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Rosalind Fox Solomon's work was included in Art AIDS America, a group exhibition organized by the Tacoma Art Museum in partnership with The Bronx Museum of the Arts, from July 13 to October 23, 2016. Ms. Solomon received a Lucie Honoree Award for Outstanding Achievement in Portraiture at Carnegie Hall on October 23, 2016.
TONY FEHER
1956–2016
TAG remembers with gratitude the life and work of the incomparable Tony Feher. An artist whose work spanned more than thirty years, Tony Feher defined a unique place in contemporary art by using the most humble and simple materials of everyday objects to create elegant and poetic sculptures and installations. An AIDS activist and HIV +, Tony was a longtime supporter of TAG, and generously donated the Limited Art Edition for the 2008 Research in Action Awards. A memorial exhibition of Feher’s most recent work opens at Sikkema Jenkins & Co., in NYC, on November 17 through December 23, 2016.

MARGIE GARBER-STEINBERG
April 7, 1949 – April 14, 2016
This page is dedicated to Margie Garber-Steinberg, mother of longtime board member Jason Osher. Margie was a steadfast TAG supporter for well over a dozen years and always attended the Research in Action Awards. She not only fought against the HIV/AIDS pandemic through her support and philanthropy, but also fought her own battle with cancer for ten years, undergoing two stem cell transplants and countless chemotherapies and drug combinations. She was a much adored wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was also a strong warrior, and showed us all how to continue to fight, despite the obstacles. Her love for TAG and its leaders, her humor, and her voice to end HIV/AIDS will be sorely missed.

LYDIA M. ASHCROFT
September 13, 1917 – October 24, 2016
The TAG Board and Staff celebrate the life of Lydia Ashcroft and her steadfast support in the fight to end AIDS.
PAST HONOREES

2015  
Matt Bomer  
Simon Halls  
Chelsea Clinton  
Jim Eigo  
Dr. Jack Whitescarver

2014  
Dr. Mary Travis Bassett  
Alan Cumming  
Dr. Eric Goosby  
Fred Hersch  
Gregorio Millett  
Christopher Tepper + Paul Kelterborn

2013  
Anderson Cooper  
Olympia Dukakis  
Dr. Joseph Sonnabend

2012  
Dr. Francoise Barré-Sinoussi  
Jon Cohen  
Dr. Paul Farmer  
Judith Light

2011  
Dr. Polly Harrison  
John Benjamin Hickey  
Dr. Robert F. Siliciano

2010  
Scott P. Campbell  
Dr. Steven G. Deeks  
Dr. Mehmet Oz  
James Wentzy

2009  
Simon Doonan  
Dr. Roy (Tri) Gulick  
Dr. Michel Kazatchkine  
David Hyde Pierce

2008  
Ambassador Mark Dybul  
Florent Morellet  
Sally Morrison  
Doris Roberts

2007  
Dr. Jim Yong Kim  
NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn  
David Mixner

2006  
Dr. Judith Auerbach  
Dr. Donna Futterman  
Terrence McNally

2005  
NY State Senator Thomas K. Duane  
Dr. Bruce R. Shackman  
John Waters

2004  
Eve Ensler  
Dr. Gerald Friedland  
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2003  
Martin Delaney, Project Inform  
Bill T. Jones  
Dr. William E. Paul  
Jane Silver

2002  
Gene Falk  
Laurie Garrett  
Dr. John Moore  
Peter Staley

2001  
Dr. Art Ammann  
Michael Cunningham  
Gregg Gonsalves

2000  
Lynda M. Dee, Esq.  
Dr. Anthony S. Fauci  
Tom Viola, BC/EFA

1999  
Spencer Cox  
Irene Diamond  
Dr. Harold Varmus

1998  
Dr. Mathilde Krim  
Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr

1997  
Dr. David Ho  
Michael Palm

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JENNA WOLFE
Jenna Wolfe is a certified personal trainer, health and wellness expert, motivational speaker and (most challenging of all), mom to two little girls, Harper and Quinn. Most recently, she was the first-ever lifestyle and fitness correspondent on NBC’s “Today” show. She just wrote her first book, “Thinner in 30,” outlining a 30-day diet and fitness plan in her charismatic voice. Prior to joining NBC News in 2007, the self-proclaimed daredevil and thrill seeker spent 12 years as a sportscaster.

When she’s not running (and squatting and lunging and bear-crawling) a million miles an hour in one direction, she’s usually (and happily) doing it in another. Jenna lives in New York City with her partner, Stephanie Gosk.

BRUCE VILANCH
Bruce Vilanch is famous for his research in action, but it’s another thing altogether. Moving on. A six-time Emmy Award winner, he has written 23 Oscar telecasts, sung, danced, and ironed on Broadway and the road as Edna Turnblad in Hairspray and, for six years was a Hollywood Square, just to the left of Whoopi, if that’s possible. The Weinstein brothers made a documentary about him, called Get Bruce, which makes for a fine Netflix evening with the right onephilic lubrication. The sequel, Had Bruce, will have a much larger cast. He does a lot of benefits, as his accountant has pointed out to him in a less than cheery tone. So let’s find a cure already. Thanks.
LEVI STRAUSS & CO.

