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A designer, tastemaker, and working mother of two, **Aerin Lauder** is a modern-day style icon. Committed to living life more beautifully, she founded the luxury lifestyle brand AERIN in 2012. With a love for interiors and a talent for creating warm, inviting spaces, Aerin's elegant, effortless aesthetic reflects her unique upbringing. As she says, "Beauty is my heritage, but home and

accessories are my passion. There was an opportunity in the market for a lifestyle brand based on feminine, modern, and effortless products with strong heritage and storytelling. I decided to launch AERIN and make the whole concept of beauty part of the way we live today."

Aerin brings ease and beauty into all aspects of life and, as a dedicated philanthropist, into the lives of others. In addition to her work at AERIN, Lauder currently maintains her role as Style & Design Director, Estée Lauder Re-Nutriv. Aerin is an Elective Trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as a member of The Chairman's Council. She serves on the board of the Foundation for Art and Preservation in Embassies, The Boys' Club of New York, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, and God's Love We Deliver. Aerin is a member of the International Council of the Museum of Modern Art. For over 10 years, Aerin served as a member of the board of the Estée Lauder Companies, until she rotated off for another family member's term. In 2013, God's Love We Deliver presented Aerin with the Golden Heart Award for Lifetime Achievement, and most recently, she received the Business and Entrepreneurship Award from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

## Darren Walker

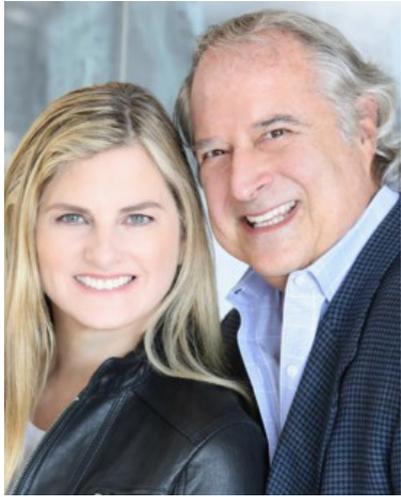


**Darren Walker** is president of the Ford Foundation, a \$16 billion international social justice philanthropy. He chaired the philanthropy committee that brought a resolution to the city of Detroit's historic bankruptcy. Under his leadership, the Ford Foundation became the first nonprofit to issue a \$1 billion social bond in the United States to stabilize nonprofit organizations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before joining Ford, Darren was vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, overseeing global and domestic programs including the Rebuild New Orleans initiative after Hurricane Katrina. In the 1990s, as COO of the Abyssinian Development Corporation—Harlem's largest community development organization—he led a revitalization strategy, including building over 1,000 units of affordable housing and the first major commercial development in Harlem since the 1960s.

Darren co-chaired the Mayoral Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments, and Markers and cofounded the U.S. Impact Investing Alliance and the Presidents' Council on Disability Inclusion in Philanthropy. He supported his friend Agnes Gund in creating the pioneering Art for Justice Fund and serves on many boards, including Lincoln Center, the National Gallery of Art, the Obama Foundation, and the Clooney Foundation for Justice. In the private sector, he is on the boards of Ralph Lauren, PepsiCo, and Bloomberg Inc.

# Bonnie Comley & Stewart F. Lane



Bonnie and Stewart are a powerhouse duo in the world of Broadway. They've received numerous accolades for their exceptional productions including an impressive collection of Tony, Drama Desk, and Olivier awards. Beyond their artistic achievements, they donate their time and talent as trustees of numerous theater-affiliated

organizations and facilitated a magnificent restoration of the landmark Palace Theatre, demonstrating a deep commitment to preserving and enriching the theatrical arts.

**Bonnie** has been a Broadway producer since 2004. She has won three Tony Awards for her over 30 Broadway productions. She has also won an Olivier Award and two Drama Desk Awards for her stage productions. She has produced over 40 films, winning five Telly Awards and one W3 Award. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Lane, she worked as an entertainment reporter on cable television and as an actress. She is a full member of The Broadway League and the Audience Engagement and Education Committee, and was re-elected as board president of the Drama League.

For her philanthropic work in the theatre community, she is the recipient of The Actors Fund Medal of Honor, The Drama League Special Contribution to the Theater Award, The Paul Newman Award from Arts Horizons, and The Theater Museum Distinguished Service Award.

**Stewart** has been a Broadway producer since 1979. He has won six Tony Awards and another nine nominations for his over 40 Broadway productions, as well as four Drama Desk Awards and an Olivier, among other awards. He has also produced touring plays and musicals as well as Off-Broadway productions, regionally, and in London. He has been a producer on more than 25 stage-to-screen adaptations, as well as movies such as Brooklyn Rules starring Alec Baldwin and Freddy Prinze Jr., Romeo and Juliet starring Orlando Bloom and Condola Rashad, and the documentary Show Business: The Road to Broadway. He has also directed productions across the country.

