

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART HONORS**

**PHILANTHROPIST DONALD B. MARRON AND DIRECTOR MIKE NICHOLS**

**AT THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARTY IN THE GARDEN**

**M.I.A. to Perform Live; DJ Performance by James Murphy and Pat Mahoney  
(LCD Soundsystem) at the After-Dinner Dance**

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008  
Cocktails: 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 8:00 p.m.  
After-Dinner Dance: 9:00 p.m.–midnight  
9:00 p.m. DJ Performance by James Murphy and Pat Mahoney (LCD Soundsystem)  
10:30 p.m. Live Performance by M.I.A.

**WHERE:**

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

**WHAT:**

MoMA's 40th annual Party in the Garden on June 10, 2008, honors philanthropist and business pioneer Donald B. Marron, and screen and stage director Mike Nichols at a black-tie dinner. The After-Dinner Dance features a DJ performance by James Murphy and Pat Mahoney (LCD Soundsystem), and a live musical performance M.I.A.

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.

**WHO:**

**Co-Chairs:**

Marie-Josée Kravis, Agnes Gund, Jo Carole Lauder

**Junior Co-Chairs:**

Dana Farouki and Mazen Makarem, Evanne and Edward Gargiulo, Jr., Hillary and Peter Hatch, Jaime Johnson

**EXPECTED TO ATTEND:**

|                                   |                               |
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| Tina Brown                        | Mike Nichols and Diane Sawyer |
| Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy       | David Rockefeller             |
| Barry Diller                      | Diane von Furstenberg         |
| Donald B. and Catherine C. Marron | Jake Paltrow                  |
| M.I.A. (Maya Arulpragasam)        | Barbara Walters               |
| Isaac Mizrahi                     | Anna Wintour                  |

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### Artists:

Cecily Brown  
Chuck Close  
Timothy Greenfield-Sanders  
Ellsworth Kelly  
Brice and Helen Marden  
Josephine Meckseper

Ellen Phelan  
Joel Shapiro  
Jack Shear  
Anna Deavere Smith  
Mark Di Suvero  
Terry Winters

### Other Distinguished Guests:

Barry Bergdoll  
Debra and Leon Black  
Shelby Bryan  
Donald L. Bryant, Jr.  
John Christensen  
Patricia Phelps de Cisneros and Gustavo Cisneros  
Bob Colacello  
Joan Ganz Cooney  
Paula Crown  
John Elderfield  
Princess Firyal of Jordan  
Kathleen and Richard Fuld  
Arnold and Mildred Glimcher  
Agnes Gund  
Mimi Haas  
Kathy Halbreich  
Alex and Paul Herzan  
Marlene Hess  
Mort and Linda Janklow  
Eric Javits  
Ari and Coco Kopelman  
Bruce and Suzie Kovner  
Werner H. Kramarsky

Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis  
Jo Carole Lauder  
Ronald Lauder  
Glenn D. and Susan Lowry  
Michael and Ninah Lynne  
Peter and Susan MacGill  
Robert B. Menschel  
Harvey S. Shipley Miller  
Michael Ovitz  
Peter G. Peterson  
Carroll Petrie  
Diana Widmaier Picasso  
Donald and Marnie Pillsbury  
Steven Rattner and Maureen White  
Justin Rockefeller  
Sharon Percy Rockefeller  
Rajendra Roy  
Richard E. Salomon  
Anna Marie and Robert Shapiro  
Jerry I. Speyer and Katherine G. Farley  
Bettina Sulser  
Diana Taylor  
Edgar and Susan Wachenheim, III  
Gary and Karen Winnick

### ABOUT THE PARTY IN THE GARDEN:

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, Leon D. and Debra Ressler Black, 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, Martin Scorsese, and Joan Tisch.

### DRESS:

Black tie

### DECOR:

David Stark

### FOOD:

Hudson Yards

Premium wine and spirits provided by Moët Hennessy USA.

**ABOUT DONALD B. MARRON:**

New Yorker Donald B. Marron is an important philanthropist and a pioneer in culture and business, and serves as a board member of several major New York organizations. Mr. Marron is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and founder of Lightyear Capital, a private equity firm providing buyout and growth capital to companies in the financial services industry. He is the former Chairman and CEO of PaineWebber. A collector of twentieth century art, Mr. Marron is a longtime MoMA trustee, former President, and currently trustee and President Emeritus of the Board of Trustees at MoMA. He served on the advisory board overseeing the UBS art collection and is a former member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

**ABOUT MIKE NICHOLS:**

Mike Nichols is one of the leading directors of stage and screen. He won the first of seven Tony Awards in 1964 for Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*. Mr. Nichols has directed such Broadway hits as *Luv*, *The Odd Couple*, *Plaza Suite*, and *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, all of which were awarded Tonys for Best Director. *The Gin Game* was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1978. Mr. Nichols' film credits include *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *The Graduate* (Academy Award for Best Direction), *Catch 22*, *Carnal Knowledge*, *Silkwood*, *Working Girl*, *Postcards From the Edge*, *Regarding Henry*, *The Birdcage*, *Primary Colors*, *Closer*, and *Charlie Wilson's War*; and for HBO, *Wit*, and *Angels in America* (Emmy Award for Best Direction).

In Spring 2009, MoMA will present a full retrospective of the films of Mike Nichols, four of whose works (*Catch 22*, *Carnal Knowledge*, *The Graduate*, and *Silkwood*) are already in the Museum's collection. The retrospective will be organized by Rajendra Roy, The Celeste Bartos Chief Curator of Film, The Museum of Modern Art.

**ABOUT M.I.A.:**

At the After-Dinner Dance, Brooklyn-based recording and visual artist M.I.A. will give a live performance. Born in Sri Lanka, and a longtime London resident, M.I.A., whose birth name is Maya Arulpragasam, combines musical genres to produce an upbeat fusion of hip-hop, electropop, and world music. She has released two albums, *Arular* (2005), and *Kala* (2007), and is known for her hit songs "Paper Planes," "Bird Flu," "Boyz," and "Galang."

**ABOUT LCD SOUNDSYSTEM:**

The After-Dinner Dance features a DJ performance by 'Special Disco Version' featuring James Murphy and Pat Mahoney (LCD Soundsystem). 'Special Disco Version' plays disco and dance music. The highly acclaimed LCD Soundsystem has released two albums, the eponymous album (2005), and *Sound of Silver* (2007). Murphy is co-founder of the music label DFA Records.

**DINNER TICKETS:**

Sponsor table of ten at \$100,000  
Award table of ten at \$50,000  
Benefactor table of ten at \$25,000  
Patron table of ten at \$20,000  
Friend 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  
Supporting tickets at \$750 each  
Contributing tickets at \$500 each  
Dinner tickets include the After-Dinner Dance.

**AFTER-DINNER DANCE TICKETS:**

Fellow tickets at \$250 (from 9:00 p.m. to midnight) or \$275 at the door

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS:**

Please visit <http://www.moma.org/calendar/events.php?id=7955>

**SPONSORSHIP:**

The Party in the Garden is supported by *The Wall Street Journal*.

Premium wine and spirits provided by Moët Hennessy USA.

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