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# NEW YORK IN SPRING (AND SUMMER)

ALEXANDRA YAPALATER

### Rabbi Marc Schneier and Russell Simmons

Rabbi Marc Schneier recognized philanthropist and attorney Sal Strazzullo for his work with Muslim and Jewish leaders at the FFEU Awards, at the home of Russell Simmons. On the other side of town, Mayor Michael Bloomberg spoke at The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services gala, where Jean Shafiroff was honored. Jean will chair the Southampton Hospital Annual Summer Party on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Lighting Artist Bentley Meeker

When he is not illuminating A-list events including the Parrish Art Museum, Bridgehampton artist Bentley Meeker enjoys the opportunity to pursue his own artistic endeavors. "Light creates the environment, and the environment creates the mood, and the mood creates the experience," says Meeker. Bentley has had one-man exhibitions at the Whitney Museum, Gallery Nine5 in 2012 and lit the main temple at The Burning Man Festival in 2011. For his newest endeavor, Meeker presented *186,281* a solo exhibition of 20 light pieces at Gallery 151.

### Alec Baldwin Salutes Guild Hall

Alec Baldwin, Sarah Jessica Parker, Nathan Lane and interior designers Tony Ingrao and Randy Kemper are all supporters of Guild Hall. Director Ruth Appelhof explains the allure of the cultural scene in the Hamptons: "We always say there is more talent per square foot in East Hampton than anywhere in the world, and I'm sure that's true. You cannot cross the street without bumping into an actor or musician, designer or a composer."

This summer Guild Hall will feature an exhibition of works by Chuck Close from August 10<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>. East Hampton resident Gwyneth Paltrow's mother Blythe Danner will star in the Noel Coward play *Tonight* at 8:30 at the John Drew theatre.



Tony Ingrao and Randy Kemper at Guild Hall

### Michelle Javian's Big Heart

Long Island native Michelle Javian, who is the co-founder of Harbor-ing Hearts, hosted a family day at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore which featured dancing, games, face painting and heart-healthy snacks. Her organization provides housing for heart patients who travel to New York City for affordable lifesaving medical treatment.

### Callula Lillibelle

Fashion was in full swing as Melanie Fraser Hart showed her Callula Lillibelle collection at Hudson Terrace; the designer's muse, actress Christy Scott Cashman, led the models to the stage. Dance artist Consuelo Vanderbilt Costin, who made her NY musical debut at XL Nightclub earlier this year, performed her hit 'Feel So Alive' for the fashionistas. Leading the applause were Maggie Norris, Michelle Marie and Jon Heinemann, Michèle Gerber Klein and Tracy Stern.

### Downton Abbey

New York Times best-selling author and attorney Mark W. Smith hosted his Annual Spring Fling at 230 Fifth. James Bond star Dame Judi Dench and Jessica Fellowes, who wrote "The World of Downton Abbey," supported this toast to Historic Royal Palaces, the charitable organization that maintains the UK's Tower of London and Kensington Palace. Guests included Nicole and Steven Noonan, Leesa Rowland and Larry Wohl.

### Arches of Hope

THE OUT NYC, New York's first urban resort unveiled the Arches of Hope installation by Antonio Pio Saracino in its edgy



Rabbi Marc Schneier and Sal Strazzullo at FFEU Awards

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David Rivel, Jean Shafiroff and Mayor Bloomberg at JBFC's Benefit



Melanie Fraser Hart and Christy Scott Cashman at Sienna Restaurant &amp; Ultralounge



Cassandra Seidenfeld, Bentley Meeker and Patricia Field at Meeker's book launch for "Light X Design"



Janis Cecil and Michele Gerber Klein at the Lela Heller Gallery

lobby designed by Paul Dominguez. The project symbolizes the fight against AIDS and benefited MTV's Staying Alive Foundation. Brazilian photographer Victor Haim exhibited his avant-garde pictures featuring reflections in coffee cups and on car doors and sales of his work benefited the Ali Forney Center in Chelsea.

### Wall Street Rocks

The Spin Doctors got everyone dancing at the finale of Wall Street Rocks Battle of the Bands at Irving Plaza. The moonlighting Wall Street executives have also competed at Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett. The organization raises funds for the Salvation Army, Wounded Warrior Project, and ReserveAid.



Brandon Freid, Carmen Electra and Hank Freid at the Sanctuary Hotel