

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DANIELLE MERMELSTEIN, individually
and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

WINDHAM MOUNTAIN CLUB
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION,
INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-191 (DNH/DJS)

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Danielle Mermelstein brings this action on behalf of herself, and all others similarly situated against Windham Mountain Club Property Owners Association, Inc. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff makes the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of her counsel and based upon information and belief, except as to the allegations specifically pertaining to herself, which are based on personal knowledge.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. For over a year, Defendant has been nickel and diming first-time skiers of the Windham Mountain on its website in violation of the New York Arts and Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4). Whenever a first-time skier selects an ski lift ticket on the website <https://www.windhammountainclub.com/>, she is quoted a fee-less price, only to be ambushed by a \$5.00 “Axess Media Only” fee at checkout after clicking through the various screens required to make a purchase. This cheap trick has enabled Defendant to swindle substantial sums of money from its customers.

2. To stop this hustle, New York passed Arts and Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4), which provides that “every operator ... of a place of entertainment ... shall disclose the total cost of the ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees that must be paid in order to purchase the ticket.” “Such disclosure of the total cost and fees shall be displayed in the ticket listing *prior to* the ticket being selected for purchase.” *Id.* (emphasis added). And “[t]he price of the ticket shall not increase during the purchase process.” *Id.* This latest version of the law went into effect August 29, 2022. *See* Exhibit A.

3. For these reasons, Plaintiff seeks relief in this action individually, and on behalf of all other first-time ski lift ticket purchasers for Defendant’s Windham Mountain for actual and/or statutory damages, reasonable attorneys’ costs and fees, and injunctive relief under New York Arts and Cultural Affairs Law § 25.33.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because there are more than 100 class members, and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest, fees, and costs, and at least one class member is a citizen of a state different from Defendant. Defendant sold at least 100,000 tickets to its place of entertainment through its website during the applicable class period, and is liable for a minimum of fifty dollars in statutory damages for each ticket sold. There is minimum diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because many class members who visit Defendant’s place of entertainment come from other states.

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant is at home in District and is headquartered in this District.

6. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendant's place of entertainment is in this District.

PARTIES

7. Plaintiff Danielle Mermelstein is an individual consumer who, at all times material hereto, was a citizen and resident of Mahwah, New Jersey. Plaintiff purchased one IKON Friends & Family lift ticket to ski at the Windham Mountain on January 25, 2024 through Defendant's website, <https://www.windhammountainclub.com/>. The transaction flow process she viewed on Defendant's website was substantially similar as that depicted in Figures 1 through 6 in this complaint.

8. Defendant Windham Mountain Club Property Owners' Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-governmental organization headquartered in Windham, New York. Defendant owns and operates Windham Mountain and the ski lift there.

RELEVANT FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9. When a person visits Defendant's website, <https://www.windhammountainclub.com/>, on the main page, she can click the orange "Book Now" button to select lift tickets to ski at Defendant's slopes on various dates. *See* Figure 1.

