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**UPSTATE NEW YORK PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATIONS WILL AIR
TOWN HALL MEETING WITH GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON**

SYRACUSE, NY, (November 5, 2009) – WCNY will host a town hall meeting with Governor David Paterson on Friday, November 6, 2009. The Governor will address New York State's economic climate and answer questions from an audience of community representatives at the WCNY studio. The hour long program will be moderated by WCNY's News and Public Affairs Director Susan Arbetter. WCNY hosted a similar town hall meeting with Governor Paterson in November 2008 at Onondaga County Civic Center in Syracuse.

"We are proud to once again host Governor Paterson for this town hall event," said Robert J. Daino, President and Chief Executive Officer of WCNY-TV/FM and Chair of the Association of Public Broadcasting Stations of New York State. "It's a great opportunity to show our communities how responsive the NYS public broadcasting stations can be and the vital role we play in informing and communicating critical information that affects the daily lives of our fellow New Yorkers."

The town hall meeting will air Friday, November 6, 2009 on WCNY 24.1 at 8 p.m. and repeat on WCNY 24.1 Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 10 a.m. The broadcast will air on WCNY 24.2 Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 9 p.m. and Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 10 p.m.

The town hall meeting will also air on PBS stations across New York State. Air dates and times are as follows:

WMHT (Albany) – Friday, November 6, 2009 at 10 p.m.

WSKG (Binghamton) – Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.

WNED (Buffalo) – Friday, November 6, 2009 at 10 p.m.

WCFE (Plattsburgh) - Friday, November 6, 2009 at 8 p.m.

WXXI (Rochester) – Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.

WPBS (Watertown) – Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 7 a.m.



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Questions for the Governor can be submitted for consideration by visiting www.wcny.org and completing the comments section.

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WCNY broadcasts television programming on "Main Channel" 24.1 in Syracuse, WCNY2, and digital channels: Your TV 24.2, Cinema 24 – 24.3, and WCNY-HD – 24.4. All channels are carried by 33 cable carriers including Time Warner. WCNY is also the only station in our broadcast area that offers true HD 24-hours a day.

WCNY-FM, the only classical music station in Central New York, is broadcast on WCNY-FM, 91.3 in Syracuse, WJNY-FM, 90.9 in Watertown, WUNY-FM, 89.5 in Utica, and is broadcast over the World Wide Web at www.wcny.org. Our visually impaired audience can access "Read-Out," a radio reading service.

WCNY offers educational videos online. We also produce original programming that inspires, educates, and entertains, and offer award-winning video production and media consulting services to the public.

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