



HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL LANDMARKS LION GALA



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

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*In appreciation of the
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&

*my good friend
Darren Walker*

*who is an incredible
innovative leader*

*With love
Agnes Gund*

LANDMARKS LION AWARD

ABOUT THE AWARD

Since 1990, the Landmarks Lion Award has honored those who have shown unusual devotion and aggressiveness in protecting New York City's historic buildings and neighborhoods.

ABOUT THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

The Historic Districts Council is the citywide advocate for New York's historic neighborhoods. HDC works to ensure the preservation of significant neighborhoods, buildings and open spaces, uphold the integrity of the New York City Landmarks Law and further the preservation ethic. This mission is accomplished through ongoing programs offering hands-on assistance to more than 500 community and neighborhood-based groups and through direct advocacy, public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach and participation in community events.

Originally founded in 1970 as a coalition of individuals and community groups representing New York City's designated historic districts, HDC has since grown into the foremost citywide voice for historic preservation. Following its mandate of community-based preservation advocacy, HDC works continuously to broaden and educate the preservation constituency—from producing zoning and architectural surveys of unprotected historic neighborhoods, to meeting with government officials and decision makers, to creating educational programs on the techniques and strategies of neighborhood preservation.

The driving principle behind all of HDC's work is that the preservation and enhancement of New York's historic neighborhoods, buildings and public spaces are central to the continued success of the city. This goal does not seek to enshrine the past but to guide the future.

HDC is the only organization in New York City which reviews every public proposal affecting historic buildings, totaling more than 300 projects annually. A staffed committee of preservationists and architects meets regularly to review proposals submitted to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission and monitors meetings of the agency, testifying on specific projects when necessary. Additionally, HDC reviews planning proposals for their potential effects on historic properties and regularly participates as a preservation expert in community planning processes. HDC's weekly reports from the Landmarks Commission are regularly circulated to over 500 professionals and activists, as well as being posted online for the general public.

HDC's community outreach stretches through neighborhoods across the city. Locally based organizations from block associations to community boards benefit from HDC's strategic advice, technical expertise, organizational development and advocacy resources. One of HDC's most intensive programs, the Six to Celebrate, has forwarded preservation campaigns in all five boroughs and helped over 50 community groups and coalitions achieve their goals of neighborhood surveys, public education and landmark designation. Since its debut in 2011, the program has helped create over 14 New York City Historic Districts, 5 National Register Districts, over 50 sites individually designated or placed on the National Register Properties: 21 neighborhood surveys, resulting in the documentation of thousands of buildings across the city and has leveraged over \$130,000 in private and public grants for community-driven projects. An illustrated guidebook with a self-guided walking tour is developed for each project area and available in print and electronic form.

HDC hosts an ambitious calendar of more than 50 public programs each year, aimed toward the general public and preservation practitioners. Every March, HDC hosts an Annual Preservation Conference, which is

now in its 26th year. A daylong gathering of professionals, students and activists, this is the only preservation program in New York City which draws its agenda directly from its participants by providing space for the audience to suggest and lead educational sessions on current matters of concern. HDC also offers two semesters of Preservation School every year, a four-part series of lectures which teaches people the fundamental skills of preservation activism; from how to properly photograph a building to understanding the basic principles of landmark designation to learning to read and assess architectural plans. For practicing professionals, HDC offers periodic professionally certified classes on topics such as façade inspection and building material conservation. Finally, as the best way to learn about a neighborhood is to visit it, HDC hosts at least one walking tour of each Six to Celebrate site a year, with additional tours of previous sites offered often. In total, over 1,500 people are served by HDC's educational and public programs annually.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
DARREN WALKER
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LANDMARKS LION**

Thank you for your optimism and efforts to advance New York City.

Thank you to the Landmarks Lion Gala Committee –
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DARREN WALKER AND THE FORD FOUNDATION

Darren Walker is the President of the Ford Foundation, a \$16 billion international social justice philanthropy. The Ford Foundation has a long legacy of urban initiatives focused on education in the US and on urban planning abroad. These initiatives have helped shape the urban landscape of New York City and cities across the globe. To revitalize a disadvantaged Brooklyn neighborhood, Ford funded the first American community development corporation (CDC), the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Bedford-Stuyvesant was an HDC Six to Celebrate neighborhood in 2011. In addition to social justice the Ford Foundation has been a steward of their historic, Individual and Interior Landmarked headquarters.

Darren Walker is a member of the Reimagine New York Commission and co-chair of NYC Census 2020. Before joining the Ford Foundation, he was vice president at the Rockefeller Foundation, overseeing global and domestic programs. In the 1990s, he was Chief Operating Officer of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, Harlem's largest community development organization. Mr. Walker is the co-chair of New York City's Mayoral Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments, and Markers. He also serves on the boards of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, Carnegie Hall, the High Line, the Committee to Protect Journalists, and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, among others. He, and the Ford Foundation, championed the National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. Most recently, Mayor-elect Eric Adams named Mr. Walker as a co-chair of his transition team. Mr. Walker's work and commitment to advancing, cultivating, and celebrating Black history through preserving and celebrating historic places merits recognition through the Landmarks Lion award.

