

EMPIRE STATE TRAIL IS OPEN

Walkway Over the Hudson is proud to be a key gateway in the new 750-mile-long Empire State Trail.

Linking New York City with Buffalo and Plattsburgh, the Empire State Trail is the longest multi-use trail in the nation. More than 75% of the trail is off-road, making it ideal for hikers, runners, cyclists, snow-shoers, and cross-country skiers.

SEE SOJOURNER TRUTH

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, a seven-foot-tall bronze statue of Sojourner Truth has a permanent home on the west site of the Walkway at the Ulster Welcome Center Plaza.

Born enslaved in Ulster County, Truth later traveled the nation as an itinerant preacher calling for systemic change while speaking to the harsh inequities people of color and women were suffering. Created by sculptor Vinnie Bagwell, the statue includes text, braille, and symbols to encourage viewers to walk around and study its surface.

WALKWAY PARTNERS



Cover Photo: Fred Schaeffer | Background Photo: Jeff Anzevino
Sojourner Truth/Ambassador Photo: Irving Salero

VISIT THE WALKWAY

HOURS
7 a.m. to sunset – 365 days per year
See sunset times: walkway.org/visit

WALKWAY WEST (Highland Entrance)
Parking: 87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY 12528

WALKWAY EAST (Poughkeepsie Entrance)
Parking: 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(Operated by NYS Parks: \$5 for 4 hours)
On foot, the stairs at Washington Street are 0.6 miles from the Poughkeepsie Train Station.

UPPER LANDING PARK (Elevator Entrance)
Parking: Poughkeepsie Train Station
83 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

ELEVATOR

Walkway's 21-story glass-walled ADA-accessible elevator is open daily from 9 a.m. until 90 minutes prior to the park's closing time. It may not run in the event of inclement weather or maintenance. Call 845-834-3641 to confirm operational status.

GROUP TOURS

Guided group tours of this historic railroad bridge conducted by trained Walkway Ambassadors available by advance reservation. Breathtaking river and mountain views, fresh air, and scenic Hudson Valley vistas. Tour groups will appreciate the enhanced bus turnaround on Haviland Road. Contact: tours@walkway.org

POUGHKEEPSIE TRAIN STATION

The Washington Street entrance is 0.6 miles from the train station.

Amtrak: 800-872-7245 or amtrak.com

Metro-North: Call 511 or visit mta.info/mnr

Bus service available through Dutchess County Transit.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of high winds, thunderstorms, icy conditions, etc., the Walkway and elevator may close temporarily. To confirm, call 845-834-2867.



Walkway Over the Hudson Map publication services provided by ChronogramMedia

MEET AN AMBASSADOR

If you have a question about the Walkway or need assistance, look for a friendly Ambassador in their red vest. These volunteers are specially trained to be helpful. Ambassadors are typically found near both gates on weekends during peak visiting season and other high-traffic days like holidays or during special events.

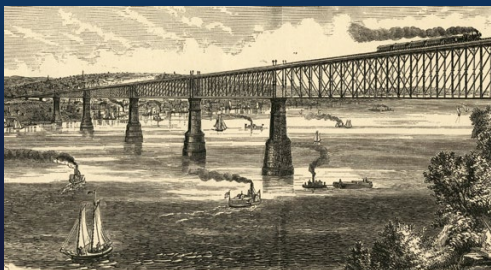


WALKWAY EVENTS

In addition to the sweeping Hudson River views available 365 days a year, the Friends of the Walkway hosts a full calendar of engaging, family-friendly events. These include the popular Walkway at Night where the bridge is open late, an educational lecture series, the magnificent 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, Mayfest and Walktoberfest food and drink tasting showcase, and much more. Visit walkway.org/events for dates and complete information.

WALKWAY HISTORY

Originally opened as the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, the first train crossed in January 1889. Known as "The Great Connector," the bridge linked the industrial Northeast with the raw goods of the Midwest. At the time, the span was the longest in the nation. At peak, more than 3,000 train cars crossed each day. Railroad traffic continued until a fire on May 8, 1974. Dormant for the next three and a half decades, the bridge was reborn as Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park on October 3, 2009, now the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world welcoming more than 600,000 visitors each year.



BECOME A MEMBER

First, Walkway members...