The Levi Strauss Foundation is the corporate foundation of Levi Strauss & Co., one of the world’s largest brand-name apparel companies and a global leader in jeanswear. In 1853, Levi Strauss opened a wholesale dry goods business in San Francisco. Seeing a need for work pants that could hold up under rough conditions, he and Jacob Davis, a tailor, created the world’s first jean in 1873. The Company has applied this same spirit of innovation to how we engage in communities around the globe.

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For the past 30+ years, Levi Strauss & Co and the Levi Strauss Foundation have together maintained a sustained approach to the HIV/AIDS epidemic that addresses both the health and social factors preventing a definitive response to end the epidemic. We believe that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is more than a medical condition. It’s also a matter of eliminating the stigmatization and discrimination of people living and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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Our HIV/AIDS grant partnerships support community organizations in more than 40 countries with a focus on educating apparel workers about HIV/AIDS. Our grants also focus on eradicating discrimination against people living with HIV and providing assistance to those most vulnerable to infection.

KARYN KAPLAN

Karyn Kaplan, Executive Director of Asia Catalyst, has worked on health and human rights issues in Asia since 1988. She spent 20 years working with grassroots HIV activists in Thailand on access to treatment for highly marginalized populations, namely people who use drugs, migrant sex workers, and people in prison. As the co-founder of Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group, Karyn helped bring attention to the human rights of people who use drugs and supported the founding of Thai Drug Users’ Network, which received a groundbreaking grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria for peer-led harm reduction services in Thailand. Karyn also worked at Gay Men’s Health Crisis, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, and Treatment Action Group, where she helped mobilize a global movement for access to affordable hepatitis C virus treatment in low- and middle-income countries. Karyn is a recipient of the 2009 John M. Lloyd Foundation HIV/AIDS Leadership Award, and the Health GAP Founders Award.

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TERRENCE McNALL Y

Terrence McNally is a recipient of the Dramatists Guild Lifetime Achievement Award and the Lucille Lortel Lifetime Achievement Award. He has won four Tony Awards® for his plays *Love! Valour! Compassion!* and *Master Class* and his musical books for *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Ragtime*. The Kennedy Center recently produced three of his plays under the title *Terrence McNally's Nights at the Opera*: *Master Class*, *The Lisbon Traviata*, and the world premiere of *Golden Age*. He has written a number of TV scripts, including *Andre's Mother* for which he won an Emmy Award. He has received two Guggenheim Fellowships, a Rockefeller Grant, and a citation from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 1996 he was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame. He recently wrote the book for the Tony-nominated musical, *The Visit*, which opened on Broadway the spring of 2015 with music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb and starring Chita Rivera and the late Roger Rees. His most recent play, *It's Only A Play*, opened on Broadway in the fall of 2014 and is the highest selling limited-run play in the history of Broadway. He has written the book of the upcoming musical, *Anastasia*, which will open on Broadway in the spring of 2017. Other plays include *Mothers and Sons*; *And Away We Go*; *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*; *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*; *The Lisbon Traviata*; *Corpus Christi*; *The Ritz*; *Some Men*; *A Perfect Ganesh*; *Bad Habits*; *The Stendhal Syndrome*; *Dedication or the Stuff of Dreams*; *Deuce* and *Unusual Acts of Devotion*.

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ROSIE PEREZ

An Academy Award, Golden Globe® and Emmy nominated actress and choreographer, Rosie Perez was stealing eyes with riveting dramatic performances since the '90s in Spike Lee's renowned classic *Do the Right Thing*, Ron Shelton's *White Men Can't Jump*, and Peter Weir's *Fearless.*

On the big screen, her performance in Peter Weir's *Fearless* garnered her Golden Globe and Academy Award nomination. Perez's film credits include Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* and Andrew Bergman's *It Could Happen to You*, among many others.

She received rave reviews for her performance in *The Ritz* and made her Broadway debut in the hit revival of Terence McNally's *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*. This past year, she returned to Broadway for the highly successful *Fish in the Dark* with Larry David.

Perez received critical acclaim for her directorial debut, *¡Yo Soy Boricua Pa'que Tu Lo Sepas!*, a documentary which celebrates her firebrand activism for Puerto Rican pride. Throughout her career, Perez has been a vocal activist for a number of causes; she's even been arrested for civil disobedience, protesting air weapons training on the US government owned range at Vieques, an island off the coast of Puerto Rico. She currently serves as the Artistic Board Chair for Urban Arts Partnership.