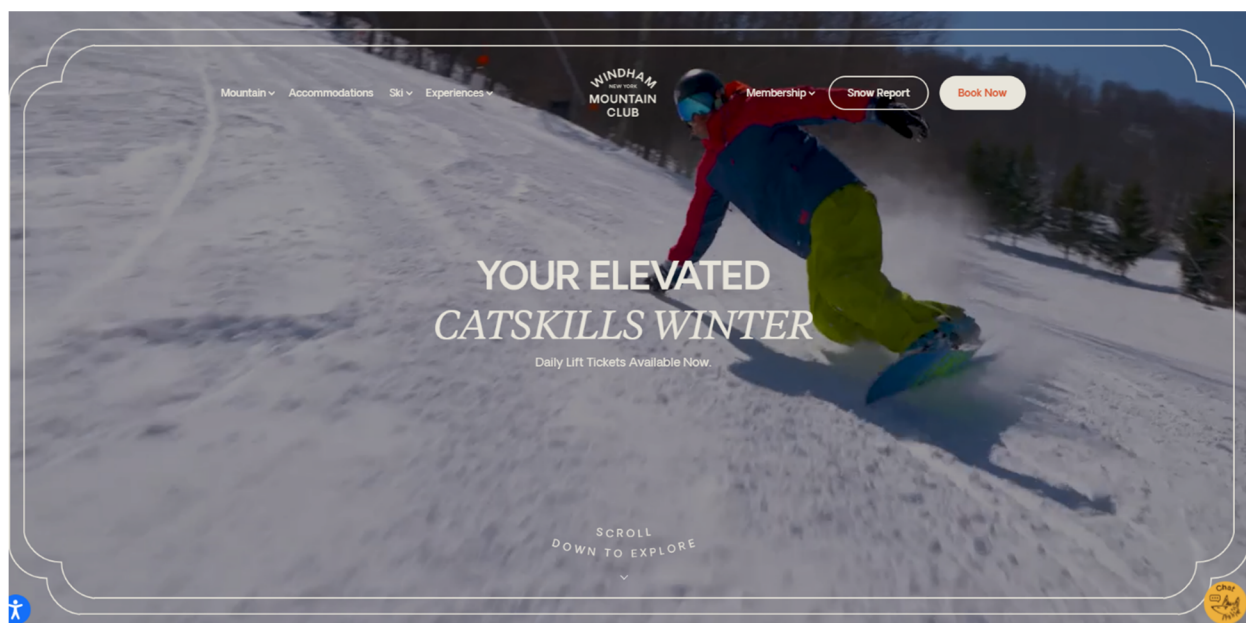


Figure 1

10. After a consumer selects the "Book Now" button, a "Ticket" sidebar emerges on the website, which provides a list of tickets, passes, rentals, or lessons a consumer can purchase. *See* Figure 2, next page.

