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2022 MoMA PS1 BENEFIT GALA TO HONOR PHILANTHROPIST AGNES GUND AND ARTISTS DJALI BROWN-CEPEDA, RASHID JOHNSON, AND DEANA LAWSON

Benefit to be Held in the MoMA PS1 Courtyard for the First Time in the Institution's History

NEW YORK, May 5, 2022—MoMA PS1 will host its 2022 Benefit Gala on Wednesday, May 18. The event will honor **Agnes Gund**, former Chair of PS1's Board of Directors, and a constellation of artists, including **Djali Brown-Cepeda**, founder of the digital archiving project Nuevayorkinos featured in PS1's *Homeroom* last year; **Rashid Johnson**, whose site-specific installation *Stage* is on view in the Courtyard; and **Deana Lawson**, the subject of a career-long survey on view through September 5. The event will be co-chaired by **Sarah Arison**, Chair of the PS1 Board; **Robert Soros**, PS1 board member, and **Darren Walker**, President of the Ford Foundation.

For the first time, the MoMA PS1 Benefit Gala will be held on-site in the museum's Courtyard and will celebrate the institution's past, present, and future, with an artist-inspired menu by chef **Mina Stone**, and a special performance by vocalist **Baby Rose**.

Sarah Arison, Chair of the Board of MoMA PS1, said, "The Benefit is an opportunity to celebrate Aggie Gund's legacy of inspirational leadership at PS1. Aggie's support, vision, and incredible heart has enabled the Museum to become a catalyst of artist-driven social change which is exemplified by our incredible artist honorees Djali Brown-Cepeda, Rashid Johnson, and Deana Lawson."

"Each of these three artists has contributed significantly to artist communities across the city, and through their work have made PS1 a creative haven of experimentation and risk-taking that proves our newly-coined mantra that 'Artists Make New York,'" said MoMA PS1 Director Kate Fowle.

MoMA PS1 champions art and artists at the intersection of the social, cultural, and political issues of our time. Providing audiences with the agency to ask questions, access to knowledge, and a forum for public debate, PS1 has offered insight into artists' diverse worldviews for more than 40 years. Founded in 1976 by Alanna Heiss, the institution was a defining force in the alternative space movement in New York City, transforming a nineteenth century public schoolhouse in Long Island City into a site for artistic experimentation and creativity. PS1 has been a member of New York City's Cultural Institutions Group (CIG) since 1982 and affiliated with The Museum of Modern Art since 2000.

PS1 will also host an after party immediately following the Benefit Gala, featuring performances by New York-based artists **Soul Summit Music**, **Gabrielle Kwarteng** and **Sterling Juan Diaz**. Tickets for the event are \$100 and will be available for purchase beginning May 9th at [mo.ma/ps1afterparty](https://www.mo.ma/ps1afterparty).