



## Annual Benefit 2017 Great Success!

Dear Friends,

This year we brought our guests to tears as they were listening to three students from high school of Law Advocacy and Community Justice MLK educational campus. They expressed how art changed their lives. 2017 was the year we kicked off a special award to teachers who make a difference through the arts. I strongly believe that teachers and education is the most important valuable profession their is. It nurtures the leaders of the next generation that will make big decisions in our lives and yet the teachers don't get the respect, praise, or compensation they deserve. We ought to change that! Therefore we had started a teachers award this year. Erica Yonks is our teacher of the year.



This year CITYarts honorees with the Executive & Creative Director, Tsipi Ben-Haim and MLK students



Our Honoree, Joyce Kozloff, artist and educator through her art, was a major figure in both the Pattern, and Decoration and Feminist art movements of the 1970s. Her brick award was created by artist Robert Kushner.



Teacher honoree, Erica Yonks has been teaching high school arts students in New York City for the past 15 years. Her award was created by three students in collaboration with artist Duda Pentiado.



Our Honoree, Robert Friedman is a partner in Sheppard, Mullin. We like to call him the lawyer with a heart. His award was created by his daughter, Gabby Friedman, who was in the past a CITYarts intern.



After the award presentations, we continued the evening with the CITYarts documentary,



leading into the live auction with Kevin Doyle, Sotheby's Auctioneer following by a delicious diner prepared by caterer, Between the Bread.



(left) Stephanie Simon, NY1 News, Master of Ceremony, (right) Guest enjoying the catering, Between the Bread





Annual Benefit silent auction with Artsy



Honorees and CITYarts board

Special thanks to our Honorees, guests, Artsy who ran the art auction and all the wonderful donors and of course our generous host Allianz!





Enjoy spring

Tsipi,

Tsipi Ben-Haim  
Executive and Creative Director

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