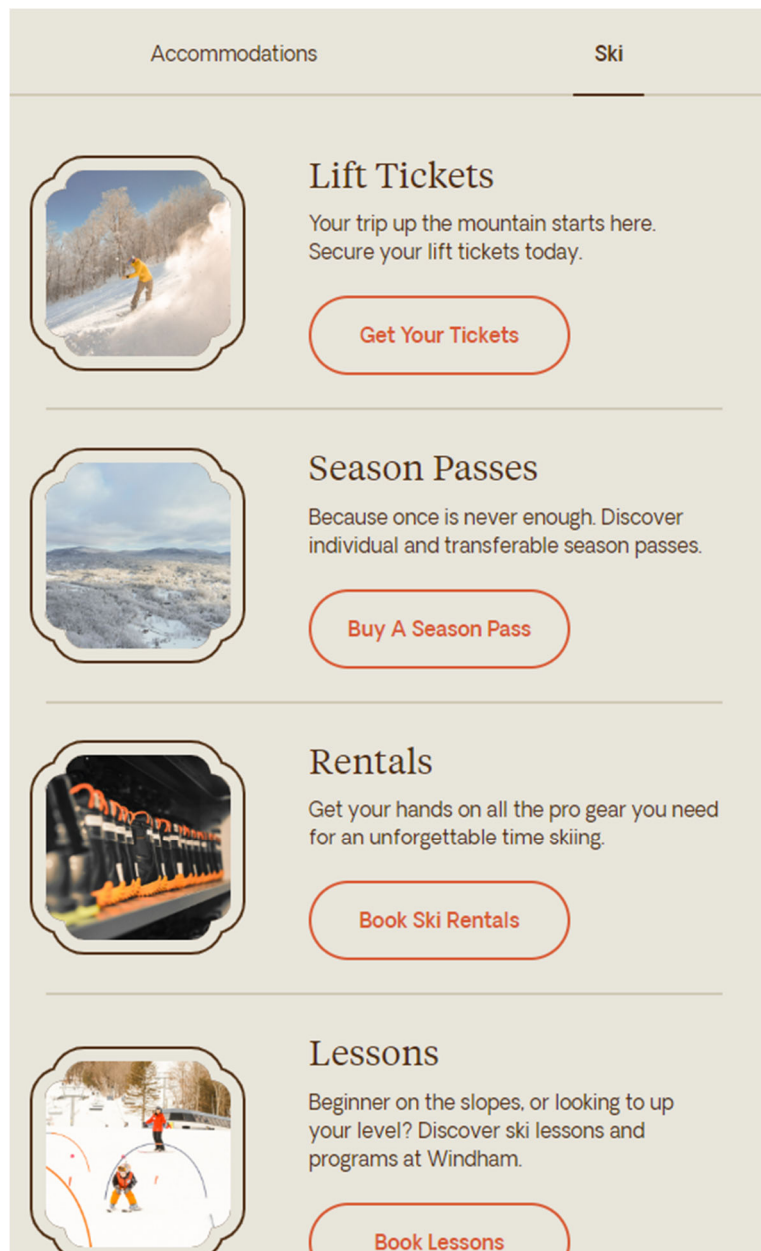


Figure 2

11. After a consumer clicks on the “Get Your Tickets” button on Figure 2, she is taken to another page showing dates and times for lift tickets as well as their prices. *See* Figure 3, next page. The total cost of the lift tickets, inclusive of all ancillary fees, is not displayed on this page, in violation of New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4). *Id.*

Fast track your shopping by creating an account and [signing in.](#)

I'M LOOKING FOR
LIFT TICKETS

WELCOME
SIGN IN

LIFT TICKET

TICKET AGE

Adult (18-64)

CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER OF DAYS

Single Day

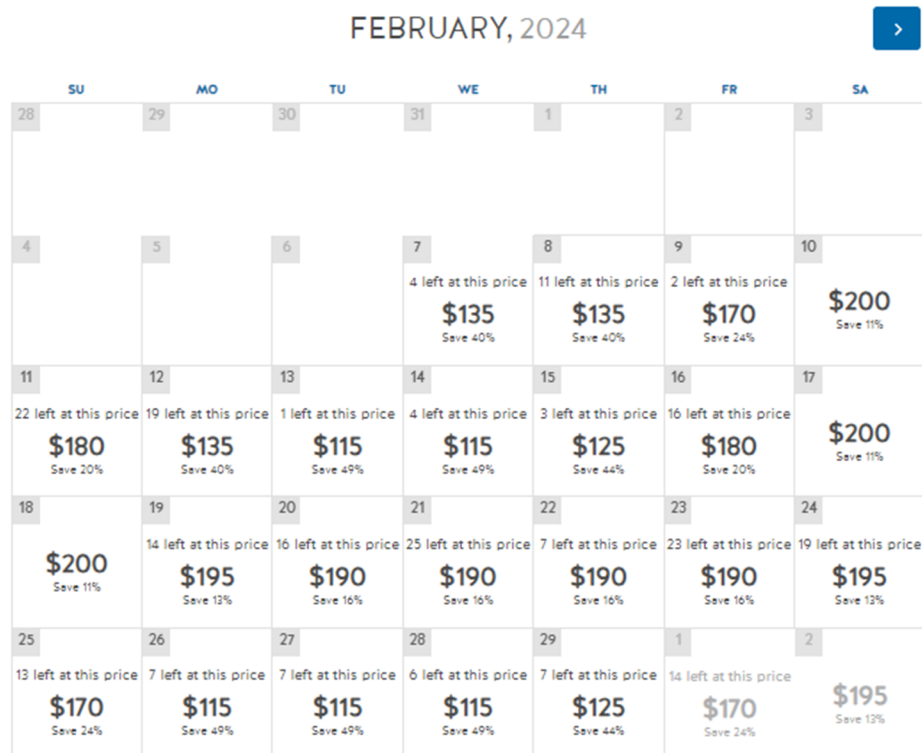


Figure 3

12. *After* a consumer selects the lift ticket or tickets she wishes to purchase by clicking on the particular date on Figure 3, she is taken to a separate LIFT TICKET page, providing information about the ticket. *See* Figure 4, next page. Again, the total cost of the ticket is not displayed on this page either. *Id.* If a consumer wishes to proceed, she can click the “ADD TO CART” button.

LIFT TICKET

Single day tickets are available for the remainder of the 2023-2024 ski season at Windham Mountain Club.