Stewart is the co-owner with the Nederlander Organization of the Palace Theatre, which they purchased in the 1970s. He is a partner in the Tribeca Film Center with Robert DeNiro and Jane Rosenthal. He also co-founded and runs BroadwayHD with Ms. Comley. It's a video streaming company that specializes in video recordings of plays, musical theatre, and concerts. In the 1990s, he hosted and produced the show Curtain Time on Crosswalks Television Network.

Together, Bonnie and Stewart are not just producing some of the most acclaimed theater works, but are also deeply involved in arts education, audience engagement, and theater preservation.

They exemplify a blend of artistic excellence, business acumen, and dedication to sustaining and expanding the reach of theatrical arts.

# Cynthia Wainwright & Stephen Berger



Cynthia and Steve have each had impressive careers in finance and public service while also devoting their time and talent to many of New York's leading cultural, educational, civic, medical, mental health, and social service institutions.

**Cynthia** retired as Deputy Director of Corporate Social

Responsibility at JPMorganChase in 2001. She was Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for Chemical/Chase Manhattan banks from 1989 to 1998. She previously held a variety of other managerial positions at Chemical Bank.

Her public service began during the administration of Mayor John Lindsay. She later held several senior positions in both City and State Corrections Agencies.

She is a long-time board member and former President of The Bridge, Inc., a citywide mental health agency, and a Trustee and former President of the Churchill School and Center. She also serves on the boards of the Roundabout Theatre Company, American Classical Orchestra, Preservation League of New York State, and the Historic House Trust, which she helped found.

Her ancestry in New York City goes back to the Dutch on both sides of her family.

**Steve** served as Executive Director of the New York State Emergency Financial Control Board during the City's 1970s fiscal crisis; Chairman of the Finance Committee of the MTA, and Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

He also served as New York State Social Services Commissioner and led a Governor's Task Force on Health Care Reform. As Chairman of the Board of the United States Railway Association, he was responsible for structuring Conrail's emergence from bankruptcy. He received the Felix G. Rohatyn Award for public service from the Citizens Budget Commission in 2023.

He serves as a Managing Director and Treasurer of the Metropolitan Opera, and is a member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees and Chair of the Finance Committee.

He is a founder of Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC, and was a general partner of the Manager's predecessor firm, Odyssey Partners, from 1993 to 1997. Before joining Odyssey Partners, Mr. Berger was executive vice president of GE Capital Corporation. Previously, he was chairman and CEO of Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, a municipal bond insurer wholly owned by GE Capital.

## Kenneth Lonergan



When Mark appeared in Kenny's blockbuster Broadway production of *This Is Our Youth* in 1996, they probably didn't imagine that their collaboration would span nearly 30 years—encompassing not only award-winning theater and film, but also their efforts to save an important landmark West Side church that became a vital cultural incubator for the City.

**Kenny** is a proud Bronx native, playwright, screenwriter, film director, and actor, who had his first play, *The Rennings Children*, selected for the Young Playwrights Festival (founded by Stephen Sondheim) in 1982 while he was still an undergraduate. That was just the beginning of a distinguished career that includes writing and directing films such as *You Can Count on Me*, *Margaret*, *Manchester by the Sea* (Academy Award and BAFTA Award) as well as nominations for three Golden Globe Awards, a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, a Laurence Olivier Award, and three Tony Awards for *This Is Our Youth*, *Lobby Hero*, and *The Waverly Gallery*.

Kenny is a graduate of the NYU Playwrighting Program.

## Mark Ruffalo



**Mark** is a much-celebrated actor, known for his versatile performances across film, theater, and television.

Originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin, he emerged from the Los Angeles theater scene before making his stamp on Hollywood. Mark gained widespread recognition for his role as the Hulk, debuting in *The Avengers* in 2012 and reprising the role in several sequels. His acclaimed filmography also includes standout performances in *You Can Count on Me*, *The Kids Are All Right*, *Spotlight*, and *Poor Things*, earning him multiple Academy Award nominations, including four for Best Supporting Actor.

Mark's career trajectory is notable not just for his acting skills but also for his deep commitment to social issues such as environmentalism, anti-war engagement, civil rights, and historic preservation through his efforts to help save The Center at West Park.

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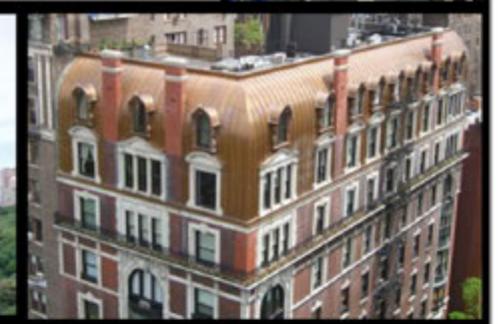
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We especially celebrate two exceptional leaders whose commitment is invaluable to our mission — **Mark Ruffalo** and **Kenneth Lonergan**. We honor their unwavering advocacy for The Center at West Park and our historic home, the landmarked West Park Presbyterian Church. Their dedication to preserving this sacred and vital cultural space for future generations continues to inspire the Upper West Side and all of New York.

