

STORM KING ART CENTER

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**STORM KING ART CENTER HOSTS
FIFTH ANNUAL GALA DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2014
FOUR SEASONS RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK CITY**



HOSTS

Storm King Art Center

John Stern, President

David Collens, Director and Curator

WHAT

Storm King Art Center hosts its Fifth Annual Gala Dinner and Live Auction at The Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City.

WHERE

The Four Seasons Restaurant

Seagram Building, 99 East 52nd Street, New York

HONORING

Alexander S. C. Rower & the Calder Foundation

On the occasion, Pace Gallery presents an exhibition of Alexander Calder's work at the Seagram Building, in collaboration with the Calder Foundation, on view through November 10, 2014.

HONORARY CHAIRS

Fairfax Dorn, Rainer Judd, Diana Widmaier Picasso, Cynthia H. Polsky, Adam D. Weinberg

GALA CHAIRS

James H. Ottaway, Georgina T. & Thomas A. Russo

EVENING ITINERARY

6:30pm: Cocktails

7:30pm: Dinner and Live Auction

EXPECTED GUESTS

Artists:

Alice Aycock
Dan Budnik
Michael Coffey
Tara Donovan
Jacqueline Humphries
Martin and Jeanne Puryear
Philip Rickey
Clifford Ross
Holton Rower
Ursula von Rydingsvard
Becca Smith
Doug and Mike Starn
Mark di Suvero
Johnny Swing
Sarah Sze
Stephen Talasnik

Beth Rudin DeWoody
Roberta and Steven Denning
David Diamond and Karen Zukowski
Kim Elliman
Helen Drutt English
Arne and Milly Glimcher
Marc Glimcher
Carol Greene
Melissa Lazarov
Fran Lebowitz
Kate Levin
Christy MacLear
Richard and Ronay Menschel
Julie and Edward Minskoff
Robert Mnuchin
Julian and Lisa Niccolini
Nick and Pat Ohnell
Mitch and Emily Rales
Scott Rothkopf
Dame Jillian Sackler
Anne Sidamon-Eristoff
RJ Smith
Hume Steyer and Nanahya Santana

Other Distinguished Guests:

Henry Arnhold
Lee Auchincloss
Helena and Peter Bienstock
Melissa Chui
Lucy and Mike Danziger
Sandra Calder Davidson

LIVE AUCTION

The annual live auction will include five artworks and will be overseen by David Redden, Vice Chairman at Sotheby's. The auction will include works by Dan Budnik, Zhang Huan, George Rickey, and Richard Serra.

HONORING THE CALDER FOUNDATION

Storm King celebrates the accomplishments of Alexander S. C. Rower, President and Founder of the Calder Foundation. Rower is the artist's grandson, and he established the Calder Foundation in 1987 in order to maintain the artist's legacy. Whereas many contemporary artist foundations have since been conceived of and endowed by the artists themselves, Calder left no plan for the foundation, which has since become a model organization for emerging artist foundations.

Alexander Calder's sculptures have inspired and intrigued Storm King visitors for decades and have played an integral role in the expansion of Storm King's curatorial program. *The Arch* (1975) is a monumental sculpture that greets visitors when they arrive at Storm King. The "Calder Hillside" near the museum building has exhibited a remarkable group of Calder sculptures for over 25 years. In 1988, Storm King collaborated with the Calder Foundation to present *Alexander Calder: Five Grand Stables*, the first exhibition of Calder's work at the Art Center, which remained on view for ten years. In 2001, Storm King Director David Collens co-curated with Alexander S. C. Rower the exhibition *Grand Intuitions: Calder's Monumental Sculpture*, which was on view at Storm King through 2003 and featured large-scale outdoor sculptures, as well as maquettes, and photographs.

TICKETS

All proceeds benefit Storm King's exhibitions and programs. For ticketing information, please visit <http://www.stormking.org/gala2014/> or e-mail gala@stormkingartcenter.org.

ABOUT STORM KING ART CENTER

Located in New York's Hudson Valley about an hour north of the George Washington Bridge, Storm King is one of the world's leading sculpture parks, encompassing over 500 acres of rolling hills, verdant fields, and woodlands. These provide space for a collection of more than 100 large-scale sculptures by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time, including Alexander Calder, Mark di Suvero, Andy Goldsworthy, Zhang Huan, Maya Lin, Louise Nevelson, Isamu Noguchi, Claus Oldenburg, Richard Serra, David Smith, and Ursula von Rydingsvard among others.

Storm King is located on Old Pleasant Hill Road, in Mountainville, New York, one hour from New York City. For information about hours and admission, public transportation, directions, Zipcar discounts, special events, family activities, bike rentals, and the cafe, visit www.stormking.org, or call 845-534-3115.

ABOUT THE CALDER FOUNDATION

Since its inception, the Calder Foundation has been dedicated to collecting, exhibiting, preserving, and interpreting the art and archives of Alexander Calder and is charged with an unmatched collection of his works. Since Rower's initiation of the ambitious catalogue raisonné project, the Foundation has documented more than 22,000 works by Calder and established an extensive archive dedicated to all aspects of Calder's career.

The Foundation's projects include collaborating on exhibitions and publications, organizing and maintaining the Calder archives, examining works attributed to Calder, and cataloguing the artist's works. The Calder Foundation's programming also includes its own exhibitions, lectures, performances, and events on Calder as well as contemporary artists, including those whose work the Foundation supports through its biannual Calder Prize and the Atelier Calder residency program in Saché, France.

Image Credit: (1) Sandy Rower, Elan Gentry, Fairfax Dorn, Rainer Judd, John Stern, Courtesy of Storm King Art Center. (2) Alexander Calder. *Five Swords*, 1976. Sheet metal, bolts and paint, 17' 9" x 22' x 29'. © 2014 Calder Foundation, New York/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Photograph by Jerry L. Thompson.

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