



BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS BROOKLYN BREWERY AND NATIONAL GRID AT 2016 GALA

Inaugural gala raises over \$440,000 in support of BHS education programs

November 23, 2016 Brooklyn, NY— On Tuesday, November 15, Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) honored Brooklyn Brewery and National Grid at its inaugural gala. The gala took place at Liberty Warehouse in Red Hook, Brooklyn. Following cocktails and a multi-course meal, guests joined members of BHS's George Hannah Society, its association of young professionals, for drinks and dancing at an after party featuring music by DJ Mick.

In addition to its generous support of BHS, Brooklyn Brewery is a stalwart supporter of the borough's many arts and culture, community organizations, museums, and galleries. Wes Jackson, BHS Trustee, presented the honoree award to Brooklyn Brewery's CEO Eric Ottaway and its President Robin Ottaway. National Grid is committed to making a lasting contribution to the communities it serves by supporting programs that help improve the way people live, work and play, focusing on the areas of education, energy, and environment. Jim Rossman, BHS Chairman of the Board, presented the honoree award to National Grid's President and COO Rudy Wynter, and its New York President Ken Daly.

All proceeds from the event will benefit BHS's education programs, including its popular school tours at BHS and the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Young Scholars and Young Curators programs, Teen Thursdays for middle schoolers, Teen Innovators for high schoolers, in-class programs for all ages, digital curricula, and professional development for educators. These programs empower children, youth, teachers and families to participate in the interpretation of Brooklyn history as they build critical thinking skills that will shape their present.

Each year, BHS education programs serve:

- 15,000 Pre-K through 12 grade students annually with direct programs
- 750 teachers, who in turn serve over 21,000 students
- 600 children in summer camp programs
- 25 teens who are placed in paid internships at the Brooklyn Navy Yard each year. Of these an average of three each year end up in full time jobs at the Navy Yard!
- BHS leads programs for students in every New York State Congressional District in New York City
- BHS works with teachers and students from every Borough in NYC

- 80% of BHS's students and teachers are from Title I schools

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Guest Speaker, BHS Teaching Artist: Kanene Ayo Holder, Educator, Artist, Activist



Accepting the award for Brooklyn Brewery, Robin Ottaway and Eric Ottaway



Accepting the award for National Grid, Rudy Wynter and Ken Daly with BHS Chairman of the Board, Jim Rossman and BHS President, Deborah Schwartz

Photos available via Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3pojfoabxkqpgs/AACgsFVQAmjBMbcTN70fhdNKa?dl=0>

About Brooklyn Historical Society

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

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