Since 1991, Perez has been vocal as an AIDS activist, lecturing in local inner-New York City high schools about AIDS and the importance of safe-sex protection. Perez starred in and directed the Spanish AIDS PSA campaign “Join the Fight”, and in 2010 President Barack Obama appointed her to The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). Perez effectively uses her star power to educate national audiences of the AIDS epidemic through various media outlets, including her tenure as a Host on ABC's “The View”, targeting issues of stigma and discrimination, and the importance of housing. Last year, Perez received a humanitarian award from Bridging Access To Care for her AIDS activism efforts.

Rosie details her childhood upbringing and career in her book, *Handbook for an Unpredictable Life: How I Survived Sister Renata and My Crazy Mother, and Still Came Out Smiling (with Great Hair).*

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HAL RUBENSTEIN

Hal Rubenstein is a journalist, restaurant critic, designer, philanthropist and author of five books including his most recent “The Looks of Love: 50 Moments in Fashion that Inspired Romance” (HarperCollins, 2015) and the best-selling “100 Unforgettable Dresses,” (HarperCollins, 2011). Perhaps best known as one of the founding editors at InStyle magazine, he served as its Fashion Director for fifteen years, following five years as Men’s Style Director for The New York Times Magazine and after creating the now-cult classic Egg Magazine. Since forming Hal Rubenstein & Associates in 2013, Rubenstein has developed an eponymous women’s sportswear collection currently sold on HSN, serves as Global Style Director for Gabriel&Co fine jewelers, pens a weekly column on food and culture for Forbes Magazine, and writes for Elle, Galerie and Interview. Rubenstein is co-founder/director of the non-profit Fund in the Sun Foundation, and serves on the boards of Live Out Loud and the Paul Taylor Dance Company. The recipient of numerous awards during his career, he was honored by the CFDA in 2011 for his lifetime of achievement. Rubenstein lives with his husband, David Nickle, and his dog, Murray, in New York City.

MARGARET RUSSELL

Margaret Russell is a strategic consultant specializing in media, design, and culture. She was formerly the Editor in Chief of Architectural Digest, where she spearheaded a highly regarded redesign of the magazine and the relaunch of archdigest.com. Under her guidance the brand’s audience grew to 4.3 million magazine readers, 2 million website users, and more than 4 million social media followers, and AD was recognized by numerous awards including being named to last year’s Adweek Hot List.

Ms. Russell is committed to philanthropic work both locally and nationally. She is a longtime trustee of God’s Love We Deliver and the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, and she has been instrumental in raising millions of dollars to support HIV/AIDS preventive-education and direct-care programs through her service on the boards of DIFFA and the Alpha Workshops, work with AIDS Project LA and Project Angel Food, and the chairmanship of a decade of DIFFA Dining by Design events across the country. In 2014, the Human Rights Campaign honored her with their Ally for Equality Award.

Ms. Russell was appointed by President Obama to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and she serves on the Design Advisory Team for the Obama Presidential Center as well as the Advisory Council of the Philip Johnson Glass House, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She lectures frequently on architecture and interior design and has been featured on numerous TV shows, including Good Morning America, Today, and Bravo’s Top Design. She is the author of several books, among them “So Chic” and “Style and Substance.”

Prior to joining Architectural Digest, Ms. Russell served as VP/Editor in Chief of Elle Decor, a publication that she helped found in 1989. During her tenure, she also created elledecor.com and produced the best-selling Elle Decor book series.

Ms. Russell is a graduate of Brown University and currently resides in Manhattan. Follow her on Instagram @margaretrussell.
JOY EPISALLA

Joy Episalla is a New York-based artist working in photography, video and sculpture. Her work has been exhibited widely in the United States and in Europe since the 1980s, and critically praised in *Art in America*, *The New Yorker*, *Time Out*, *Artforum* and *The New York Times*. Episalla’s work was shown in Greater New York 2015 at MoMA/PS1 and a solo exhibition at Participant Inc. in New York City. Currently her work is featured in *OSMOS* magazine, *ART AIDS America* at the Bronx Museum and her series *144 years* is being exhibited at the International Center of Photography. Episalla is a founding member of the queer art collective *fierce pussy*. A long time AIDS activist, Episalla joined ACT UP in 1991 and was a member of The Marys affinity group, which gained national and international attention for its development of public political funerals, and was a principal organizer of a multitude of ACT UP actions.

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BARBARA HUGHES

Trained as a concert pianist at West Chester State College in Pennsylvania with the renowned teacher Charles Gangemi, Barbara Hughes moved to New York City to pursue a career in music. By the 1980s, Barbara had become professionally involved in restaurant and food service work. With so many of her friends and colleagues becoming ill and dying from AIDS, Barbara started attending meetings of ACT UP and soon became one of its most prominent organizers. She became a member of the affinity group The Marys, which gained national and international attention for its development of public political funerals, and was a principal organizer of a multitude of ACT UP actions.

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