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GUILD HALL TO HONOR TRUSTEE KEN WYSE AT 2023 SUMMER GALA ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

The Annual event will include the premiere of Leo Villareal's immersive installation, *Celestial Garden*, and the evening will be emceed by newly inducted Guild Hall Academy of the Arts member Jordan Roth



Trustee Ken Wyse. Photo: Patrick McMullan; Jordan Roth. Photo: Matteo Mobilio; Leo Villareal, courtesy of the artist. Renée Cox. Photo: Madison Fender/BFA

East Hampton, NY (July 20, 2023)— Guild Hall (158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY) has announced that they will honor **Trustee Ken Wyse** for his outstanding leadership and enduring commitment to Guild Hall at the **2023 Summer Gala on Friday, August 4**. The event will begin at 5 PM at Guild Hall with a special preview of **CELESTIAL GARDEN**, an **immersive installation by artist Leo Villareal**, known for his light sculptures, use of LED technology, and computer-driven imagery.

The evening will be emceed by theatrical innovator, fashion model, and style influencer **Jordan Roth**, a recent inductee into Guild Hall's Academy of Art. Guild Hall exhibiting artists **Renée Cox** and **Leo Villareal** will also attend.

Guests will kick off the evening in the **newly renovated galleries** as the first to see Leo Villareal's installation, as well as the remarkable survey **Renée Cox: A Proof of Being**, and then take a short stroll to **Mulford Farm at 6 PM** for a cocktail hour followed by dinner at 7 PM, a performance by the 2023 Guild Hall and Bel Canto Boot Camp resident artists, and dancing by DJ Mick to close out the festive evening. Catering will feature artful creations by Laurence Craig and Anthony Taccetta. Event Design returns to execute the event concept and décor.

"The 2023 Summer Gala celebrates Guild Hall's revitalization and one of our greatest champions who helped make it happen, Ken Wyse," said Executive Director Andrea Grover. "With art always

at the forefront, we also celebrate our two exhibiting artists, Renée Cox, and Leo Villareal, whose new monumental light sculpture will start the evening with immersion in art.”

The Summer Gala is Guild Hall’s largest annual fundraiser and garners essential funds for the institution’s year-round programming.

Ken Wyse has been Guild Hall Trustee since 2014 and currently serves as the 2nd Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, as well as the chair of the Development and Events Committees. Wyse is the President of Wyse Consulting, a firm he established after retiring from PVH Corporation after an illustrious 30-plus-year career, where he is involved in consulting and strategic planning for domestic and international brands, working to expand their presence in both the domestic and international markets, as well as in the retail arena.

Guild Hall’s annual Summer Gala honoring Ken Wyse will take place on **Friday, August 4**, starting at **5 PM at Guild Hall**, 158 Main Street, East Hampton, and will continue from **6-10 PM at Mulford Farm**, 10 James Lane, East Hampton. Tickets and tables can be purchased online at GuildHall.org/SummerGala or by contacting Kendra Korczak, Director of Events and Corporate Relations, at events@guildhall.org or 631.324.0806 x116.

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ABOUT GUILD HALL

Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End: a museum, performing arts, and education center, founded in 1931. We invite everyone to experience the endless possibilities of the arts: to open minds to what art can be; inspire creativity and conversation; and have fun.

Guild Hall has served four generations and introduced audiences to the most storied artists and performers of our time. Now as we approach our centennial, we have embarked on a state-of-the-art renovation to match the caliber of our artistry for twenty-first-century audiences. The facility-wide Capital Improvements Project & Campaign includes top-of-the-line physical and technological enhancements to better deliver on our mission as an artist-driven, interdisciplinary institution.

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