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New Opening of The Tompkins Center for History and Culture

[Ithaca, NY]—05/13/2019—Tessellate Studio, a business specializing in innovative architectural, exhibit, and experiential design, is excited to announce the new opening of The Tompkins Center for History and Culture this past weekend in Ithaca, NY. It will be the first of its kind in providing in-depth cultural knowledge of Tompkins County's heritage and impact on the world. Ithaca Mayor, Svante Myrick, said, "by remembering our history we can do better to protect people across lines of class, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender and sexuality moving forward." With 20 speakers and hundreds of visitors kick-starting the new opening, The Tompkins Center for History and Culture is now home to 12 partners that exemplify the community working and coming together.

The Tompkins Center for History and Culture is a must-see cultural destination, delivering vibrant exhibit and program experiences on local and regional history and on Tompkins County's impact on the world. The center's space was redesigned by Tessellate to create interactive learning experiences that allow the public to explore and be fully immersed in Tompkins' history and culture through multimedia exhibits and impactful experiences.

"We are so pleased to be working with Tessellate on the interactive exhibits for the Tompkins History Center, the Content Management system they designed keeps our interactive content and media fresh and up to date!" - Rod Howe, Executive Director, The History Center in Tompkins County, Ithaca, NY

Tessellate is overjoyed to see the success of our collaboration come into life. Visitors took in exhibits examining the region's human history – indigenous and colonial – in the main first-floor gallery space. In the center of the hall, the reconstructed Tommy plane that made its centennial flight last fall offered a tribute to Ithaca's industrial past and enterprising present. Before entering the renovated Bank Vault converted into Timeline Tunnel, visitors are introduced to the Cayuga Nation culture through a beautiful circular animation. This animation was created by Tessellate in collaboration with members of the Cayuga Nation. This abstracted animation represents the original Creation Story, and spans the past, present, and future of the Cayuga nation in Tompkins County. Then, guests made their way along a local timeline including digital interactives and print graphics surrounded by key artifacts.

To read more about the new opening of The Tompkins History Center visit their [Facebook](#) page and the [Ithaca Voice](#).

To learn more about Tessellate Studio, please visit www.tessellatestudio.com.

About Tessellate Studio:

Tessellate is an architectural, exhibit, and experience design studio with roots in technology. We create world-class, conceptually-driven storytelling environments, such as innovation centers, museum exhibits, interactive spaces, and smart environments. Our mission is to merge the physical and digital worlds in new ways that captivate audiences. In addition to design services, we offer turnkey design, fabrication, and production services through our expert partners, offering clients a single point of contact for design-build needs.

Our team is made up of architects, technologists, interaction and visual designers, writers, and digital storytellers. We bring with us the knowledge and attention to detail gained from completing numerous projects that include large scale museums, integrated interactive exhibits, and experiential vehicles. We are driven by the belief that empathetic, strong emotional connections result from well-crafted experiences.

Tessellate Studio is based on New York City and Dayton. Certified WBE and WBENC.