Prepare for an elevated visit on the mountain and secure the dates you want now. Buy online in advance as availability is limited and some dates will sell out.

To improve guests' experiences on the mountain and the resort, Windham Mountain Club continues to manage overall capacity and limit the sale of daily tickets.

For Winter 2023/2024, Windham Mountain requires you to purchase lift access online in advance as quantities are limited. Once sold out, no additional "day of" tickets will be offered. Day Tickets purchased online are valid from opening to 4:00 PM.

If a date is sold out, check this page frequently for availability.

LIFT TICKET FAQ

What if the date I wanted to ski here is unavailable?

If the day you selected is not available, please continue to check back for availability.

If I buy a two-day lift ticket, do I have to use every day consecutively?

Your two-day lift ticket corresponds with the specific dates you selected and must be used on the selected start date. Guests who choose not to use both days of their lift product forfeit the unused day and will not receive a refund. Guests wishing to reschedule both days of the two-day lift ticket may do so, subject to availability and cancellation/change policy, by contacting calling Windham Mountain Club Guest Services at 518-734-4300 x8008 or emailing info@windhammountainclub.com.

Lift Ticket

Wednesday, February 14

Adult (18-64)

Single Day

FEBRUARY, 2024

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

TICKET AGE

Adult (18-64)

CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER OF DAYS

Single Day

ADD TO CART

\$205 \$115

Figure 4

13. After a consumer clicks the "ADD TO CART" button, a shopping cart side bar emerges. *See* Figure 5, next page. This side bar also does not disclose the total cost of the ticket, inclusive of any ancillary fees. *Id.*

Fast track your shopping by creating an account and [signing in.](#)

I'M LOOKING FOR
LIFT TICKETS

WELCOME
SIGN IN

[< BACK TO LIFT TICKETS](#)

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[LIFT TICKET FAQ](#)

What if the date I wanted to ski here is unavailable?

If the day you selected is not available, please continue to

Lift Ticket
Wednesday, February 14

Adult (18-64)
Single Day

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TICKET AGE

Adult (18-64)

CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER OF DAYS

Single Day

ADD TO CART

\$225 \$115

Shopping Cart (1)

UNASSIGNED

Lift Ticket \$115

Adult (18-64)
Single Day

Wednesday, Febru...

REMOVE

ORDER SUMMARY

Sub-Total \$115

Total \$115

CHECKOUT

Based on your selection, you may be interested in the following items

\$70.00

Ski & Snowboard Rentals

Windham Mountain Club has a ski and snowboard rental option to meet your needs [...]

Figure 5

14. After a consumer clicks the "CHECKOUT" button on this page, she is taken to a series of intermittent pages asking her to either log in to her Windham Mountain account or to create a new Windham Mountain account, by inputting various pieces of personal information. After the consumer logs in or creates a new account and logs in, first-time skiers of the Windham Mountain are notified they must purchase a Windham RFID Card for \$5.00. See Figure 6, next page. This is the very first time that Defendant's ancillary fee is disclosed to the consumer.

