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MoMA PS1 ANNUAL GALA ON MAY 8 TO HONOR ARTS LEADER KATHY HALBREICH AND ARTISTS KEVIN BEASLEY AND IAN CHENG

LONG ISLAND CITY, New York, April 26, 2024—MoMA PS1 will host its 2024 Annual Gala in the courtyard on Wednesday, May 8. The event honors **Kathy Halbreich**, who recently concluded her tenure as Executive Director of the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, as well as artists **Kevin Beasley** and **Ian Cheng**. The Annual Gala is co-chaired by Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm, Thelma Golden, Claude Grunitzky, Michi Jigarjian, Jill and Peter Kraus, George Petrocheilos and Diamantis Xylas, and Beth Swofford.

This year's Annual Gala honors leadership and artistic innovation integral to the experimental program at MoMA PS1. The celebration recognizes Halbreich, a champion of artists through cross-institutional work, including at MoMA PS1, MoMA, and at the Walker Art Center; Beasley, a renowned artist whose work was showcased in *Greater New York* and who will collaborate with Ralph Lemon this fall for the exhibition *Ceremonies Out of Air*; and Ian Cheng, whose first solo museum exhibition, *Emissaries*, premiered at PS1 in 2017.

"This year's honorees are profound thought leaders whose collaborative work pushes forward innovation in the arts," said MoMA PS1 Director Connie Butler. "I'm pleased to celebrate their distinct and deep contributions to MoMA PS1 and the creative landscape in New York."

The Gala includes a cocktail reception in the courtyard to celebrate the debut of artist **Yto Barrada's** first outdoor installation *Le Grand Soir*, featuring a musical performance by Grammy-nominated ensemble **Innov Gwana**, who also performed as part of PS1's celebrated Warm Up music program. Conceived by acclaimed chef **Omar Tate**, the dinner features decor elements by *Greater New York* artists **Shanzhai Lyric**.

MoMA PS1 will also host an after party immediately following the Annual Gala, featuring performances by Warm Up alumni **Bobby Beethoven** (formerly known as Total Freedom), **BEARCAT**, and **TT**. Tickets for the event are \$150 and will be available for purchase beginning April 26.

ABOUT MoMA PS1

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.

Hours: MoMA PS1 is open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday, and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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Admission: \$10 suggested admission; \$5 for students and senior citizens; free for New York State residents and MoMA members. Free admission for New York State residents is made possible by The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. Tickets may be reserved online at mo.ma/ps1tickets.

Visitor Guide: Discover even more from MoMA PS1 with the Bloomberg Connects app. Read wall text, hear directly from artists, and uncover the building's history with this multimedia visitor guide. This digital experience is made possible through the support of Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Directions: MoMA PS1 is located at 22-25 Jackson Avenue at 46th Ave in Long Island City, Queens, across the Queensboro Bridge from midtown Manhattan. Traveling by subway, take the E, M, or 7 to Court Sq; or the G to Court Sq or 21 St Van Alst. By bus, take the Q67 to Jackson and 46th Ave or the B62 to 46th Ave.

Information: For general inquiries, call (718) 784-2086 or visit moma.org/ps1.

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