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Honoree Presentations
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Dear Friends of BronxWorks,

Thank you for joining us as we gather to celebrate our 45th Anniversary and the accomplishments of our distinguished honorees. Tonight we recognize the many supporters, partners, staff and volunteers that help BronxWorks feed, shelter, teach and support our Bronx community.

We would like to extend a special thank you and congratulations to the 2017 Sapphire Gala honorees: The Lemle & Wolff Companies, Mutual of America, and Paul Lipson of Barretto Bay Strategies. Our community is stronger and better supported because of the efforts and commitments of these amazing honorees. We would also like to thank the many sponsors and donors that have contributed to tonight’s success. The funds raised this evening will help support the continuation of the BronxWorks mission and the many programs that are based at our flagship location, the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center, 1130 Grand Concourse.

This past year, BronxWorks provided 1.2 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to children, adults and families who have limited access to healthy food. Our eviction prevention and housing assistance work enabled over 1,400 individuals and nearly 4,400 families to remain stably housed. The BronxWorks Children and Youth Department provided afterschool or other programs for 1,458 middle school children. For Bronx residents seeking employment, the BronxWorks Workforce Development Program helped 843 persons find jobs, 331 youth find internships, and over 1,000 immigrants received legal assistance.

Earlier this year, BronxWorks was pleased to open the Bronx Senior Services Offices at Soundview Senior Housing with The Lemle and Wolff Companies, one of tonight’s honorees.

BronxWorks is always seeking to foster new relationships and build coalitions to support and enhance the services that we provide to our community. To connect with BronxWorks, email Gianna Dell’Olio at gdellolio@bronxworks.org.

Sincerely,

Eileen Torres
Executive Director

Roger Begelman
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P.S. Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. To share pictures and posts from this evening, please use the hashtag #2017SapphireGala.
A Minnesota native and University of Wisconsin graduate, Laura is the weekend sports anchor and sports reporter at Eyewitness News (ABC 7) in New York City, a role she began in December of 2010. Laura covers all of the region’s professional teams including the Yankees, Mets, Jets, Giants, Knicks, Nets, Rangers, Devils, and Islanders. Prior to moving to Manhattan Laura spent two and a half years in San Francisco, where she was the weekend sports anchor at NBC Bay Area and spent three and a half years in Boston as a sports reporter and anchor at New England Cable News and Comcast SportsNet New England. Laura has won several awards for her work, including an Edward R. Murrow Award for her behind the scenes look inside Fenway Park’s Green Monster.

BronxWorks first met Laura while she was on assignment in the Fall of 2015, covering two BronxWorks holiday events. BronxWorks is honored to have been a subject of Laura’s distinguished reporting and is pleased to have her return to the podium as the gala’s Mistress of Ceremonies.

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BronxWorks is pleased to recognize The Lemle & Wolff Companies as a 2017 honoree, and looks forward to many years of continued partnership.
Paul Lipson is an urban solutions consultant with a specialization in mixed-use community development, renewable energy, and clean transportation solutions for metropolitan areas. Lipson’s firm, Barretto Bay Strategies, currently advises a number of anchor institutions, community development organizations, and firms in the clean tech sector, each with projects positioned at the interface of public policy and market development in these spaces.

From 2004 - 2011, Lipson served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Jose E. Serrano (NY-16), an 11-term Democrat and senior appropriator from the Bronx. In 2009, Lipson served as principal author of The American Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Act (HR 4399), a bill introduced with bi-partisan support aimed at scaling up the domestic electric truck industry and helping to address air quality deficits incurred by medium duty fleets based in places like the South Bronx. Earlier in his career, Mr. Lipson founded and led The Point Community Development Corporation, a pioneering CDC based in the Hunts Point section of The Bronx and active in the sustainability sector.

Under Mr. Lipson’s tenure, the organization launched the South Bronx Greenway, initiated the revitalization of 8 acres of scatter-site brownfields, redeveloped two significant industrial parcels, launched a creative sector business incubator in the historic American Banknote Building, and led local community consensus-building around land use and waterfront issues in the Hunts Point peninsula. Mr. Lipson is the proud father of 14 year-old twins, Leo and Vivian Lipson.

BronxWorks extends its warmest congratulations to Paul for his dedication to improving the Bronx and is pleased to recognize him as a 2017 Sapphire Gala Honoree.
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Best Wishes to the 2017 Honorees
The Lemle & Wolff Companies, Mutual of America, and Paul Lipson

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Best Wishes,

Abraham Kohn
Joel Weisz
Geoffrey Doing-Marx
Geoffrey Doing-Marx moved to New York City in the mid-1980’s and started his career in dance, musical theatre and choreography. He is currently on faculty at three higher education institutions. As a Producer, Geoffrey received a Certificate of Excellence in Cultural Achievement from the Manhattan Borough President office of The Mayor of NYC for his work as Artistic Director of The Elan Awards. In December of 2011 he started painting, photographing, writing and hasn’t looked back since. Now with over 500 paintings and thousands of photographs, GDM is everywhere. He is resident Artist at POSH NYC (3 years) and The Lanyon 36 Gallery in New York City, represents him as an artist.