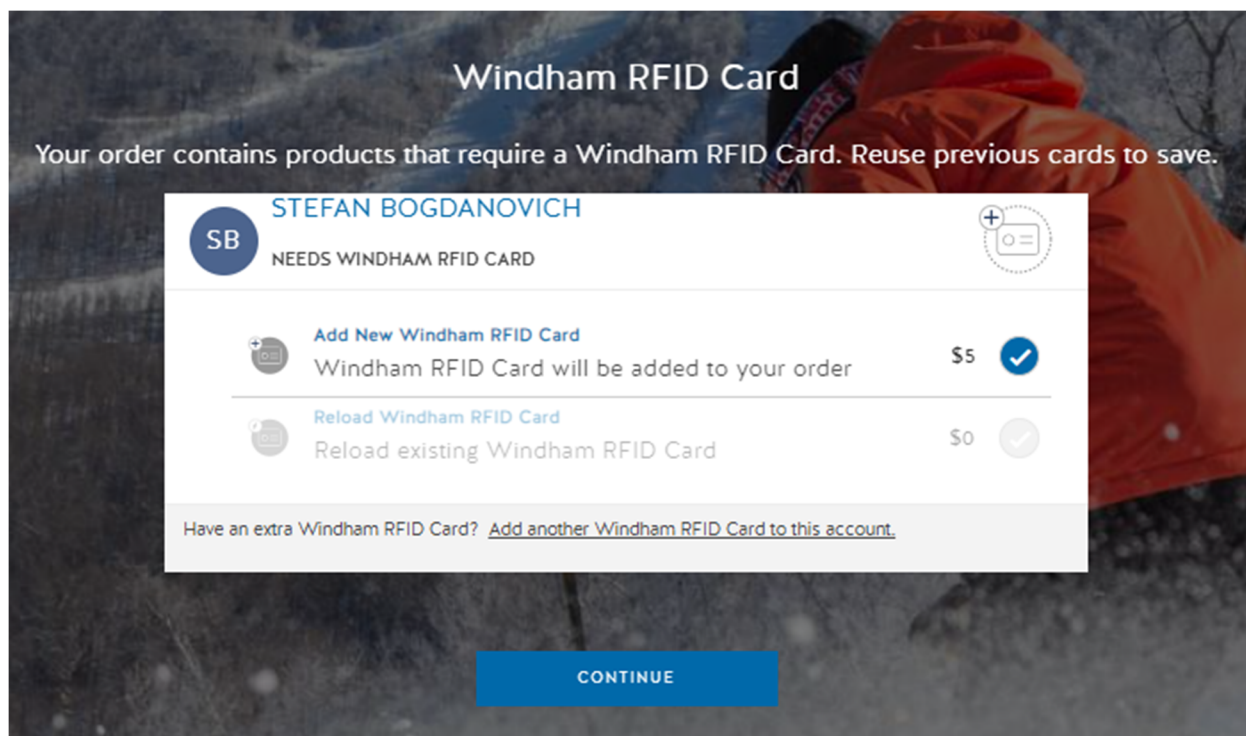


Figure 6

15. After the consumer clicks the “CONTINUE” button on Figure 6, they are taken to a final payment screen, that for the first and only time in the purchase process, discloses the total cost of the lift ticket, inclusive of Defendant’s fee, listed as an “Axess Media Only” fee. *See* Figure 7, next page.

Payment

CREDIT CARD

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

EXP DATE

CVV

BILLING ADDRESS

City

Select State

Postal Code

ORDER SUMMARY

Stefan Bogdanovich

Lift Ticket \$115

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Adult (18-64) Single Day

Axess Media Only \$5

APPLY

Locate the gift card number on the back of your gift card under the magnetic strip
Voucher codes can be found on the My Account page of the webstore. Gift card numbers are on the back of your gift card under the magnetic strip

Tax	\$0
Total	\$120

CONTINUE

Figure 7

NEW YORK ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS LAW

16. Effective August 29, 2022, New York enacted Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4), which provides that “[e]very operator or operator’s agent of a place of entertainment... shall disclose the total cost of the ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees that must be paid in order to purchase the ticket, and disclose in a clear and conspicuous manner the portion of the ticket price stated in dollars that represents a service charge, or any other fee or surcharge to the

purchaser. Such disclosure of the total cost and fees shall be displayed in the ticket listing prior to the ticket being selected for purchase.” *Id.* (emphasis added). And “[t]he price of the ticket shall not increase during the purchase process.” *Id.*; *Compare with* Figures 2 through 6.

17. Shortly after the law was enacted, ticketing websites peppered the State of New York’s Division of Licensing Services with questions about the scope of the law. As explained by the Division of Licensing Services, “the ticket purchasing process begins once a consumer visits a ticket marketplace and first sees a list of seat prices.” *See* N.Y. Dep’t of State, Div. Licens. Servs., *Request for Additional Guidance – New York State Senate Bill S.9461*, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, at 1. “From the moment the prospective purchaser assesses the [] ticket lists through the final payment ... there should be no price increases to the purchaser for the ticket itself.” *Id.* “When a prospective purchaser selects a ticket with full disclosure of the ticket price, the purchaser should not then have to search for the total price of the ticket as the purchaser proceeds through the purchasing process, it should continue to be readily available to the purchaser.” *Id.* at 2 (emphasis added).

