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WHAT: The Brooklyn Historical Society's (BHS) Annual *Brooklyn History Makers* Gala held Monday, November 13th. The event honored two *Brooklyn History Makers*, philanthropist and founder of Independence Community Foundation Charles J. Hamm and pianist and composer Randy Weston. Borough President Marty Markowitz presented a proclamation to BHS and two citations to Hamm and Weston. President Deborah Schwartz read from a Proclamation from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

WHERE/WHEN: Monday, November 13, 2006
Cipriani Wall Street, New York, 55 Wall Street
Water Taxi from Fulton Ferry to Wall Street 5:00 PM
Cocktails 6:00 PM
Dinner, Dancing and Program: 7:30 – 10:00 PM

WHO: New York City Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, Kate Levin, Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, City Council member, David Yassky, Assembly Member, James Brennan, as well as Charles and Irene Hamm, Alan and Judith Fishman, Marilyn Gelber and Robert Jacobson, Brooklyn Artist Nicholas Evans-Cato, Founder of 651 ARTS, Mikki Shepard, Executive Director of 651 ARTS, Georgina Pickett, Maureen Knighton, Janet and David Offensend, The Honorable and Mrs. William Thompson, Cullen and Dykman's Ed Gentner, Con Edison's Frances Resheske, illustrator and creator of the 2006 *Brooklyn History Maker* awards, Nancy Donager, BHS Chairman James Laughlin, BHS President, Deborah Schwartz, along with Bob Buckholz and Lizanne Fontaine, Earl D. and Gina Ingoglia Weiner, and the event co-chairs, Anne Clarke Wolff, Robin Ottaway, Dona Metcalf Laughlin and Lisa Detwiler, and other VIP guests attended the event.

DETAILS: The *Brooklyn History Makers Gala* was an evening to celebrate Brooklyn, two truly important Brooklynites, Charles J. Hamm and Randy Weston, as well as an opportunity to introduce the launch of an Oral History Gallery where Hamm and Weston will be the first to contribute their oral histories. BHS will focus on oral histories as a regular component of its collecting in the community. The program included a tribute video to Charles Hamm produced by BCAT and the music of Randy Weston. With over \$200,000 raised by the gala, BHS can continue to serve the students, educators, scholars and citizens of Brooklyn and New York City as a vibrant cultural institution.

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