year, we initiated two new programs:

1. An artist development program for "newcomer" artists representing New York's newest residents from Burma, Somalia, and Bhutan
2. A climate change initiative documenting how New Yorkers have responded to our changing weather patterns, in collaboration with Long Island Traditions and Schoharie Area Long Term Recovery (S.A.L.T. Recovery).

These programs add to our ongoing:

- Technical assistance/professional development offerings
- Publication of *Voices: The Journal of New York Folklore*
- A school-based cultural documentation program working with Schenectady's middle-school population, and
- The completion of a Catskills documentation

project in partnership with Catskills Folk Connection.

Now entering our 71st year, NYFS continues to assist organizations, folk culture workers, and artists to succeed, to grow, and to achieve greater excellence. The New York Folklore Society is the **only** statewide organization dedicated expressly to assist in the preservation, documentation, and continuance of New York's diverse traditional cultural expressions. By bringing focus to the traditions of our state's diverse communities, we work to continue these traditions into subsequent generations of New Yorkers.

We are asking for your assistance, as we need YOU to help us to continue to do this important work.

Our plans for 2015 include:

- A revival of the NYFS "forums," which provide informal, issue-focused regional gatherings;
- The 2015 New York State Folk Arts Roundtable to take place in May; and
- A student-focused conference to take place in New York City in the fall of 2015.

Our "Newcomer" project will continue to forge linkages between artists. Our exhibition, *Stable Views: Voices and Stories from the Thoroughbred Racetrack* will be leaving its current home at Crandall Library in Glens Falls and will travel to Flushing Town Hall (Queens) and Traditional Arts of Upstate New York (Canton).

Please look for us in your community as we hope to connect with many of you, our supporters, with additional programs throughout the coming year.

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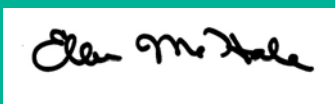
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Best wishes,



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