Were the driving force behind the movement to transform a derelict railroad bridge into the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Then, after opening...

Members helped establish the Walkway as the world-class gateway to the Hudson Valley.

Now into the future...

Members will lead the way to fulfill the promise of the Walkway for generations.

MEMBER BENEFITS

INDIVIDUAL (\$40) / FAMILY (\$75)

- Membership Card (Family: Up to 5 cards)
- Walkway member window-cling decal
- 10% discount on Walkway merchandise
- Free admission to community events (Walkway at Night, Sunrise Stroll)
- Discount tickets to premium events (4th of July Fireworks, Mayfest, Walktoberfest)
- Subscription to "The Great Connector" newsletter

ENHANCED (\$100)

All of the above benefits, plus....

- Priority registration for events with capacity limits
- Exclusive advance access to purchase event tickets
- Invitation to special members-only events/tours

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SCAN TO SIGN UP



CONNECT TO THE GREATER WALKWAY EXPERIENCE

Experience 360° of Discovery!

A stunning panorama unfolds

High above the Hudson River at the center of Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, with opportunities to explore in every direction.

Flip over to the large map to view each Discovery Zone and its features. The legend provides approximate distances to each zone from the Walkway's western and eastern gates. Visit walkway.org for complete descriptions of each Discovery Zone.

WEST OF THE HUDSON RIVER

Highland Hamlet

Classic, small town America

Enjoy Highland's architecture, boutique shops, breweries, and restaurants in this quaint hamlet.

Highland Landing

Riverfront reinvented by the past, present and future

Stroll by the Velteton House, the oldest wooden structure in Ulster County, and Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park, with its boat launch and deep-water dock. View British cannon balls at Highland's Town Hall.

Fanny Reese State Park

A wild woodland preserved

Enjoy this stunning 250-acre state park with scenic overlooks and 2.5 miles of trails, named for Scenic Hudson founding member and activist Fanny Reese.

Illinois Mountain/Bearan Park

A recreation zone for all levels of adventure

Enjoy recreational fishing, picnicking, lake swimming, and gentle hiking paths at Bearan Park, with more strenuous trails toward the peak. Seasonal activities include mountain biking and snowshoeing.



walkway.org

Look for Greater Walkway Exper- ence 360-degrees of discovery signs at key points of interest throughout Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

Historic Places. See an eclectic mix of business and residential uses.

Walk the tree-lined streets of Poughkeepsie's oldest neighborhood, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Community-driven urban renewal

Union Street Historic Neighborhood

Reconnect to this historic immigrant enclave. Enjoy an ethnic restaurant or Italian bakery near the train station and beneath the Walkway.

Little Italy

for stunning views of the Walkway. Children's Museum to historic Upper Landing Park

Stroll from Main Street or the train station and enjoy a meal at one of the nearby Waterfront restaurants. Walk north through Waryas Park and the Mid-Hudson

Poughkeepsie Waterfront

An economic engine

Enjoy bustling restaurants and shops around Market and Main Street. Don't miss First Friday celebrations and shows at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House.

Poughkeepsie City Downtown

A notable industrial and civic center

East of the Hudson River

Check out our website for more about the Greater Walkway Experience!



Mid-Hudson Bridge is open to pedestrians, weather permitting, from dawn to dusk.

Ullster and Dutchess counties. Please note that the easy access to nature trails in Fanny Reese State

Walk the Loop trail and its additional spur for easy access to nature trails in Fanny Reese State

Walkway Loop Trail

Enjoy Hudson River views from two bridges

of Academy Street.

