

China Institute Welcomes the Year of the Dog with its Annual Chinese New Year Gala

China Institute Kicks Off Lunar New Year with an Evening of Special Cultural Performances

NEW YORK, February 16, 2018 – On Tuesday, February 13th, China Institute hosted its annual Chinese New Year Gala at the Pierre Hotel in New York City to welcome the Year of the Dog. The evening was filled with a range of rich, festive cultural performances, including a traditional Chinese Lion Dance performed by the New York Hung Sing Kwoon Kung Fu and Lion Dance Club, and an acrobatic performance by Master Yang Xiao Di. Adding a modern flair to the evening, Brooklyn-based DJ HARUKA Salt played beats for the Gala attendees. Another highlight was the presentation of a Proclamation issued by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer proclaiming February 13, 2018 China Institute Lunar New Year Day.

The 2018 Chinese New Year Gala hosted notable guests across a range of industries and government agencies. Key guests included: Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York; Mark Kingdon, President of Kingdon Capital Management; Scott Pattison, CEO of the National Governors Association; Ed Schoenfeld, owner of Red Farm; Merit Janow Professor and Dean, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; John Catsimatidis, Owner, President and Chairman and CEO of Gristedes Foods; Patricia Kluge; Mr. Zhao Yumin, Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Brian Goldberg, Founder of Mr. Bing; Xiaomin Zhao, Community Liaison for the New York City Council; and many others.

Notable members of China Institute's Board of Trustees were also in attendance, including: Chien Chung Pei, Chairman of China Institute and Partner, Pei Partnership Architects; Anla Cheng, Founder and CEO, of SupChina Inc; Yuan Ning, President of China Construction America; Robert Nederlander, Jr., President and CEO of Nederlander Worldwide Entertainment; David O'Brien, Partner and Chief Marketing Officer, Ernst and Young; and others.

In keeping with the traditions of Chinese New Year, China Institute collected red envelope donations from Gala attendees. All proceeds raised will support scholarships for K-12 students participating in programs offered by China Institute's School of Chinese Studies.

About China Institute

China Institute advances a deeper understanding of China through programs in education, culture, art, and business. China Institute is the go-to resource on China—from ancient art to today's business landscape and its rapidly shifting culture. Our programs, school, and gallery exhibitions bring to life the depth, complexity and dynamism of China. Founded in 1926 by Chinese reformers Hu Shi, K.P. Wen, and John Dewey, China Institute is the oldest bicultural, non-profit organization in America to focus exclusively on China. Chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in 1944 as a school of continuing education, our language and cultural school is the oldest educational center of its kind in the United States.

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