



## THE ART SHOW

Beautiful people — philanthropists, art enthusiasts, and business, cultural and civic leaders — and beautiful works of art filled the Park Avenue Armory on March 4, 2014, for the 26th Annual Art Show.

Spotted among the Gala Preview guests were artist **Christo**, Franklin Furnace founder **Martha Wilson** and tennis star **John McEnroe**.

Honorary Chair of the event was **Agnes Gund**. Co-chairs were **Bunty Armstrong, Janine and J. Tomilson Hill, Alexandra Lebenthal** and **Byron and Anita Volz Wien**. Established in 1989 to benefit Henry Street's vital programs, the show is organized by the Art Dealers Association of America.

The 2015 Art Show Gala Preview, held on March 3, will be followed by the five-day Art Fair from March 4 to 8. **For tickets, please call 212.766.9200 x247 or visit [henrystreet.org/artshow](http://henrystreet.org/artshow).**

## 2014 GALA DINNER DANCE

Henry Street's sold-out 2014 Gala Dinner Dance — attended by 400 of New York's best, brightest and most influential leaders — honored **Amandine and Stephen Freidheim**, Chief Investment Officer, Founder and Managing Partner of Cyrus Capital Partners, **Fir Tree Partners**, a New York based private investment firm, and **Alexis Stoudemire**, President of the Amar'e & Alexis Stoudemire Foundation.

The glamorous gala, held at the Plaza Hotel, reaped more than \$1 million to benefit the Settlement's programs. Nearly \$167,000 was raised at the live auction conducted by Tash Perrin of Christie's.

Co-chairs were **Enrica Arengi Bentivoglio, Barbara von Bismarck, Giovanna Campagna, Natalia Gottret Echavarria, Kalliope Karella, Anna Pinheiro, Pilar Crespi Robert and Lesley Schulhof**. **Mulberry** was the corporate sponsor.

The 2015 Gala Dinner Dance will be held on April 14. **Please call 212.766.9200 x247 to request an invitation.**



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## The Playhouse Celebrates a Century of Performance

From the moment Henry Street's Neighborhood Playhouse opened in 1915, the performances on its stage have been pioneering, experimental and often provocative. It presented new works by George Bernard Shaw, James Joyce, Eugene O'Neill; a play directed by Orson Welles; and, under the leadership of Alwin Nikolais, pioneered modern dance. Paul Taylor made his debut on its stage and Martha Graham was an instructor. The building itself is a New York City historic landmark.

Stay tuned for the 2015 Centennial Season, which will include performances by Basil Twist, The Civilians, Mabou Mines, David Greenspan, David Neumann, Sibyl Kempson, Will Rawls and more, as the Abrons continues to push boundaries by presenting ambitious and innovative multi-disciplinary performances from emerging and vanguard artists who represent the past, present and future of the Abrons Arts Center.



Jay Wegman, Director of the Abrons Arts Center, with the Obie award.

## An OBIE for the ABRONS

For the first time in its 99-year history, Henry Street Settlement's Abrons Arts Center won a prestigious Obie Award at the 59th Annual Obie Awards Ceremony held on May 19, 2014, at Webster Hall. The Obie Awards, given annually by *The Village Voice*, recognize excellence in Off-Broadway and Off-Off Broadway theater.

The Abrons received the Ross Wetzsteon Award, presented to a theater that nurtures innovative new plays and artists. A \$1,000 grant accompanies the award, which is named for the former theater editor of *The Village Voice*.

Presenting the award, Betsy Aidem (who made her NYC stage debut at the Abrons 30 years ago) and actor Lily Rabe, said, "In a venerable 100-year-old community center on the Lower East Side, there's an arts program with an exciting new feeling — revitalized, innovative, and vibrant, with new student courses, new artist residencies, and a teeming new calendar of events that involve some of the best-known, some of the newest, and some of the bravest downtown artists."

Accepting the award, Jay Wegman, Director of the Abrons, in a blissfully brief speech (the award was the last given during the evening), thanked the Obie committee and gratefully acknowledged Richard Abrons (himself a noted playwright) and his wife Iris who were in the house. (The generosity of the Abrons' family has been instrumental in the success of the Arts Center.)

