“A Ride on the Underground Railroad” at SUNY-New Paltz

This event seems pretty spectacular; check it out! On Sunday, February 10 at 3 p.m., the SUNY-New Paltz Department of Music and the Poné Ensemble present “A Ride on the Underground Railroad,” centered around songs about the work of Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist who led slaves to freedom through an intricate secret network. The concert features contemporary music as well as traditional spirituals, with performances by the Newburgh Free Academy Choir and composer Nkeiru Okoye, among many others.

Historic Huguenot Street will present a special photographic exhibit chronicling slavery in the mid-Hudson Valley. I think that events like this are so helpful for learning our history, because it’s not just reading about it; it’s seeing photos, it’s hearing music and letting those pathways awaken us in a different way from reading history books.

Tickets cost $12 general admission, $8 for seniors and $5 for students with identification. “A Ride on the Underground Railroad” takes place at the Julien J. Studley Theatre at SUNY-New Paltz. SUNY-
New Paltz is located at 1 Hawk Drive in New Paltz. For more information or advance tickets, call (845) 257-2700 or visit www.newpaltz.edu/music. To learn more about Nkeiru Okoye’s work, visit http://nkbuye1.wix.com/tubman.