Christ Church, completed in 1888, stands at the base

Take in the architecture of its historic landmark

Walk Garfield Place and the nearby streets to

Sentinel's to Poughkeepsie's Glided Age

Southside Historic District

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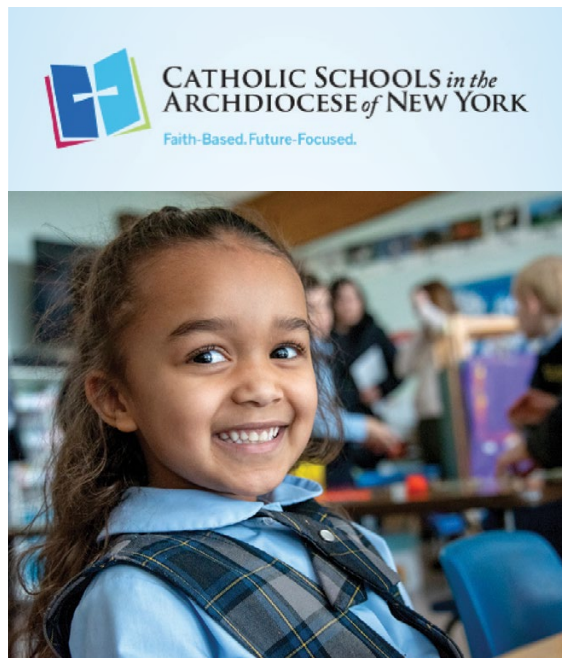
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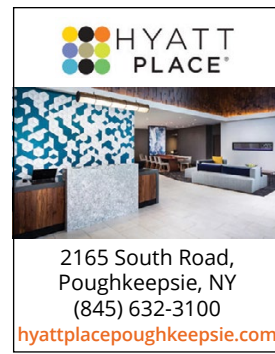
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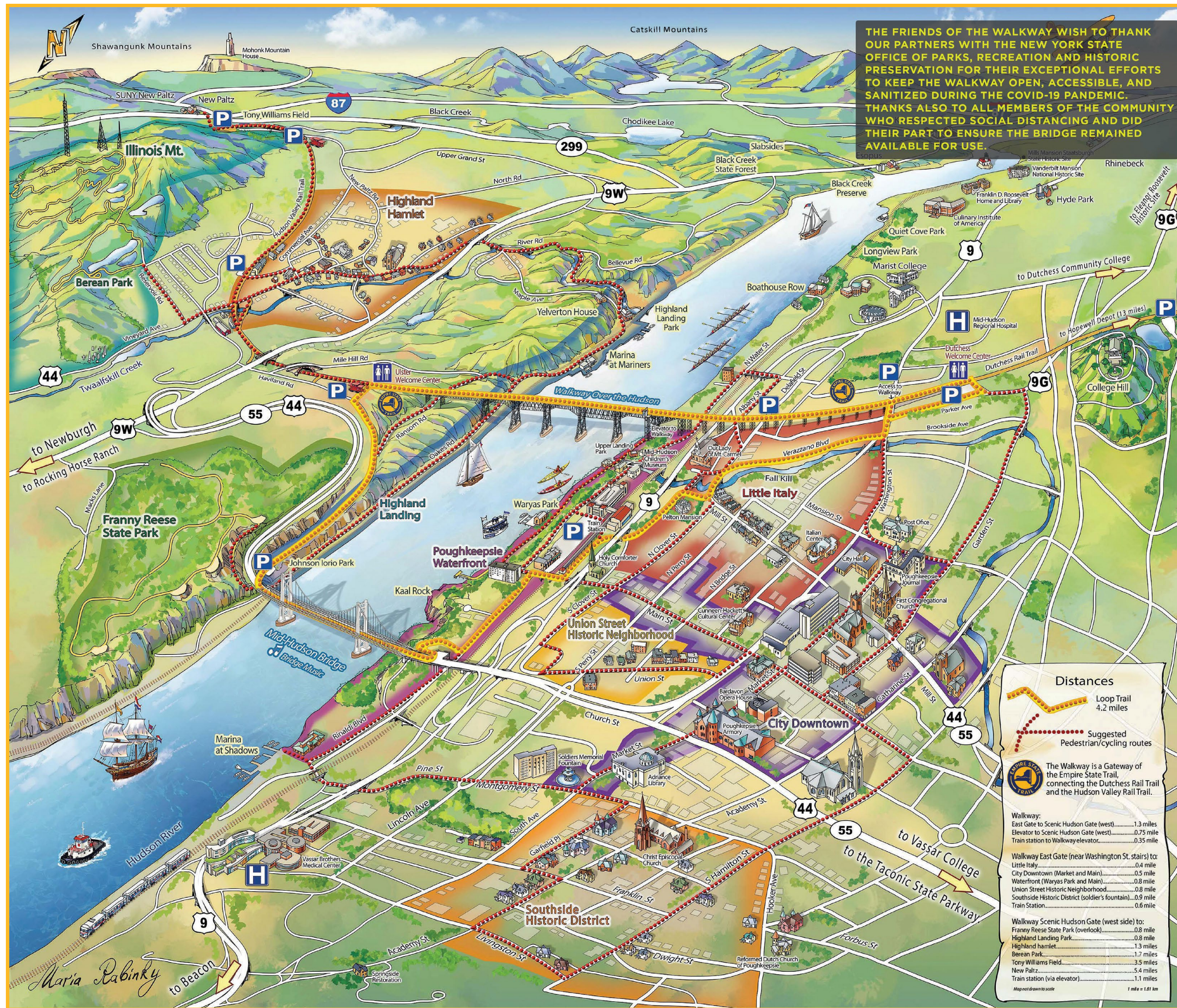


