

# CITYarts 48th Anniversary Gala

*A memorable celebration!*



*Dear Friends,*

On the night of the benefit we honored four amazing women who are dedicated to supporting the arts and education community. I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate CITYarts 48th anniversary. Every one of them, Virginia Zabriskie, Eleanor Flomenhaft, Nada Anid & Cheryl Wills, came with their own unique story of *Making a difference in the arts*. The wonderful presenters of their awards gave an inspiring description of their moving lives.



Honoree Cheryl Wills with  
Presenter Steve Sussman & Tsipi Ben-Haim



Milton Esterow Presenting the Brick  
Award to Honoree Eleanor Flomenhaft



Honoree Nada Anid and Presenter  
Terry Nauheim



Honoree Virginia Zabriskie with  
Presenter Martica Sawin & Tsipi Ben-Haim



MC Roma Torre



Auctioneer Jennifer Roth

As many of you know, the awards that were presented are artworks made on red bricks. This represents CITYarts going brick by brick transforming communities. Every year I'm amazed by the talent, care and dedication that derive from these bricks made by the artists to support our honorees and CITYarts. Pat Adams, Faith Ringgold, the students of NYIT 3D Division - Visual Arts School & John Moore were the artists who designed the brick awards this year.





The Brick Awards

(Left to Right: Designed by Pat Adams, John Moore, NYIT Students, & Faith Ringgold)

We also had a very successful silent and live auction with donations from fabulous artists, galleries and collectors. As with every benefit, our wine was donated by Solstar, our great supporter, and catering was by Between the Bread. You can't ask for better than that!



Paul Limperopulos, Tom Lollar & Terry Nauheim at the art auction display

The stars of our evening were the teenagers from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Complex - the High School for Law, Advocacy and Community Justice. They read a poem based on their *Pillars of Justice* project in their school. To celebrate their momentous contributions to their school and community, astronaut Leland Melvin

presented each student with his patch that he took with him to space. I hope the four students will feel inspired to reach for the stars after receiving such a high-flying gift.



Astronaut Leland Melvin presenting the NASA patches to the MLK High School students

I can't stress enough how important it is for us to provide an enriching experience for our youth through a creative process that is as significant as the end result. Both were expressed through our gala. We hope that you'll come to celebrate the big ceremony of the ribbon cutting for the *Pillars of Justice* at the MLK High School on June 13th.

*With warm wishes,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tsipi Ben-Haim".

Tsipi Ben-Haim  
Executive & Creative Director of CITYarts

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