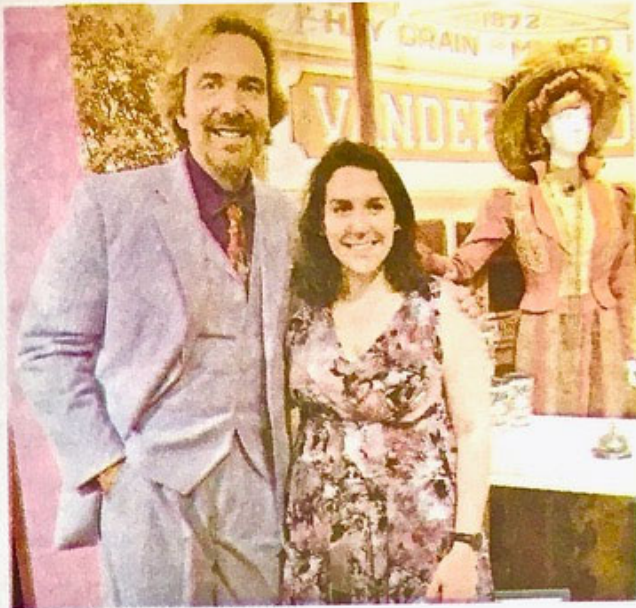


# Hello Again, Dolly! Exhibition Shares Colorful History

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Cheerful pastels provide the perfect colorful backdrop for the *Hello Again, Dolly! Exhibition* at the Putnam History Museum. A project that was years in the making has officially commenced as of Saturday. Dozens gathered to celebrate the kickoff of the months-long *Hello Again, Dolly! Festival* at the exhibition opening.

It has been a labor of love, spearheaded by Philipstown resident Christopher Radko, who led the charge in bringing *Hello, Dolly!* back to where it all began fifty years ago, celebrating the filming that took place in Garrison and Cold Spring. At Saturday's gathering at the Putnam History Museum, guests marveled at Christopher Radko's compendium book, entitled *Hello Again, Dolly!*, which was available through donation. Radko thanked the community for their unwavering support in a festival that he says is, "by the community, for the community." Along with the help of the museum's executive director Rachel Ornstein, Radko cut the ribbon and



opened the exhibition, unveiling the world of *Hello, Dolly!*

The exhibit features original costumes all throughout the room that show off Victorian flair. One-of-a-kind pieces, such as Barbra Streisand's director's chair, original set blueprints, scripts, and rare photographs make the exhibition a must-see for anyone who appreciates the film, or the culture of our community. Interactive

slideshows provide historical anecdotes and boast a vast collection of photographs all about *Hello, Dolly!*

With the *Hello, Again, Dolly!* festival now underway, stay updated on all the events at [www.hello-againdolly.com](http://www.hello-againdolly.com). Visit the exhibition at the Putnam History Museum, located at 63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring, and experience Dolly magic for yourself!



Top: Christopher Radko alongside Rachel Ornstein at the Putnam History Museum's opening of the *Hello Again, Dolly!* Exhibit. Above: Guests marvel at the costumes at the exhibition.

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