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Distances

Loop Trail 4.2 miles
Suggested Pedestrian/cycling routes

The Walkway is a Gateway of the Empire State Trail, connecting the Dutchess Rail Trail and the Hudson Valley Rail Trail.

Walkway:
East Gate to Scenic Hudson Gate (west).....1.3 miles
Elevator to Scenic Hudson Gate (west).....0.75 mile
Train station to Walkway elevator.....0.35 mile

Walkway East Gate (near Washington St. stairs) to:
Little Italy.....0.4 mile
City Downtown (Market and Main).....0.5 mile
Waterfront (Waryas Park and Main).....0.8 mile
Union Street Historic Neighborhood.....0.8 mile
Southside Historic District (soldier's fountain).....0.9 mile
Train Station.....0.6 mile

Walkway Scenic Hudson Gate (west side) to:
Franny Reese State Park (overlook).....0.8 mile
Highland hamlet.....1.3 miles
Berean Park.....1.7 miles
Tony Williams Field.....3.5 miles
New Paltz.....5.4 miles
Train station (via elevator).....1.1 miles

Map not drawn to scale 1 mile = 1.61 km



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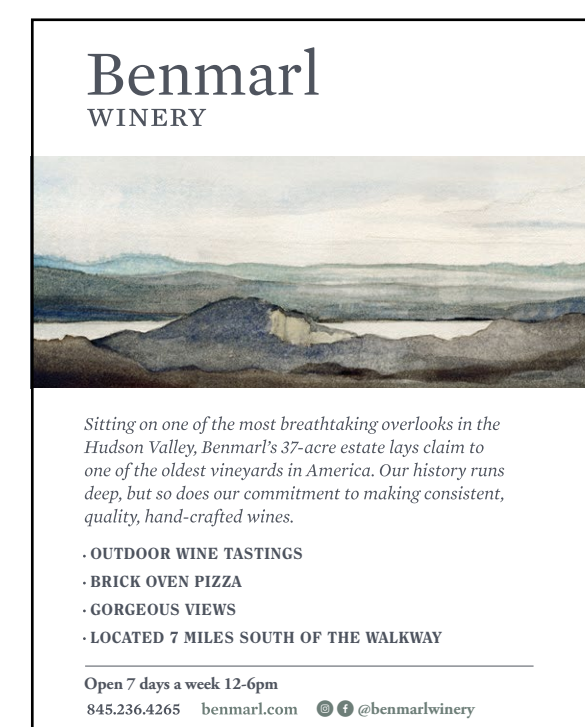
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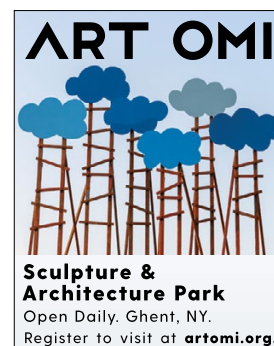
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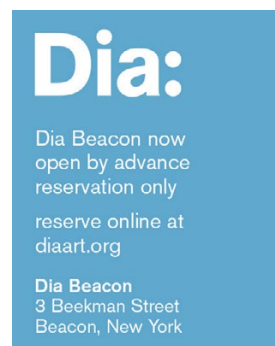
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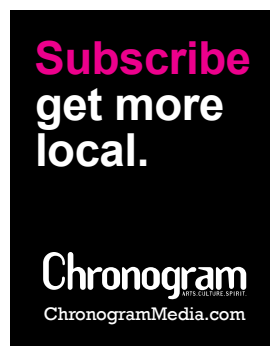
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