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BROOKLYN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC ANNOUNCES
2016 SPRING GALA “MUSIC MOVES”
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 6:30PM

MUSIC MOVES WILL CELEBRATE THE
TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF MUSIC
AND PAY TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO CHAMPION BKCM’S
MISSION TO BRING MUSIC EDUCATION AND MUSIC THERAPY TO
UNDERSERVED CHILDREN AND ADULTS

HONOREES INCLUDE INDIA CARNEY, FORMER ARTIST FROM NBC-TV
“THE VOICE” AND BKCM ALUMNA; REV. STEVEN PAULIKAS, ALL
SAINTS’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH; THE ALEXANDRA TILLY RETTLE
CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION; ANNA & GEORGE SAMPAS

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAMS TO
SERVE AS HONORARY GALA CHAIR

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April 4, 2016, Brooklyn, NY – The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music (BKCM) is
pleased to announce that it’s 2016 Spring Gala: Music Moves will be Monday,
April 11 at 6:30pm in the Beaux-Arts Court at the Brooklyn Museum. Music
Moves will celebrate the transformative power of music in the lives of students of
all ages. It will also honor members and staunch supporters of the Conservatory
and its many other extraordinary programs that provide music education and
music therapy to underserved children and adults in Brooklyn and throughout
New York City. The evening will feature a performance by India Carney, former
artist from NBC-TV “The Voice” and BKCM Alumna. Excelsior Symphony will
provide music for dancing following cocktails and dinner.
Co-Chaired by Florence Hutner and Matthew Kalish with Honorary Gala Chair Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Music Moves will honor BKCM Alumna India Carney; Rev. Steven Paulikas, All Saints’ Episcopal Church; The Alexandra Tilly Rettler Children’s Foundation; and Anna & George Sampas.

The Gala Host Committee includes Co-Chairs Scott Cantone and Diana Kim, David Burrell, Silvia Henriquez, Elaine Kanak and Tara Kodali.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

**MUSIC MOVES GALA**
6:30-10:30pm
Includes cocktails, dinner, full gala program including performance by India Carney, and dancing with music by Excelsior Symphony
Tickets: $300, Sponsorship Opportunities: $500 and up
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**MUSIC MOVES DANCE PARTY**
8:30-10:30pm | check-in 8:15pm
Includes open wine and beer bar, performance by India Carney, and dancing with music by Excelsior Symphony
Tickets: $55 in advance, $70 at the door
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To learn more about the Music Moves Gala, contact the gala team at liz@elizabethroseconsulting.com or 212-684-1110

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HONOREES

INDIA CARNEY
BKCM Alumna India Carney is a multi-talented performing artist and vocalist. As reported by MStars news, “India has a voice of gold.” Her mezzo-soprano voice shines as a gifted and versatile artist singing a wide range of musical genres from opera to musical theater to pop. Carney is a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts and YoungArts Winner in Voice & Theater. Along with her fellow YoungArts alumni, Carney featured a performance for the 2015 Americans for the Arts National Awards performing Lady Gaga songs in front of Lady Gaga. NY Times Op-ed columnist David Brooks wrote, “As India Carney’s voice rose and swooped during the incredible anthemic versions of her [Lady Gaga] dance hits, Gaga sat enraptured.” While a college senior, Carney turned what was once a dream into reality when she performed alongside Grammy-award winner Christina Aguilera and American pop singer Jason Derulo launching twenty-five powerhouse performances on the eighth season of NBC’s Emmy Award winning “The Voice.” Among Carney’s other accomplishments are her performances at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, NYC’s Apollo Theater, California’s Rose Bowl, and STAPLES Center. She appeared on Fox LA Studio 11, NY Live NBC TV, Access Hollywood, and Brooklyn News 12. Carney graduated with distinction from The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) earning her B.A. in Music and Music Industry Minor. Text “ICARNEYMUSIC” at 42828 to join India Carney’s mailing list.

REV. STEVEN PAULKAS, ALL SAINTS’ EPISCOPAL
A diverse and welcoming Christian community in Park Slope, All Saints' Episcopal Church is a long-time neighbor and supporter of the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and its music education and performance initiatives. For the past 148 years, generations of people have come to All Saints' Church for renewal and comfort. As an Episcopal parish, All Saints' Church is part of the global Anglican Communion, the third-largest body of Christians in the world. All Saints' Church partners with Christian Help in Park Slope (CHiPS) to offer Evensong, a Sunday evening worship service featuring Brooklyn musicians performing traditional Anglican liturgical music in their own idiom. A meal open to the whole community follows worship in our historic church building, and all money collected benefits the mission of CHiPS. Rev. Paulikas is also a cellist and is currently enrolled in a chamber group at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. Rev. Paulikas is also a cellist and is currently enrolled in a chamber group at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music.
THE ALEXANDRA TILLY RETTLER CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION
The Alexandra Tilly Rettler Children's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It was founded in December 2010, when Lexy, the 21-month old daughter of Christina Spade-Rettler and Luke Rettler, tragically and suddenly passed away. The mission of Lexy's foundation is to help children in need. The criteria for selecting recipients are: 1) the money must be used to better the health or life of a child or children; 2) have a notable, immediate impact for a greater good in this respect. http://atrchildrensfoundation.org/

ANNA & GEORGE SAMPAS
Anna & George Sampas are long-time residents of Brooklyn, and their children have been enrolled in the Conservatory’s Suzuki Music Program for several years. They are deeply committed to the arts, along with youth and community development in Brooklyn, providing philanthropic support for the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music as well the Brooklyn Children's Museum and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

ENTERTAINMENT

EXCELSIOR SYMPHONY
Excelsior Symphony, led by Renée Manning and Earl McIntyre, is an ensemble of critically acclaimed music industry veterans who have worked with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Count Basie Orchestra, Mel Lewis, Chico O’Farrill and many, many others.

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BROOKLYN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music offers private instruction, group classes, ensembles, and choral opportunities to students ranging in age from 12 months to adult. Nestled in a completely restored five-story Victorian Gothic mansion in the heart of historic Park Slope, Brooklyn, the Conservatory serves 8,000 students through its Music Partners and Music Therapy programs and its Community Music School. Our student body is drawn from throughout the five boroughs and reflects the vibrant cultural diversity that is the essence of New York. BKCM.ORG

Programs at the Conservatory are supported by ACMP-The Chamber Music Network, Alexandra Tilly Rettler Children's Foundation, Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation, Amy Winehouse Foundation, Bacardi USA, Bender Insurance Agency, The Benevity Community Impact Fund, Brooklyn Community Foundation, Brooklyn Valet, Carl Sylvestre Consulting, CloudDesks,

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