THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART HONORED LEON AND DEBRA BLACK AND MARTIN SCORSESE AT THE 39TH ANNUAL PARTY IN THE GARDEN ON MAY 15

Shawn “JAY-Z” Carter Presented a Live Performance by Rising Singer-Songwriter Chrisette Michele at the After-Dinner Dance

Party in the Garden Was Attended by Over 900 Guests and Raised $3.8 Million

WHO:
Co-Chairs: Jo Carole Lauder, Marie-Josée Kravis, Agnes Gund
Junior Co-Chairs: Hillary and Peter Hatch, Jane Lauder, Aerin and Eric Zinterhofer

WHAT: The Party in the Garden benefits The Annual Fund of The Museum of Modern Art and the maintenance of The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden. It also benefits the Museum’s general operating fund, helping to make possible the Museum’s educational programs and the care, study, and exhibition of its collection. Each year, the Party in the Garden honors individuals who have made important contributions to the cultural community. Honorees recognized at previous Parties in the Garden have included Celeste and Armand Bartos, Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman, Agnes Gund, Rudolph W. Giuliani, Kitty Carlisle Hart, Marie-Josée Kravis, Steve Martin, Sarah Jessica Parker, Peggy and David Rockefeller, and Joan Tisch.

This year, the Party in the Garden honored Leon and Debra Black and Martin Scorsese. At the After-Dinner Dance, Shawn “JAY-Z” Carter introduced a live performance by singer-songwriter Chrisette Michele.

ABOUT LEON AND DEBRA BLACK:
New Yorkers Leon and Debra Black are important philanthropists and pioneers in culture and business, and they serve as board members of major organizations.

Leon D. Black is a founding partner of Apollo Management, L.P. and co-founder of Apollo Real Estate Advisors, L.P. He is a director of United Rentals, Inc., and Sirius Satellite Radio, Inc. He is a trustee of The Museum of Modern Art, as well as of Dartmouth College, Mt. Sinai Hospital, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Prep for Prep, and The Asia Society. He is a member of The Council on Foreign Relations, the Partnership for New York City, the National Advisory Board of JPMorganChase, the board of FasterCures, and the Port Authority Task Force.

Debra Ressler Black has been a producer on Broadway for such notable shows as Dirty Rotten Scoundrels and The History Boys. One of her many current projects includes The Year of Magical Thinking. She serves on the boards of The Public Theater, Lincoln Center Theater, The American Associates of the Royal National Theatre, The Living Room for Artists, Inc./Summer Play Festival, and Trinity School. In addition, she is Vice Chairman of the New York State Council on the Arts and chairs its Performing Arts Committee.
ABOUT MARTIN SCORSESE:
Martin Scorsese is one of the world’s most respected and influential directors, having made such critically acclaimed feature films as *Taxi Driver* (1976), *Raging Bull* (1980), and *Goodfellas* (1990)—which are among the many works on film he has donated to the Museum’s collection, and *The Departed* (2006)—which won the Academy Awards for Directing, Writing, Editing, and Best Picture. A native of New York City, where many of his films are set, Scorsese is an ardent film historian and collector. He has been closely involved in many of MoMA's film conservation initiatives over the past two decades, both personally and through The Film Foundation, which he established in 1990 for the protection and preservation of motion pictures and the rights of the artists who create them.

ABOUT THE AFTER-DINNER DANCE:
The after-dinner dance featured a live performance by Def Jam Records recording artist Chrisette Michele, whose debut album *I Am* will be released on June 19. The rising 24-year-old singer, songwriter, and composer who was recently featured on hit songs from JAY-Z and NAS has toured with artists Kem and India.Arie and will soon embark on a nationwide tour with Musiq. Def Jam Records’ President & CEO Shawn "JAY-Z" Carter introduced Chrisette Michele’s performance in The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden.

GUESTS WHO ATTENDED:
Martin and Helen Scorsese and Family
Shawn "JAY-Z" Carter
Chrisette Michele
Damon Dash and Rachel Roy
Caroline Kennedy and Ed Schlossberg
Pia Lindstrom
Ninah and Michael Lynn
Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Diane Taylor
Commissioner Kate D. Levin
First Lady Silda Wall Spitzer
Diane von Furstenberg and Barry Diller
Adrienne Vittadini
Vera Wang
Lin Arison
Fabiola Beracasa
Debra and Leon Black
Clarissa and Edgar Bronfman, Jr.
Patricia and Gustavo Cisneros
Lewis Cullman
John Demsey
Lauren and Richard Dupont
Princess Firyal of Jordan
Clive Gillinson
Agnes Gund and Daniel Shapiro
Hilary and Peter Hatch
Veronica Hearst
Marlene Hess
Carl Icahn
Sally and Werner Kramarsky
Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis
June Noble Larkin and John Gibson
Jo Carole Lauder
Jane Lauder
Robert B. Menschel
Michael and Judy Ovitz
Richard D. and Laura Parsons
Senator John D. and Mrs. Susan Rockefeller IV
Daryl and Steven Roth
Howard and Amy Rubenstein
Richard E. Salomon and Laura Landro Salomon
Jerry I. Speyer and Katherine Farley
Thelma Schoonmaker
Stephen A. and Christine Schwarzman
Anna Deavere Smith
Emily and Jerry Spiegel
Merryl and James S. Tisch
Susan and Edgar Wachenheim
Lally Weymouth
Karen and Gary Winnick
Aerin and Eric Zinterhofer

Artists and Architects:
Doug Aitken
Chuck Close
Roni Horn
Jeff and Justine Koons
Mark di Suvero
Richard Meier
Richard Serra
Frank Stella
Diana and Rafael Vinoly
William Wegman
WHEN: Tuesday, May 15, 2007
    7:00 p.m. cocktails, 8:00 p.m. dinner, 9:00 p.m. After-Dinner Dance

WHERE: The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden of The Museum of Modern Art
        11 West 53 Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues)

EVENT: Cocktails: 7:00 p.m.
        Dinner: 8:00 p.m.
        After-Dinner Dance: 9:00 p.m.–midnight
        10:30 p.m. Live Performance by Chrisette Michele Presented By
        Shawn “JAY-Z” Carter.

DRESS: Black tie

DECOR: Matthew David Events

FOOD: Glorious Food

Wine and spirits generously provided by Moët Hennessy USA.

DINNER TICKETS: Underwriter table of ten at $100,000
                Benefactor table of ten at $50,000
                Patron table of ten at $25,000
                Sponsor table of ten at $20,000
                Supporting tickets at $2,500 each
                Contributor tickets at $2,000 each

    Young Friends of the Garden (age 39 and under) are entitled to buy a table
    or up to two tickets at a special price:
    Benefactor table of ten at $7,500
    Patron table of ten at $5,000
    Contributing tickets at $500 each

    Dinner tickets include After-Dinner Dance.

AFTER-DINNER DANCE TICKETS: Fellow tickets at $250 (from 9:00 p.m. to midnight) or $275 at the door

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