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DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE HONORS MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND THE VISIONARIES OF BROOKLYN'S DOMINO SUGAR REDEVELOPMENT AND DOMINO PARK AT ITS 2019 ANNUAL BENEFIT ON NOVEMBER 5th

Design Trust will honor Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and the leaders whose vision brought about the realization of Domino Sugar Redevelopment and Domino Park on the Williamsburg waterfront, with its Public Space Leadership Awards. Both awards will be presented by Adrian Benepe, Senior Vice President and Director of National Programs for The Trust for Public Land, and former NYC Parks Commissioner.



Left: Domino Park and Redevelopment, Photo by Aether Images. Right: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Photo by Tequila Minsky

NEW YORK, NY (Thursday, November 1, 2019) – On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at TriBeCa 360, leading architects and planners, community organizers, artists, designers, civic leaders, real estate developers and public officials join to honor imaginative leaders who have significantly contributed to shaping New York City's public realm—**Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President**, for her enduring and inspirational leadership, and the leaders whose vision brought about the realization of the Domino Sugar Redevelopment and Domino Park along the East River—**Two Trees Management, SHoP Architects, James Corner Field Operations, PAU, Silman**, with contributor **McLaren Engineering Group** at the **Design Trust for Public Space 2019 Annual Benefit**. **Adrian Benepe**, Senior Vice President and Director of National Programs for The Trust for Public Land and former NYC Parks Commissioner, will present Design Trust's and, to this year's Honorees: **Gale Brewer**, with the **Public Space Government Leadership Award** and, **Jed Walentas**, Principal of Two Trees Management accepting the Award on behalf of the Domino team, with the **Public Space Private Industry Leadership Award**.

Design Trust's Annual Benefit supports the nonprofit organization's catalytic work in making NYC's public realm more dynamic, equitable, and public for all. The event will also celebrate Design Trust's groundbreaking *Opening the Edge* project, proposed by artist **Jane Greengold**, in partnership with New York City Housing Authority and in collaboration with residents and the community. The Project, which serves as a model for designing with and for residents, creates a prototype for a lively open space with local programming at the **Lillian Wald Houses on the Lower East Side**. It also inspired NYCHA's Connected Communities initiative and provides a model agreement to be used with community-based organizations. In FY20 City Capital Budget, **NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson** and **Council Member Carlina Rivera**

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allocated \$680,000 towards the installation of the prototype. The festive cocktail event will also engage and encourage attendees to share ideas for activating and creating a welcoming open space, and a paddle raise emceed by **Erin Ward of Inspire Hearts Fundraising**.

“To assist with the incredible work of the Design Trust for Public Space is to know that the greatest city in the world shouldn’t just be a sea of asphalt and cement, one closed off to private interests and catering only to those who can pay top dollar,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “Thank you to Design Trust for honoring me with the Public Space Government Leadership Award, and know that I will continue working towards making New York’s public space more beautiful, functional and usable for all.”

“Two Trees is honored to be recognized by Design Trust for Public Space for the Domino Sugar Factory's redevelopment site on the Williamsburg waterfront” said **Jed Valentas, Principal of Two Trees Management**. “Our work at Domino Park could not be possible without the incredible partnerships and collaborations with the community and renowned design firms that are committed to delivering beautiful, activated open spaces for New Yorkers and visitors alike.”

GALE A. BREWER

Since being appointed as the 27th Borough President of Manhattan in 2014, Gale Brewer has spearheaded community planning initiatives at the South Street Seaport, in East Midtown, and in other neighborhoods to address development and zoning issues. She also successfully passed legislation to reform the deed restriction process, add ‘caregivers’ to the city’s anti-discrimination law, and remove criminal history questions from initial employment applications (the “Fair Chance Act”). In 2018, Brewer served as Chair of the Large Cities Council of the National League of Cities, and has been named a member of their 2019 Human Development federal advocacy committee. Having served on the City Council for 12 years, as the founding chair of the Technology Committee and leading the Government Operations Committee, she was also Chief of Staff to Council Member Ruth Messinger, NYC Deputy Public Advocate, Director of the city’s Federal Office, and Executive Director of the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women.

DOMINO PARK AND DOMINO SUGAR REDEVELOPMENT

Built on the historic site of the former Domino Sugar Refinery, Domino Sugar Redevelopment has transformed the 11-acre industrial waterfront site located along the East River in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The plan saw the creation of Domino Park—a five-acre linear park reconnecting the community to the waterfront and providing much-needed open space for residents of the North Brooklyn neighborhood, while honoring and celebrating the history of the sugar trade in NYC. The redevelopment also includes adaptive reuse of the Landmarked Domino Refinery, and four new mixed-use residential buildings that will house 700 units of affordable housing.

ABOUT THE DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE

The Design Trust for Public Space is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the future of public space in New York City. They bring together city agencies, community groups and private sector experts to make a lasting impact—through design—on how New Yorkers live, work and play. Guided by social justice, equity and environmental sustainability, their work can be seen, felt, and experienced throughout all five boroughs—from parks and plazas to streets and public buildings. Believing in public space’s role in the cultural and democratic life of the city, Design Trust inspires projects in other cities throughout the nation and the globe.

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