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Sandra Rossini
Sandra Rossini’s work focuses on the color patterns in an effort to invoke emotion and/or metaphorical symbols. The colors project not only her emotions as the artist but also are a reflection of the viewer’s reaction back onto the painting. “My main inspiration has been the female figure and representation of femininity. This is established not only through the main focal point but in the brightness of the colors chosen. I enjoy working with sharp angles, repetition of shapes, and the rounded figures in my female subjects incorporating musical instruments to echo femininity and the many shades it carries.”
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Jose Acosta
Jose Acosta was born in San Jose, Cuba in 1966 and immigrated to the U.S. with his family when he was 3 years old. He currently lives in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. with his Family. His works are in over 500 Private and Public Collections including in the collection of The World Bank Art Program in Washington, DC, at the United Cerebral Palsy organization, at the organization Healthy Families, Touro College, The University of Pennsylvania Art Collection and the Rubin Museum Collection. Bright colors, swirling figures, and vibrant energy characterize Acosta’s paintings. “There is a strong influence of his native Cuba in the happiness and bright colors of his paintings,” he says. He considers himself a Cuban-American and is very proud of both his Cuban heritage and his American citizenship. “Generally my paintings depict my personal history and my surroundings. I paint from my heart, expressing a little hope and happiness in all of my creations.”
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Ricky Mestre
Ricky Mestre is a painter, illustrator and performer. He attended the University of Bridgeport majoring in Illustration and took courses in theater and photography. He has been featured as a guest on a local television show “Boom City” and has written, produced and acted in television productions on Sound View’s TV network. Ricky also curates shows at several different galleries in the Bridgeport area including “heavy-heARTed” which features pieces inspired by human emotions and “SameSex” which has been the most well attended event at City Lights Gallery to date. “SameSex” has become an annual event as part of gay pride celebrations in June with the 2013 exhibit featured in the New York Times.

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Ben Casiano
Benjamin Casiano was born & raised in New York City. An accomplished art director, graphic designer and painter, he received his BFA from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. His 20 plus years experience as a designer has a profound effect on where his work is today. For the past several years Ben has developed his own style & technique. Some consider his work to be a form of expressionism, cubism & fauvism. His bold & stylistic works has been exhibited as far away as China. Ben’s art is seen in numerous galleries and is owned by corporate & private collectors throughout the US. Art is his contribution, adding to culture, one painting at a time & one exhibition at a time. “I see the world as if through a kaleidoscope, deconstruct the information onto a mosaic canvas. This is not fragmentation or a movement but rather a transcendent of the psyche, tapping into the deepest part of my heart and soul.”

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John Lawson
John Lawson is a visual artist who is interested in capturing the human experience on all its various levels. It can be seen in his stunning portraiture or his powerful representation of the human figure. John is a native of North Carolina. He has resided in Bridgeport Connecticut for the past thirty years with his work showing through out the tri-state area. John received his BFA from Syracuse University. John’s work has been collected by institutions, private collectors, churches and homes throughout the east coast. John is a member of The Stratford Art Guild. The Connecticut Pastel Society, The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield and The Fairfield Arts Council. He also serves as a committee member of The Fairfield Council Community Foundation. John actively serves on the Bridgeport Arts Cultural Council. John serves in a mentorship capacity to others who seek to grow artistically. He provides art instruction, training and workshops in the Fairfield County area and is committed to promoting the arts in his local community.

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Herm Freeman
Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., lives in Westport, CT, and maintains a studio at 305 Knowlton Studios in Bridgeport, CT. Herm Freeman earned a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Indiana University. The artist draws his landscape inspiration from the motifs of Soutine, Cezanne and Picasso. He exhibits paintings primarily in NYC and the Northeast. He was awarded ‘Best in Show’ at the prestigious Silvermine 51st Art of the Northeast USA Annual Exhibition, and he recently had a retrospective show of 47 landscape paintings from the previous 20 years in Westport.
In addition to his emotionally charged landscape painting, Herm Freeman has pursued his musical muse throughout the years, and still performs locally and in NYC. Herm Freeman taught art in Connecticut schools for 40 years, and is now painting full time.

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Hernan Restrepo
In 2005, Hernan Restrepo enrolled in college courses that led him to an associate’s degree in Visual Communications, and in 2008, he earned his BFA in Graphic Design from the University of Bridgeport, in Bridgeport CT. Upon graduating, Hernan has helped small businesses with their promotional needs and provided assistance to local organizations, including the re-launch of The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Stamford, CT. Hernan serves as Interim Secretary for INTAKE, a non profit that provides classical music education through native instruments for first American generations. Currently, Hernan works as creative director and video editor for Actual Magazine, an online publishing company with a focus on Latin Culture. Hernan has been part of various local exhibitions across southwestern Connecticut and been a member of art organizations like Stamford Art Association and The Loft Artists Association. He is a founding member of Liber Artist Group, through which he helps to promote emerging local artists in his community with group exhibitions. His aesthetic choices revolve around the idea of human interaction between man and woman with an important focus on design and color harmony.

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