We're also proud to celebrate this evening's distinguished honorees, including **Darren Walker**, whose visionary leadership at the Ford Foundation strengthens the institutions that sustain our city's cultural and civic life.

Our deepest gratitude to **Peg Breen**, the dedicated board and staff of The New York Landmarks Conservancy, and the evening's honorary co-chairs, **Paul Goldberger** and **Audrey & Martin Gruss**, for their unwavering commitment to preserving New York's architectural and cultural treasures.

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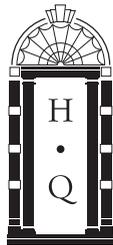
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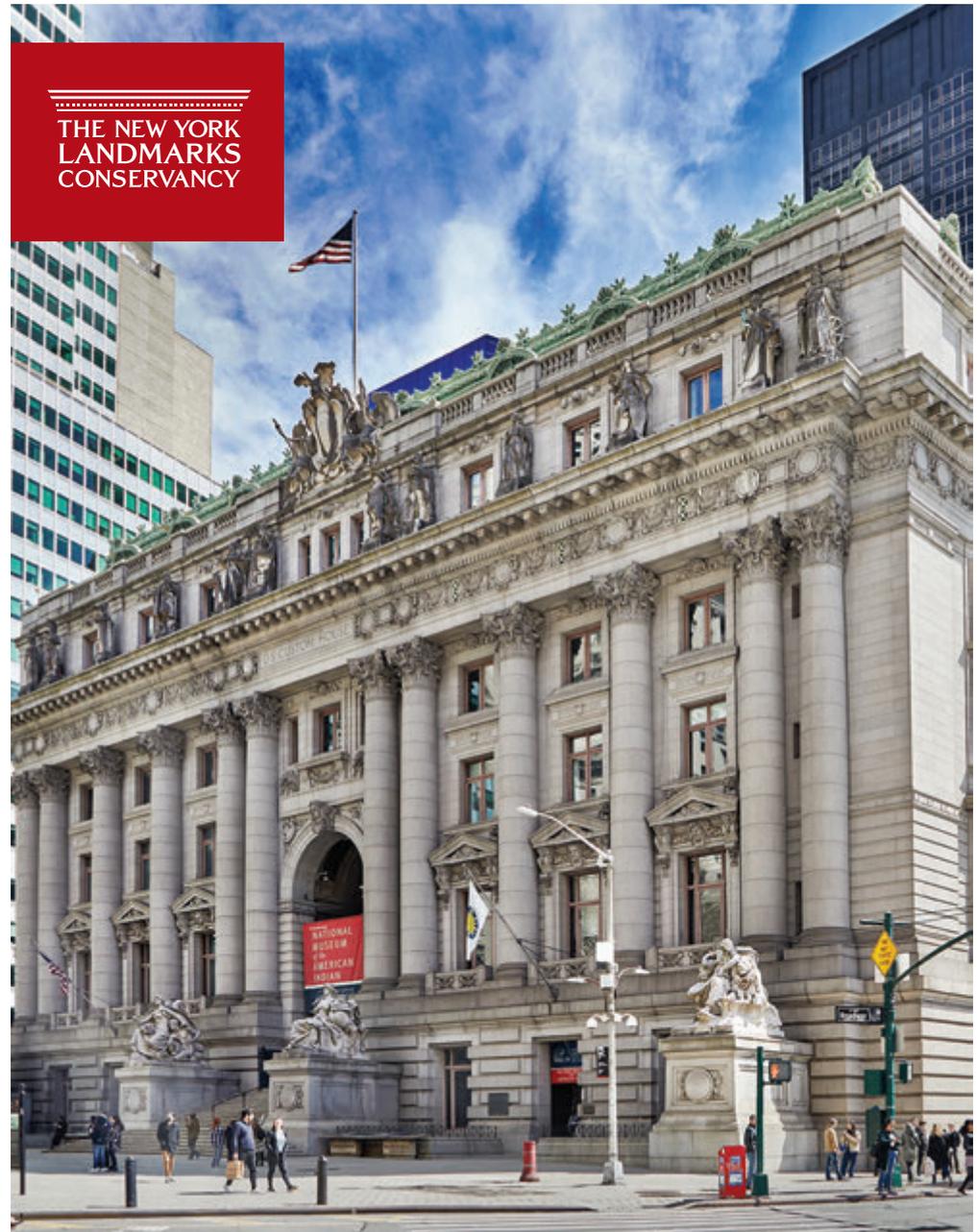
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