



RxART PARTY 2024 Celebrates Harold Ancart and Dr. Harold Koplewicz

The evening raised funds to support an all-time-high demand for museum-quality art installations in children's hospitals across the nation



Harold Ancart, Diane Brown, and Dr. Harold Koplewicz at the RxART 2024 PARTY.
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February 8, 2024 – New York, NY – Last night, **RxART**, a pioneering nonprofit organization working at the intersection of visual art and healthcare, celebrated its visionary collaborators, partners, recent commissions, and upcoming projects at the annual RxART PARTY. The evening, **chaired by David and Dawn Lenhardt**, brought together guests from across the arts, philanthropy, healthcare, medical, fashion, entertainment, and business worlds in support of RxART's efforts to champion the benefits of creative environments in the healing process. The organization pursues this mission through collaborations with celebrated artists on site-specific, museum-quality art installations designed for children's hospitals across the nation.

These uplifting projects are at the forefront of an accelerating movement to better integrate art into wellness and are uniquely relevant to individuals of all ages and walks of life. The RxART PARTY raised enough funding to support the organization's ambitious growth plan as well as its efforts to meet an all-time-high demand for its services, particularly for upcoming projects in Phoenix, AZ; Cincinnati, OH; Brooklyn, NY; and more.

The evening began with guests gathering at the atmospheric **Bowery Hotel** in Lower Manhattan to enjoy a cocktail hour featuring **Tito's Handmade Vodka** and **Whispering Angel** rosé, with accompaniment by the **Wayne Tucker Trio**. Guests mingled on the elegant terrace, which was playfully accented by a décor theme of clouds and fish, inspired by honoree artist Harold Ancart's imagery for a recent project at Primary Children's Hospital in Lehi, UT.

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Following cocktails, guests were seated for a three-course meal. **David Breslin, Leonard A. Lauder Curator in Charge, Modern and Contemporary Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, presented Ancart with the RxART Inspiration Award** in recognition of the artist's newly completed mural, commissioned by RxART, that transformed a major corridor in the lobby of the new Primary Children's Hospital in Lehi, UT. Upon receiving the award, the artist delivered moving remarks about the importance of art in medical settings not only for pediatric patients but also for their healthcare providers and hospital staff.

Dr. Harold Koplewicz, Founding President and Medical Director of the Child Mind Institute, was also presented with the RxART Inspiration Award by RxART Founder and President Diane Brown. Dr. Koplewicz's relationship with and support of RxART dates back to 2006, when as founding director of the NYU Child Study Center, he was involved with RxART's first site-specific installation. The inspirational child psychiatrist addressed the crowd, speaking about two Sol LeWitt wall drawings that will be installed in the new Manhattan headquarters of the Child Mind Institute at the direction of RxART. He also poignantly commented on the difficulties parents face when seeking mental healthcare for their children and the positive impact creative environments have on these families' experiences.

The RxART PARTY concluded with a **special musical performance by Dave Guy and Stro Elliot from The Roots.** Featured throughout the night was a beautiful and vibrant **limited edition print by artist Hilary Pecis.** All the evening's proceeds from print purchases directly support RxART's efforts to collaborate with more artists on new and meaningful children's hospital projects across the nation.

The RxART Party
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
6pm – 10pm
The Bowery Hotel
335 Bowery
New York, NY 10003

Honoring
Harold Ancart
&
Dr. Harold Koplewicz
Both with the RxART Inspiration Award

Special Musical Performance
By Dave Guy and Stro Elliot from The Roots

Event Chairs: David and Dawn Lenhardt

Host Committee: Neil and Rachel Blumenthal, Diane Brown, Glori and Meir Cohen, Larry Gagosian, Agnes Gund, Heather Hasson, Michi Jigarjian, Michael and Rita Laven, Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu, TJ Parker, Cynthia Zabel

Benefit Committee: Sarah Arison, Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis and John Rallis, Patrick Bradbury, Sarah Brown, Mara Burros Sandler, Gabrielle Cornick, Andrew Craven and Joe Hoban, Keith Fox and Tom Keyes, Benjamin Godsill and Annie Burns, Toby Milstein Schulman, Serra Pradhan, Casey Taylor Weyand

Honorees, Presents, and Special Guests Included:

- Harold Ancart
- Dr. Harold Koplewicz
- David Breslin
- Diane Brown, Founder of RxART

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- Julia Chiang
- Dianna Agron
- Antwaun Sargent
- Ann Craven
- Christine Mack
- Dave Guy
- Stro Elliot

About RxART

RxART leverages the transformative power of art to promote healing and comfort in children as they heal. Working in close partnership with pediatric hospitals and medical professionals, RxART commissions leading contemporary artists to create site-specific installations and uplifting interventions, infusing beauty, humor, and comfort into once sterile, intimidating environments. From murals, wallpaper designs, and CT scan wraps to privacy curtains and hospital-grade pajamas, RxART has completed 62 projects in hospitals across 25 cities in the U.S. since it first launched in 2000. Produced at no cost to the hospitals, RxART projects provide artists with unique opportunities to create works of public art with a purpose, staged in often unconventional and unexpected spaces that help transform the lives of children as they heal.

For further information about RxART, visit www.rxart.net.

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