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## Hirshhorn Sets Fundraising Record for Gala and Announces List of Artist Honorees

***Gala To Be Held at 4 World Trade Center in New York Monday, Nov. 9***

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is announced that the fundraising campaign for the 40th Anniversary Gala has raised more than \$1.55 million. It is the most successful fundraising gala in the Museum's history and will be attended by more than 400 guests. The event will be held at **4 World Trade Center** in New York **Monday, Nov. 9**.

The funds raised are composed of significant donations from across the United States, including **California, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, New York** and **Washington, D.C.**, and around the world, including **Canada, Indonesia, Korea** and the **United Arab Emirates**.

"This is a transformative moment in the history of the Hirshhorn, and we are honored to have the opportunity to build so successfully on the rich legacy left by Joseph and Olga Hirshhorn," said **Melissa Chiu**, director of the museum. "The 40th Anniversary Gala will be a celebration of the museum's future, building on the momentum of the past year."

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit the Hirshhorn's programming in an effort to enhance on-site and online offerings to the museum's audiences in Washington, D.C., and across the globe.

In celebration of its 40-year history as one of the nation's leading voices for contemporary art and culture, the Hirshhorn is thrilled to announce the complete list of artist honorees who will be present for the evening: **Marina Abramović, Janine Antoni, Siah Armajani, Lynda Benglis, Walead Beshty, Mark Bradford, Cai Guo-Qiang, Christo, Chuck Close, Dan Colen, Petah Coyne, Thomas Demand, Mark di Suvero, Spencer Finch, Charles Gaines, Sam Gilliam, Terence Gower, Roni Horn, Allen Jones, Jennie C. Jones, Ilya + Emilia Kabakov, Anish Kapoor, Jeff Koons, Joseph Kosuth, Lee Ufan, Shana Lutker, Julie Mehretu, Maggie Michael, Jason Moran, Malcolm Morley, Shirin Neshat, Ernesto Neto, Park Seo-Bo, Martin Puryear, Sean Scully, Nobuo Sekine, Dan Steinhilber and Lawrence Weiner.**

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The 40 artists, recognized for their significant and lasting contributions to modern and contemporary art, hail from 16 different countries, including the **Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Russia, Serbia, United Kingdom and United States.**

The Gala's honorary chairs include **Jim Demetrian, Ann Hamilton, Ellsworth Kelly, Yoko Ono, Julian Sands** and **Jason Wu**; lead supporter **Larry Gagosian**; and co-chairs **Wendy Dayton** and **Milly and Arne Glimcher.**

**4 World Trade Center**, located in the heart of Manhattan's Financial District, offers sweeping panoramic views of the city skyline. Guests will enjoy an elegant cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner featuring a special premiere performance by **Theater Gates and the Black Monks of Mississippi** and a dessert reception.

For more information on the Hirshhorn's 40th Anniversary Gala, visit: [hirshhorn.si.edu/bio/40th-anniversary-gala/](http://hirshhorn.si.edu/bio/40th-anniversary-gala/).



**HONOREES** Marina Abramović • Ai Weiwei • Janine Antoni • Siah Armajani • Lynda Benglis • Walead Beshty • Mark Bradford • Cai Guo-Qiang • Christo • Chuck Close • Dan Colen • Petah Coyne • Thomas Demand • Mark di Suvero • Spencer Finch • Charles Gaines • Sam Gilliam • Terence Gower • Dan Graham • Roni Horn • Allen Jones • Jennie C. Jones • Ilya & Emilia Kabakov • Anish Kapoor • Jeff Koons • Joseph Kosuth • Lee Ufan • Shana Lutker • Julie Mehretu • Maggie Michael • Jason Moran • Malcolm Morley • Shirin Neshat • Ernesto Neto • Park Seo-bo • Martin Puryear • Sean Scully • Nobuo Sekine • Dan Steinilber • Lawrence Weiner

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