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Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery Inaugural American Portrait Gala Nov. 15



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WHAT

This November, the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery will hold the inaugural American Portrait Gala. The black-tie affair celebrates America's icons and the art of portraiture and honors five Americans from the worlds of athletics, fashion, the arts, entertainment and military service. All proceeds from the American Portrait Gala will be used to establish the National Portrait Gallery's first-ever endowment for exhibitions.

Bringing together philanthropists, artists, tastemakers and luminaries, the evening will begin with a cocktail reception in the historic building where President Abraham Lincoln held his second inaugural ball. Attendees will dine in the museum's elegant Kogod Courtyard beneath the acclaimed Foster + Partners undulating glass-roof canopy. As dinner is served, guests will enjoy the inaugural presentation of the **Portrait of a Nation Prize**, recognizing exemplary achievement in their fields. Actor/filmmaker **Lee Daniels** will present the Portrait of a Nation Prize to **Carolina Herrera**, **General Joseph Dunford** to **Cpl. Kyle Carpenter**, **the Honorable Congressman John Lewis** to **Hank Aaron**, a distinguished guest (name to be announced) to **Aretha Franklin**, and architect **David Adjaye** to **Maya Lin**. The evening will culminate with dessert and musical performance. Masters of Ceremonies will be PBS NewsHour's co-anchors and managing editors **Gwen Ifill** and **Judy Woodruff**.

WHEN

Sunday, Nov. 15
7 p.m.

WHERE

Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture
Eighth and F streets N.W., Washington, D.C.

WHO

Kim Sajet, director, National Portrait Gallery

Gala Founding Chairs

Wayne and Catherine Reynolds

Gala Co-Chairs

H.E. Ambassador Gérard Araud
Steve and Sheila Hamp
Robert and Arlene Kogod
David and Alice Rubenstein

Gala Host Committee

Aetna, Inc.
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal and Mrs.
Cynthia Blumenthal
Mr. and Mrs. J. Kevin Buchi
Mrs. William N. Cafritz (Buffy)
Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation
Ms. Anna Chavez
CityCenterDC
Dior
Nancy Itteilag and Jack Donnelly, Long &
Foster/Christie's
Dorchester Towers & Apartments on Columbia
Pike in Arlington by Lola C. Reinsh
Elizabeth and Richard Dubin
Embassy of the State of Qatar

Dr. Ella M. Foshay and Mr. Michael B.
Rothfeld
The Honorable Joseph Gildenhorn and Mrs.
Alma Gildenhorn
Donald Graham and Amanda Bennett
General Dynamics
The Home Depot
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kessler
The Honorable Bonnie McElveen-Hunter
McLarty Associates, Thomas McLarty, III
Mrs. Connie Milstein
The Honorable Mary V. Mochary
Patricia and Walter Moore
Perlin Family Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sant
Dr. Paul G. Stern

Gala Honorary Committee

David Adjaye
The Honorable Roy Blunt and Mrs. Abigail
Blunt
The Honorable Thad Cochran and Mrs. Kay
Webber
Lee Daniels
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein and Mr.
Richard C. Blum

Milton Glaser
The Honorable John Lewis
Mike McGregor
Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation
Ross Rossin
Barton Rubenstein
Karin Sander
Sonia Sotomayor

Evening Itinerary

7 p.m.: Reception
8 p.m.: Dinner and program in the Robert and Arlene Kogod Courtyard
9:30 p.m.: Special performance

Food

Design Cuisine Catering

Expected Guests

Notable Arts Patrons, Politicians, Philanthropists

Robert B. Barnett and Rita Braver
The Honorable Anthony C. Beilenson
Melissa and Jason Burnett
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Carter
The Honorable Michael Chertoff and Mrs.
Meryl Chertoff
The Honorable Jeannine Smith Clark
Dr. Alan Fern and Mrs. Lois Fern
Ann and Vernon Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCarter Jr.
Donna and Mack McLarty

Amy and Marc Meadows
The Honorable John Medveckis and Ms.
Marina Katz
The Honorable Mary Ourisman
Tommie L. Pegues and Donald A. Capoccia
Amy and Gary Perlin
Cathy Michael Podell
Colin Powell
Lola C. Reinsch
Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Ryan

For more information on the American Portrait Gala, visit: <http://npg.si.edu/gala/>.

National Portrait Gallery

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery tells the multifaceted story of America through the individuals who have shaped its culture. Through the visual arts, performing arts and new media, the Portrait Gallery portrays poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists whose lives tell the American story.

The National Portrait Gallery is part of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture at Eighth and F streets N.W., Washington, D.C. Smithsonian information: (202) 633-1000. Website: npg.si.edu. Connect with the museum at [@NPG](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#) and [Tumblr](#).

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