David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street, said, "Winning an Obie Award on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the Arts Center is a wonderful endorsement of our commitment to the arts. Since our founding, Henry Street has made critical investments to create accessibility to the arts, which we believe are as necessary to the human spirit as food, shelter and clothing."

## Like What We Do? SUPPORT OUR WORK!

Henry Street Settlement relies on the generous support of individuals to help us provide vital social service, arts and health care programs to 50,000 individuals each year. When you support the Settlement, you can be confident your money goes where it is most needed: 89 cents of every dollar donated goes directly towards helping our clients.



**GIVE A GIFT:** Your donation to our general operating fund, to support a specific program, to honor an individual or life event, can make a difference today. Ask about our planned giving program to create a lasting legacy.

**ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT:** The Art Show, Gala Dinner Dance and other events allow you to enjoy arts, social and cultural events while directly supporting our programs.

**VOLUNTEER:** Donate your time and expertise (serve meals to seniors, paint a day care classroom, etc.) to have meaningful impact on Henry Street's programs, clients and facilities.

**DONATE GOODS AND SERVICES:** Your donation of items (bicycles, art supplies, toys, books and office furniture) or services (photography, printing, etc.) allows us to better meet our clients' needs.

For more information on ways to support Henry Street, please contact the Development and External Relations Department at 212.766.9200 or visit [henrystreet.org/donate](http://henrystreet.org/donate).

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# HENRY STREET happenings

Henry Street Settlement opens doors of opportunity for Lower East Side residents and all New Yorkers through innovative social service, arts and health care programs. Here's a snapshot of some latest news:



▲ Neighbors chalked the street, danced and enjoyed refreshments at the party.

## Henry Street Parties Like It's 1899

Henry Street Settlement hosted the debut event for the first-ever Lower East Side History Month on May 3, 2014 — a free block party, “Party Like It's 1899.” The party featured cake, crafts, tours of the historic Settlement and dancing in the street to celebrate the 147th birthday of founder Lillian Wald.

Among the nearly 400 attendees were firefighters from the FDNY's Ladder 18, Community Board 3's Susan Stetzer and Gigi Li, and New York City Council Member Margaret Chin, who praised Henry Street's staff and volunteers, noting, “They work hard, but they know when to have fun!” She apparently does too; Chin later led the conga line that wove through the crowd, as DJ Mambo played the “Conga.”



▲ “Lillian's House Dress,” baked by Jael Wagener, won first prize in the block party's birthday cake contest.

## RUTH TAUBE — Lower East Side Community Hero

Ruth Taube, Director of Henry Street's Home Planning Workshop — and a Settlement employee for nearly 48 years — was one of three individuals honored as a “Lower East Side Community Hero.” She received her award at the Lower East Side History Month's closing ceremonies held on May 31 at Pier 42.

▲ David Garza with Lower East Side Community Hero Ruth Taube.

## ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT: Putting the “Street” Back in Henry Street

More than 200 members of the Lower East Side community gathered at Henry Street on April 6, 2014, sacrificing a beautiful spring day to make their voices heard at the Settlement's first-ever Town Hall meeting.

They were joined by elected officials, including U.S. Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney and Nydia Velazquez, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, NYC Council Members Margaret Chin and Rosie Mendez, and representatives from the offices of State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, State Senator Daniel Squadron and State Assemblyman Brian Kavanagh.

The Town Hall included full group meetings and smaller discussion groups led by facilitators on pressing issues like housing, education, gentrification and employment. Council Member Chin led a group for seniors conducted in Chinese.

“The Town Hall leveraged the findings of the 30 plus focus groups we conducted with program clients and community residents over the winter,” said Jeremy Reiss, Deputy Development Officer for Public Policy and External Relations. “The day helped pave a roadmap for action.”

A full report of the Town Hall is available on our website at [henrystreet.org/about/advocacy.html](http://henrystreet.org/about/advocacy.html) or by calling 212.766.9200 x216.



▲ Jazz enthusiasts Thorndyke Hairston and Sarah Elliot.

## JAZZ ON WHEELS, Courtesy of Henry Street

When Meals on Wheels (MoW) staff learned that client Sarah Elliot wanted to see a jazz performance in Tribeca, Henry Street made her wish a reality.

