



# **SOCIAL SCENE: LongHouse Gala Celebrates Brooklyn Beneath the Stars**

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by Pat Rogers

LongHouse Reserve celebrated Brooklyn at its 2018 Gala on Saturday, July 21, 2018, in East Hampton, NY and honored Dustin Yellin of Pioneer Works and Joe Melillo of Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM). Drawing over 500 guests, the evening unfolded amid the art and grounds that was transformed through details that engaged the senses. The sandy dunes at the entrance of LongHouse Reserve were cloaked in Yves Klein Blue with smudge cleansing totems burning in floral displays and abalone shells.



LongHouse Reserve Gala 2018. Photo by Pat Rogers.

Guests then passed through an entrance way clad in natural greenery while a solo musician serenaded nearby. Deep inside the cocktail party, barbecue pits wafted tempting aromas on one side of the reflecting pool while long trestle tables of grilled vegetables and artisanal cheeses provided visual temptation on the other side.



LongHouse Gala 2018. Photo: Pat Rogers.

Gala guests dressed in the theme of shiny metallic or shimmering shades of blue to help light up the night. Attending guests included Alice Aycock, Dianne Benson, Steve and Sue Felsher, Brian and Joanna Fisher, Peter Olsen, Dorothy Lichtenstein, Fern Mallis, Mary Jane Marcasiano, Alexandra Munroe, Ralph Pucci, Cindy Sherman, Barbara Slifka, Jill Stuart, Wendy Van Deusen, Arden Wohl, Robert Wilson and others.

The silent auction presented work by over 60 artists including Lynda Benglis, Dale Chihuly, Orly Genger, Helmut Lang, Robert Longo, Bryan Hunt, Robert Longo, Larry Rivers, Robert Rosenkranz, Toni Ross, Cindy Sherman, Kiki Smith, Bert Stern, Johnny Swing, Robert Wilson and Dustin Yellin.



Olivia Motch, Lana Jokel, Robert Wilson. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Dorothy Lichtenstein, Sylvia Hemingway. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.

After the cocktail hour, guests moved to a tent where dinner was served and the honorees were introduced. "This is the greatest evening ever at Longhouse," said LongHouse founder Jack Lenor Larson at the start of dinner. "We're honoring Brooklyn because there's so much excitement there. It's where everyone youthful wants to live and with good reason."

David Lang then presented Joe Melillo with the LongHouse Art Leadership Award, while Dr. Janna Levin presented Dustin Yellin with the LongHouse Award. After dinner, musicians from Revel in Dimes and The High & Mighty Brass Band played through the night.



Jane Rose, Cindy Sherman. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Jack Lenor Larson, Chris Scoates. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.

The benefit also allowed patrons to view the new LongHouse art installations which included two rocket sculptures by Dustin Yellin and installation by Helmut Lang.



Dustin Yellin, Jackie Yellin. Photo: Patrick McMullan.  
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Amy Berkower, Dan Weiss, Alice Aycock. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



James Zajac, Matko Tomicic. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Jordan Kemp, Drew Johnson, Ralph Pucci, Anne Pucci, Michael Pucci. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Helio Compos, Mary Jane Marcasiano, Ralph Gibson, Carter Smith. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Diane B, Dustin Yellin, Robert Wilson. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.



Joanna Fisher, Brian Fisher. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.

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Joe Melillo. Photo: Patrick McMullan. Courtesy of LongHouse Reserve.

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**BASIC FACTS:** LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Path, East Hampton, NY 11937. LongHouse Reserve is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and free for members. Closed on Sunday. [www.longhouse.org](http://www.longhouse.org).

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