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**GUILD HALL’S 38TH ANNUAL ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS DINNER
HONORED DARYL ROTH AND NANCY AND HOWARD MARKS**

**The Annual Event Took Place at the Rainbow Room in New York City on
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 and featured a special performance
by Broadway icon Bernadette Peters**



Bernadette Peters. Photo: Sean Zanni for PMc/Getty Images

New York, NY (April 5, 2024)— Guild Hall celebrated the 38th annual **Academy of the Arts Achievement Awards Dinner** on Wednesday, April 3rd, at the iconic Rainbow Room in New York City. The event, which recognizes the lifetime achievements of artists, creative

professionals, and individuals who passionately support the arts, this year honored Broadway producer **Daryl Roth** with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Performing Arts, presented by her son, style influencer and president of Jujamcyn Theaters, **Jordan Roth**. **Nancy and Howard Marks** were given the Special Award for Leadership and Philanthropy, presented by Guild Hall's Board Chairman **Marty Cohen**.

Academy president Eric Fischl recognized and congratulated the newest Academy inductees—**Uri Berliner, Cynthia Daniels, Robert Downey Jr., Susan Downey, Sunny Hostin, Fern Mallis, Susan Meiselas, Carl Safina, Marcus Samuelsson, Hank Willis Thomas, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Rufus Wainwright,** and **Carrie Mae Weems**.

The view from the 65th floor of 30 Rock may have been shrouded by fog, but the vibe in the room was cheerful and bright, especially when Broadway legend **Bernadette Peters** took the stage for a tour-de-force performance of "No One Is Alone" and "Children Will Listen" from *Into the Woods*.

"We could not have had better honorees than the visionary producer Daryl Roth and the devoted arts supporters Nancy and Howard Marks," shared Guild Hall Executive Director, Andrea Grover. "Love and laughs were the themes of the evening, beginning with Academy President Eric Fischl's quasi-AI-assisted "Arts + Farming" speech, followed by guffaw-inciting jokes by Bernadette Peters, Howard Marks, and Jordan Roth. At the end of the night, no one wanted to go home."

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Notable attendees included honorees Daryl Roth and her husband Steven Roth, and Nancy and Howard Marks, and Academy inductees Uri Berliner, Sunny Hostin, Fern Mallis, Susan Meiselas, Carl Safina, Hank Willis Thomas, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and Rufus Wainwright. Additional attendees of note included Bernadette Peters, Susan Stroman, Jordan Roth and Richie Jackson, and Philippe Petit; artists Eric Fischl, April Gornik, Ross Bleckner, Arcmanoro Niles, Kambui Olujimi, Joel Mesler, Ned Smyth, and Jeremy Dennis; dancers Jose Sebastian, Sara Mearns, and Leo Sandoval; landscape architect Edmund Hollander, architect Peter Pennoyer, Sirius XM radio personality Julie James, LoveShackFancy founder and creative director Rebecca Hessel Cohen, writer Bob Colacello, Broadway producer Brian Moreland, writer and performer Andrina Wekontash Smith, and *The New York Times* food & wine writer Florence Fabricant.

The dazzling space was beautifully designed by event producer Anthony Tacetta with tables covered in overflowing bouquets of white anemones. The menu, selected by *The New York Times'* Florence Fabricant, included asparagus salad with crispy injera & Academy inductee Chef Marcus Samuelsson's berbere-cured salmon, roasted back cod with miso glaze, and a dessert trio of miniature baked Alaska, a chocolate and hazelnut quenelle, and "The Lemon."

The Academy of the Arts is a community of over 200 of the nation's most accomplished artists and creative professionals who lend their talent and expertise to Guild Hall. This year's annual affair hosted **225 guests and raised over \$750,000** to allow Guild Hall to continue celebrating those who champion the near century-old institution's dynamic mission as an inventive, artist-driven establishment.

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ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

In 1985, in recognition of the abundance of visual, literary, and performing artists in the Hamptons, Guild Hall's Board of Trustees initiated an awards program and honored local luminaries Kurt Vonnegut, Willem de Kooning, and Alan Alda. The following year, the Guild Hall **Academy of the Arts** was founded by Roy Lichtenstein, Frank Perry, Joseph F. Cullman, III, Peter Jennings, Sydney Gruson, Wilfred Sheed, Elaine Steinbeck, Henry Geldzahler, and Sherrye P. Henry as an association of talented artists and arts professionals who have an affiliation with Guild Hall.

Today, the Academy, presided over by President Eric Fischl, is an incredible assemblage of internationally recognized artists who advocate Guild Hall's mission. The Academy's 250 members are resources of talent for our programs and for mentoring younger artists in the community to extend the region's legacy as one of the country's most storied art colonies.

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.

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