CITYarts 47th Annual Benefit Gala Celebration-- Great Success!

Dear Friends and Supporters of CITYarts,

Thank you so much for coming together to take part in a memorable evening. We celebrated two amazing individuals, Charlie Bergman and Stephanie French, as well as the artists, youth, and people that work with us through the year to make every project a meaningful success.
From the photographs and the responses to the event, including our appearance in the reputable Sunday Styles section of the New York Times, by Bill Cunningham, you can see what a joyful and successful event it was.
Chris Davies, Tsipi Ben-Haim, Stuart A. Levy, Charles Bergman, Kerrie Buitrago Nadler

Lisa Phillips presents CITYarts Brick Award, Designed by Allan McCollum, to Stephanie French

Photo: Wendy

Photo: Diego Valdez
Christy MacLear presents CITYarts Brick Award, Designed by Petah Coyne, to Charles Bergman
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This year's celebration also included a special dedication to CITYarts' ongoing collaboration with NASA. A video, honoring Lewis Peach, NASA Rocket Scientist, was introduced with a message to our guests by the astronaut
Leland Melvin, who collaborated with CITYarts on encouraging our youth to reach for the starts. Leland also does this through his STEAM website [http://www.lelandmelvin.com/](http://www.lelandmelvin.com/). Leland may be seen on the ABC show Battle Bots on June 21 at 9pm EST. We believe that STEM education needed an "A" for the arts so now it is STEAM... Astronaut Buzz Aldrin was also featured in the video talking and painting with our kids at PS 328. To see the video visit the link at the end of the message or [click here](http://www.lelandmelvin.com/).

![Photo: Wendy Nadler](image)

Our surprise guest was our kid Kenny, who showed us his first portrait, painted by him on the wall of his school. Kenny thanked the audience for supporting our programs. He also received a surprise autographed photo and patch from the Astronaut Leland Melvin.
Tsipi Ben-Haim with CITYarts Kid, Kenneth Cabral proudly holding the signed photograph of Astronaut Leland Melvin and his NASA patch.

Photo: Wendy Nadler
It is my pleasure to thank again CITYarts' honorees, leadership circle, Board, Auctioneer, Master of Ceremony, contributing artists and companies, and our enthusiastic staff, interns, and volunteers for making it an inspiring and flawless event.

Happy Spring!

Tsipi Ben-Haim
Executive and Creative Director
CITYarts, Inc.
To see CITYarts' Video Dedication to NASA in honor of Lewis Peach, Rocket Scientist, visit us on YouTube by clicking below.

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CITYarts Mission
CITYarts brings young people and professional artists together to
create public art. Through this creative process, CITYarts empowers youth and connects children locally and around the world to become active participants in transforming communities.