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

18. **Nationwide Class:** Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as all individuals in the United States who purchased lift tickets to the Windham Mountain from Defendant’s website on or after August 29, 2022 and were charged an “Axess Media Only” fee or any other ancillary fee. Excluded from the Nationwide Class is any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest, and officers or directors of Defendant.

19. Members of the Nationwide Class are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, members of the Nationwide Class are at least in the hundreds of thousands. The precise number of Nationwide Class members and their

identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery.

Nationwide Class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, email, and/or publication through the distribution records of Defendant.

20. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Nationwide Class members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Nationwide Class members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to: (a) whether Defendant failed to disclose the total cost of the ticket, including all ancillary fees, prior to the tickets being selected for purchase in violation of New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4); and (b) whether the displayed price of Defendant's tickets increases during the purchase process in violation of New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4).

21. The claims of the named Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Nationwide Class in that the named Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class sustained damages as a result of Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct, based upon Defendant's failure to disclose the total cost of its tickets, including Defendant's fees, throughout the online ticket purchase process.

22. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Nationwide Class because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Nationwide Class members she seeks to represent, she has retained competent counsel experienced in prosecuting class actions, and she intends to prosecute this action vigorously. The interests of Nationwide Class members will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.

23. The class mechanism is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of Nationwide Class members. Each individual Nationwide Class member may lack the resources to undergo the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessary to establish Defendant's liability. Individualized

litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and multiplies the burden on the judicial system presented by the complex legal and factual issues of this case. Individualized litigation also presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. In contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court on the issue of Defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues will ensure that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication of the liability issues.

COUNT I
New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07
(On Behalf Of The Nationwide Class)

24. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

25. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the Nationwide Class against Defendant.

26. Defendant is an “operator... of a place of entertainment” because Defendant operates the Windham Mountain, which is a “place of entertainment.” “‘Place of entertainment’ means any privately or publicly owned and operated entertainment facility such as a theatre, stadium, arena, racetrack, museum, amusement park, or other place where performances, concerts, exhibits, athletic games or contests are held for which an entry fee is charged.” N.Y. Arts & Cult. Aff. Law § 25.03(6) (emphasis added).

27. Defendant violated New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4) by failing to disclose the “total cost of a ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees that must be paid in order to purchase the ticket” after a ticket is selected, as depicted in Figure 2 through 5 of this Complaint.

28. Defendant also violated New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4) by increasing the total cost of its tickets during the purchase process, as depicted in Figures 2 through 7 of this Complaint.

29. Defendant's "Axess Media Only" fee is an "ancillary fee[]" that must be paid in order to purchase the ticket." N.Y. Arts & Cult. Aff. Law § 25.07(4).

30. On January 25, 2022, Plaintiff purchased tickets on Defendant's website and was forced to pay Defendant's "Axess Media Only" fee. Plaintiff was harmed by paying this fee, even though that total cost was not disclosed to Plaintiff at the beginning of the purchase process, and therefore, is unlawful pursuant to New York Arts & Cultural Affairs Law § 25.07(4).

31. On behalf of herself and members of the Nationwide Class, Plaintiff seeks to enjoin the unlawful acts and practices described herein, to recover her actual damages or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorneys' fees. *See* N.Y. Arts & Cult. Aff. Law § 25.33.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the members of the Nationwide Class prays for judgment as follows:

- (a) For an order certifying the Class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and naming Plaintiff as representative of the Class and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Class;
- (b) For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the statutes referenced herein;
- (c) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on all counts asserted herein;

- (d) For compensatory and statutory damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- (e) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- (f) For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
- (g) For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and
- (h) For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit.

Dated: February 7, 2024

By: /s/Philip L. Fraietta

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

DANIELLE MERMELSTEIN, individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Bergen, NJ
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

WINDHAM MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)

Brief description of cause:
Violation of the New York Arts and Cultural Affairs Law

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☒ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$
5,000,000+

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

February 7, 2024

/s/ Philip L. Fraietta

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