

## **HBO selects Peekskill for filming of upcoming miniseries starring Kate Winslet**

Downtown Peekskill, always vibrant with exciting events and activities, has a new look, thanks to HBO! While the renovations and openings of the new restaurants, Birdsall House on Main Street and Ciro's Italian Restaurant & Lounge on South Street broaden the landscape of Peekskill's entertainment and dining destinations, HBO is altering the scene in Peekskill with some temporary changes of their own. Currently in pre-production for the upcoming miniseries, *Mildred Pierce*. ***starring Kate Winslet and directed by Todd Haynes, (Far From Heaven, I'm Not There), the HBO crews have temporarily re-done the facades and interiors of locations throughout the Downtown, including such landmarks as the Flat Iron Building, Ford Piano and the Workers Comp building. HBO is currently scheduled to film in Peekskill Monday, April 26th through Friday April 31st and sets will be up throughout the weekend for visitors to Peekskill's 4th Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday May 1st.***

According to Joe Guest, location manager for the movie, "After carefully investigating towns throughout Westchester County, we have found that Peekskill has a unique resemblance to Hollywood in the 1930's. We are looking forward to including historic Peekskill in our show."

Patty Villanova, president of the Peekskill BID had nothing but praise for HBO's contributions to the Downtown. "What HBO has done brings back memories of what Peekskill used to be like and their creativity has given us some good ideas for improvements we can make today. This has been very positive for all the businesses in the Downtown and has brought a lot of good attention to all the wonderful things that are happening here."

Set in Los Angeles in the 1930's, *Mildred Pierce* is the story of a middle-class housewife's struggle to support her family during the Great Depression. Several of the main scenes in the show take place at a classic American restaurant in Hollywood, where Mildred begins her career in the restaurant business. Joe Guest found locations on Bank Street that offer excellent settings for these scenes. For the film's restaurant scenes, the Hair Salon on Bank Street has been completely transformed from inside to outside.