



# BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SECOND ANNUAL GALA EXCEEDS GOAL**

*Held in Red Hook's Liberty Warehouse, gala honored Peter D'Arcy and Michael Rudin, and raised funds for BHS's award-winning education programs*

November 17, 2017 Brooklyn, NY— Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) welcomed 300 attendees to its second annual fall gala on Wednesday, November 15 in Red Hook's Liberty Warehouse. The event raised over \$646K, exceeding its goal. Funds will benefit BHS's education programs, including Teen Innovators, a humanities-based job preparedness program held in partnership with the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Teen Innovators recently received the 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the highest honor for after school programs in the country. (Click [here](#) to view a video about the impact Teen Innovators is having on Brooklyn's next generation.)

The gala honored Peter D'Arcy, Area Executive of M&T Bank, and Michael Rudin, Vice President of Rudin Management Company, for their respective contributions to the community.

"The Brooklyn Historical Society plays a critical role as a bridge to this vibrant history while keeping its fingers on the pulse of the dynamic new Brooklyn," Peter D'Arcy said as he accepted his award. "Given the breathtaking pace of change that has happened in Brooklyn, this connection to the past is more important than ever. Thank you for all of the wonderful programming that you do and thank you for this having me as you co-honoree this evening."

"New Yorkers love to believe we live in the best city, at the best time, with the most interesting things happening before our eyes. But those of us who are curious know that we stand on the shoulders of giants, whose stories we know due to the great work of organizations like the Brooklyn Historical Society," said Michael Rudin, as he addressed the gala attendees. "By honoring and remembering the art, people, places, and history of Brooklyn, and focusing on educating our youth, the Brooklyn Historical Society plays an important civic role in a world that could use more history lessons."

"Education is at the heart of what we do at Brooklyn Historical Society. Through our school tours and after school programs, we serve over 15,000 pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students each year. 80% of these students attend Title I schools. The funds raised last night will help to expand horizons for these young people and the educators who work with them," said Deborah Schwartz, President of Brooklyn Historical Society. "We are

thrilled to honor Peter and Michael, who have been steadfast advocates of the work we do to connect Brooklyn's past with its ever-changing present.”

Photos from the gala are available for [download](#) via DropBox.

### **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. In May 2017 BHS opened a second site in DUMBO's Brooklyn Bridge Park.

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