The MoW staff knew that another client, Thorndyke Hairston, was also a jazz enthusiast, and invited him along. Their tickets to the “Highlights in Jazz 41st Anniversary” concert were subsidized, transportation was procured and Katie Hine, a social work intern, accompanied them to the concert.

The evening was a smash hit. Ms. Elliot and Mr. Hairston recognized the kindred jazz-head in one another, comparing notes about favorite musicians, songs and shows. Both emphasized what a welcome respite the outing was — alleviating the loneliness and isolation of the long cold winter.

“I was so happy I was delirious,” said Ms. Elliot. “I felt drunk but didn't have a drop to drink!”



▶ David Garza with Garrison Keillor and Malcolm Gladwell at the New York Public Library.



## Henry Street @ WORLD BOOK NIGHT LAUNCH

The literati and the “givearati” came together at the New York Public Library on April 22, 2014, at the public launch of World Book Night America 2014. Henry Street was a partner in the initiative, designed to deliver printed books to those without means or access.

David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street, shared the stage with esteemed authors Garrison Keillor, Malcolm Gladwell and Tobias Wolff.

The following day, Henry Street distributed books to elderly clients of the Good Companions Senior Center, the Senior Companion Program and to Meals on Wheels recipients. “Instead of dinner and a movie, you get dinner and a book,” said Garza.

## FIX A BIKE? Yes, They Can!

Some 28 proud New Yorkers graduated from the first ever Bicycle Mechanic Skills Academy at a spirited ceremony held on March 20, 2014, at Henry Street's Workforce Development Center.

NY 1 News and *The LoDown* were there to cover the event.

The ten-week job program, an initiative of Henry Street and Recycle a Bicycle, combined hands-on classroom training with internships at local bike shops.

David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street, congratulated the graduates, noting that the Academy is the latest of Settlement “firsts.” “We put the first nurse in a public school and opened the first shelter for homeless families,” he said. “And now, we've created the first bicycle mechanic skills training academy.”

One graduate, Steve Chabra, said, “This is a terrific program. I was really impressed with the large workspace filled with professional quality tools and equipment. When I saw that, I knew it was the real deal.”

The graduates are a diverse group. Nearly half are under age 25; and 25 percent are women. Karen Overton, Executive Director of Recycle a Bicycle, specifically recruited women for the program because they are underrepresented in the bicycle industry.

The Lower East Side Employment Network (LESEN), a consortium which Henry Street co-founded, is a partner in the program and helped identify potential living-wage jobs for graduates.

This innovative program was made possible with funding from The Robin Hood Foundation, the Heckscher Foundation for Children and the Consortium for Worker Education.

▶ Students in the first class of the Bicycle Mechanic Skills Workshop learned not only how to repair bicycles, but to build one from scratch.



## Dunk & Donate — A SLAM DUNK!

Henry Street's first Dunk & Donate basketball tournament was a slam dunk as eight teams hit the court to support youth programs at Henry Street, competing for a trophy (and bragging rights).

KGM Consulting won the tournament after defeating Allen & Overy in a fierce championship game; the Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow team won the Fan Favorite social media contest.

Teams from UPS, KGM Consulting, First Manhattan Consulting Group Direct, Howie Boys, and SLS Capital (led by Scott Swid, President of Henry Street's Board of Directors) also competed in the tournament, held on January 26, 2014, at the Boys & Girls Republic (BGR). Sponsors of the event also included American Express, Forest City Ratner, and Basketball City.

Brian Betts from SLS Capital, who won the \$800 three-point shot competition, donated his winnings back to Henry Street.

Executive Director David Garza thanked the sponsors and participants. “Our Boys & Girls Republic opens doors for youth in this neighborhood to level the playing field for them. Thanks to you, the funds raised today will swing those doors wide open,” he said. “Some 90 percent of the families in this neighborhood live below the poverty line, and in the past 18 months, three young people lost their lives to homicide. BGR is needed now more than ever.”



## LUNCH & DONATE

Heidi Manheimer, Chief Executive Officer of Shiseido Cosmetics America, Annelise Peterson, and Tomoko Yamagishi, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Shiseido, were among the guests at a glamorous luncheon to support Henry Street hosted by Clé de Peau Beauté and Annelise Peterson at The Rooftop at the Refinery Hotel on June 3, 2014. The exclusively female crowd included Henry Street Board Members Anna Pinheiro and Lesley Schulhof.

