

## RED LIGHT RELAY: CONNECTING WEST HALL TO FULTON STREET

**9 p.m. Sharp April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Fulton street, downtown Troy, New York**

For a few magical minutes after 9 pm on April 20<sup>th</sup> light will act as a link, networking unknown neighbors to each other as well as to the historic and modern constructions of Troy.

Upon hearing the ringing of church bells, participants ready themselves near their windows. In RPI's West Hall on the hill above Fulton Street the first lights wait to be turned on. Upon receiving their signal, participants unleash red lights from the gothic buildings front façade. The last light in the building sends its beacon. Outside down the hill, torch bearing students pass a trail of light through each other until it reaches the intersection at Fulton and Union streets. Here at the Lighting Research Center a researcher shines her light transmitting a red glow out the window to the next person in the building across the street. This Red Light Relay continues down Fulton Street, red lights turning on and off connecting unacquainted residents, creating an invisible path of implied connections. The path will settle in the Troy Atrium walkway where it will stay lit glowing red for the rest of the evening, symbolically bridging the East and West sides of Fulton Street. Here everyone is invited to join in a cake celebration. This ephemeral diagonal path reveals the potential community connection we have in our city of Troy.

**Red Light Relay; Connecting West Hall to Fulton Street** is being organized and produced by Carrie Dashow, of RPI's Electronic Arts Graduate program.

The following Troy residents will be participating in the Red Light Relay:

**West Hall;** (Old Troy Hospital) looms over Troy's downtown, built in the 1880's, in Troy's heyday was the largest hospital North and West of NYC later to become a Catholic school. Today West Hall houses the Electronic Arts program of RPI.

**Seana Bionds and Kathy High** (RPI IEAR) West Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> St.

**Arnaldo Cepeda, Jose Feliz, Ian Rensing, Justin Seret, Heather Gozdiskowski** of the deep listening flashlight troupe

**Dan Rogers** (1<sup>st</sup> United Presbyterian Church), 1915 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Jennifer Bron and Cy Eaton** (Lighting Research Center) 21 Union St. Fulton corner  
**Cat Mazza, Jason Steven Murphy, Jen Watkinson, Kelly Lisai and Julia Riodica** (RPI) 471, 450, 457 Fulton

**Bob Anderson** of 453 Fulton

**Jennifer Berkun** (the Jennifer Collection) 406 Fulton

**Ann Scribner** (Psychotherapist) 403 Fulton St.

**Frank Boylan** (Renseselaer County Probation Dept.), 403 Fulton St.

**Atrium walkway:** one of Troy's newest central buildings built in the early 1980's.

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Cake provided by the **Bella Napoli Bakery!**

