

it's 65th Annual Gala Dinner at the Union League Club. Swiss Ambassador to the U.S. **Urs Ziswiler** and former U.S. Ambassadors to Switzerland **Mercer Reynolds** and **Faith Whittlesey** discussed the importance of the relationship between the two countries. Author and attorney **Mark W. Smith**, fresh from an appearance on CNN, introduced Syngenta AG's C.E.O. **Michael Mack**, who gave the evening's keynote address entitled "Vision 2050." Smith, a rising public intellectual, is being talked about as a possible candidate for Attorney General in New York (www.marksmithlawgroup.com).

HAIL TO THE HOUSE

Hale House honored **Judith Giuliani** and **Frederick Anderson** at Guastavino's. Leading the applause were **Rudolph Giuliani**, **Marcia Gay Harden** and noted painter **Hunt Slonem** (www.huntslonem.com), whose work is shown at the Marlborough Gallery. At The Plaza, **Tory Burch** and **Chris Cuomo** added their support to helping troubled schools in New York at Turnaround for Children. **Sarah Jessica Parker**, **Natalie Portman**, **Mikhail Baryshnikov** and **Elaine Sargent** stepped out at the New York City Ballet Gala, which opened the Architecture of Dance season. At The Pierre, Boys' Towns of Italy gave its Mother of the Year award to **Francesca Gumina Braschi**.

GEOFFREY BRADFIELD JOINS THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Interior designer **Geoffrey Bradfield** threw open the doors of his chic townhouse for the New York Junior League's Annual Spring House Tour. During the past 15 years, the League (www.nyj.org) has showcased the homes of **Jamie Drake**, **Campion Platt** and **Vicente Wolf**. Among the design elite checking out Bradfield's inventive ideas was **Monique Breaux** of Posh Exclusive Interiors, who just launched www.buyposhrooms.com, where you can buy an entire room in one click. Why not buy two?

THE WIZARD OF LIGHT

Lighting guru **Bentley Meeker** celebrated the 20th anniversary of his company at Ampersand Studios, a new event space that features state-of-the-art lighting panels capable of transforming the space at will. Restaurant Associates created food stations that served up everything from lobster rolls to shawarma. Bentley has illuminated the city's top events, including galas for ABT, MoMA and the Whitney Museum. **Robert De Niro**, **Catherine Zeta-Jones** and **Michael Douglas** all tapped him to do their weddings, and **P. Diddy** chose him for his 40th birthday. Bentley's book, *Light x Design: 20 Years of Lighting* (www.bentleymeeker.com), hits stores this fall.

AND THE AUDIENCE AWARD GOES TO . . .

Paper Street Films' producers **Bingo Gubelmann**, **Benji Kohn** and **Austin Stark** took home the "gold" at the Gen Art Film Festival in New York City for *happythankyoumoreplease*. They won the same Audience Award at Sundance. The funny film, directed by **Josh Radnor**, opens in August and is this year's best date movie. Joining the producers on the red carpet were the flick's stars: **Malin Akerman**, **Michael Algieri**, **Kate Mara**, **Pablo Schreiber** and **Zoe Kazan**. The talented trio's other productions include *Peter and Vandy*, *My Biodegradable Heart* and *My Son, My Son, What Have Ye Done*. The answer, in their case, is . . . plenty! Check out www.paperstreet.tv to learn more. ♦



Elaine Sargent and Mikhail Baryshnikov at the NYC Ballet



Harry and Laura Slatkin at the New York Stock Exchange



Melissa Berkelhammer at the American Museum of Natural History

Frederick Anderson, Marcia Gay Harden and Douglas Hannant at Hale House



Dr. Robert Grant, Chele Chlavacci and Muffie Potter at Hale House

Bentley Meeker at Ampersand Studios



Jan Chipman and Francesca Braschi at Boys' Towns of Italy

Monique Breaux at the Junior League



Malin Akerman and Austin Stark at the Gen Art Film Festival