

MoMA PS1 ANNUAL GALA TO HONOR ARTS LEADER EMILY WEI RAILES AND ARTIST KARA WALKER ON MAY 14

LONG ISLAND CITY, New York, May 6, 2025—MoMA PS1 will host its 2025 Annual Gala in the courtyard on Wednesday, May 14. The event honors **Emily Wei Rales**, director and cofounder of Glenstone, as well as artist **Kara Walker**. Taking place in PS1's iconic courtyard, the event will feature a sweeping fabric installation by artist Eric N. Mack and menu by acclaimed chef and artist Omar Tate, followed by an after party conceived by artist DonChristian Jones. The Annual Gala is co-chaired by Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm, Samir Goel and Julie Markham, Marguerite Hoffman, Iman, Eleanor Heyman Propp, Komal Shah and Gaurav Garg, Jessica Soy, Jamie and Robert Soros, and Chloe and Mahfuz Sultan.

Gathering together a constellation of artists, collectors, philanthropists, and notable guests, the evening honors the lifetime achievements of those most deeply ingrained in creating and championing art. The celebration recognizes Emily Wei Rales, an influential philanthropist whose visionary leadership founded the Glenstone Foundation and Glenstone Museum, and Kara Walker, whose bold and daring practice is strongly ingrained in the collection of MoMA and history of PS1.

"This year's honorees, Emily Wei Rales and Kara Walker, are deeply aligned with MoMA PS1's mission, whose work amplifying art and artists resonates within New York and around the world," said MoMA PS1's Agnes Gund Director Connie Butler. "It's a privilege to celebrate their distinct and lasting influence on the artistic landscape."

MoMA PS1 will also host an after party immediately following the Annual Gala conceived by DonChristian Jones. This celebration builds on Jones' recent exhibition at PS1 as the inaugural Adobe Creative Resident at MoMA, *DonChristian Jones: The Sumptuous Discovery of Gotham a Go-Go*. The exhibition extended the artist's ongoing practice of world-building through a dynamic performance program celebrating their community of creative practitioners. The after party features a live performance by Demi and The Band and vinyl sets by Ms. Carrie Stacks and Persona La Ave. Dinner tickets start at \$2,500, and after party tickets are \$150. Specialty cocktails are provided by Dobel Tequila and wine by Dry Farm Wines, with additional thanks to Brooklyn Brewery, San Pellegrino, Acqua Panna, Perrier, and Essentia.

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, 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 10 a.m. to 6 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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