



ART SEEN: Guild Hall's Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner

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The stars, supporters, and the Hamptons arts community came out to celebrate Guild Hall on March 9, 2015 during Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner. While attendees dazzled, they also helped raise around \$400,000 to benefit Guild Hall.

This year's gala honored Matthew Broderick in the Performing Arts; Jules Feiffer for Literary Arts and Media; and Ralph Gibson for Visual Arts. The Special Award for Leadership and Philanthropic Endeavors was bestowed to Linda and Harry Macklowe. Presenting the awards were Martin Short, Laurie Anderson, Robert Caro and Michael Lynne. The evening was hosted by artist Eric Fischl.

Held at Sotheby's, Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner attracted over 200 guests. Attendees from the artworld included John Alexander, Mary Boone, April Gornik, Bryan Hunt, Mary J. Marcasiano, Malcom Morley, Dan Rizzi, Clifford Ross, and Ned Smyth and others.

Guild Hall wasted no time in giving back to the community. Executive Director Ruth Appelhof announced at the awards dinner that Guild Hall will offer free admission through April 2016, thanks to generous donations from Suffolk County National Bank and Barbara and Donald Zucker. Guild Hall's mission is to celebrate the artistic spirit on the East End by educating, inspiring, and enriching diverse audiences with excellent and engaging year-round programming.

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Martin Short, Matthew Broderick. Photo by Barry Gordin.

Guild Hall's annual Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards honors both summer and year-round East End residents who have demonstrated excellence in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

Past recipients include: Nathan Lane, Laurie Anderson, Jon Robin Baitz, Steven Spielberg, Billy Joel, Elaine Stritch, Mel Brooks and Guild Hall board member Alec Baldwin for Performing Arts; John

Alexander, Julian Schnabel, Willem de Kooning, Roy Lichtenstein, Bruce Weber, April Gornik and Chuck Close for Visual Arts; Walter Isaacson, Kurt Vonnegut, E. L. Doctorow, Edward Albee, Joseph Heller and Joe Pintauro for Literary Arts; and Special Awards to Eli Wallach, Anne Jackson, Dina Merrill and Peter Jennings, to name a few.

Co-Chairs of the 2015 Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards were many.

They include Magda and Edward Bleier; Eric Bregman and Arlene Slavin; Marty and Michele Cohen; Strong Cuevas; Blythe Danner; Roy Furman; Agnes Gund; Ted Hartley and Dina Merrill; Edmund Hollander and Wendy Powers; Susan and Steven Jacobson; Barbara and Richard S. Lane; Bonnie Englebardt Lautenberg; Linda Lindenbaum; Jenny Ljungberg, c/o Hotels; Ninah and Michael Lynne; Susan and Morris Mark; Cheryl and Michael Minikes; Pamela and Edward Pantzer; Clifford Ross; Peggy and Henry Schleiff; Paola and Michael Schulhof; Cassandra Seidenfeld; Sue and Spencer Sherman; Renée and Richard Steinberg; Judith Shubow Steir and Berton Steir; Robert A.M. Stern; Bonnie and Tom Strauss; Stephanie Todd, MD; Susan Vecsey; Peter M. Wolf; and Barbara and Donald Zucker.

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