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as the recipient of the 2021
Landmarks Lion Award



LETTER FROM HDC BOARD PRESIDENT AND INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



November 2021

Dear Friends,

It is with gratitude to modern science that we can now safely celebrate — together — the work we have done and the efforts we look forward to initiating in the coming year. Last year, the Historic Districts Council celebrated 50 years as the city's leading voice for New York City's historic neighborhoods. We met as most people did in 2020, through computer and telephone screens — remotely, virtually, and physically distant. We were disappointed that the pandemic prevented us from celebrating this milestone in person with our annual Landmarks Lion gala.

As we finally join each other in person to commemorate what HDC has achieved this year and what we hope to accomplish in the near future, it is inspiring to honor Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation, as HDC's 2021 Landmarks Lion. He is a New Yorker who appreciates the City's history, historic character and design, as well as the tranquility and inspiration great architecture offers all New Yorkers. Darren Walker is a thoughtful changemaker who values the importance of the built environment and the sacred places where stories are signified and should be told.

A Co-Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments and Markers, Darren Walker understands the importance of uncovering what has shaped the narrative of New York City, going beyond the surface to excavate the true story, how history has and has not manifested, and how the truth of history will shape our City's direction for the future.

HDC is a thriving network of people, groups and neighborhood associations. We work together and support one another to enjoy, celebrate, and advocate for neighborhoods. We show up for each other, stand shoulder to shoulder at a rally, testify for each other's neighborhoods and beloved buildings at the Landmarks Preservation Commission. We seek to preserve the glistening terracotta of an old dairy factory in East New York, a church spire in Brooklyn, and a famous musician hub in Manhattan, because the truth of beauty and aging patina, and their narratives, inspire us, individually and collectively.

HDC is a grassroots organization of people working together for the greater good of the entire city. We cherish the legacy New Yorkers hand down to one another, that we protect as stewards for future generations.

This year was a time of emerging from screens to meet, testify in person and explore the city. It was a year of victories for preservation. HDC celebrates the LPC's launch of its Equity Framework, including prioritizing designations that represent the City's diversity and designations in areas less represented by landmarks. HDC worked actively in support of designations that were achieved this year, including:

- 227 Duffield Street, formerly owned by abolitionists, the Truesdells, and believed to be a stop on the Underground Railroad
- The Educational Building in Greenwich Village, former headquarters of the NAACP
- Holyrood Episcopal Church - Iglesia Santa Cruz, known as the "heart and soul" of Washington Heights
- Dorrance Brooks Square Historic District in Harlem
- New York Public Library, Harlem Branch
- The Kimlau War Memorial, a gateway to Chinatown

- The Awkawaxung Munahanung of Staten Island (“Island Protected from the Wind” in the Munsee language)
- The lobby of 200 Madison Avenue by Warren & Wetmore

These designations are the result of the tireless efforts of a broad spectrum of dedicated New Yorkers. With so much more to protect, HDC does not and will not give up.

Throughout the pandemic, HDC never stopped its advocacy outreach and regular testimony at the LPC. Our Public Review Committee continued to meet regularly, providing thoughtful testimony on every application to the LPC. HDC’s Bronx Borough Landmarks Preservation Committee, a coalition of residents aiming to protect historic and cultural treasures of the borough, continued to convene online during the pandemic and throughout 2021, focusing on protected areas and those in need of LPC designation.

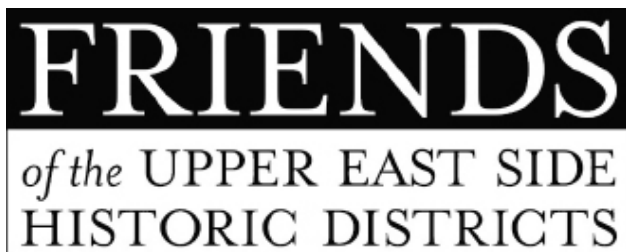
As New York City began to come back from the peak of the pandemic, HDC continued to conduct virtual talks and tours, attracting visitors from around the world. When people felt comfortable to gather in person, our live tours helped them reconnect to the city and each other. Earlier this month the application process for our annual **Six to Celebrate** program began. This popular initiative provides strategic resources to six neighborhood groups in critical moments to reach their respective preservation goals.

All of this work is possible because of HDC’s talented and hardworking staff and because of you and your generosity and energy, and we thank you for your support and enthusiasm.

With gratitude, a rousing toast to our Lion Darren Walker, and to HDC and all our community partners as we celebrate together. Many thanks to you for your support, dedication and love of our great city.

Warm regards,

Alison Greenberg and Lorna Nowvé



Congratulations and Thank You
to

Darren Walker

from the
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Thank you for your support of Historic Districts Council. Whether this is your first time attending a Historic Districts Council event, or you are a longtime Friend, you have helped us continue our mission as the citywide advocate for historic neighborhoods. Historic Districts Council has helped protect almost every one of the thousands of landmarks buildings and the over 150 officially designated historic districts across the City of New York.

Historic Districts Council is the only organization in New York City which reviews every public proposal affecting historic buildings and neighborhoods. We offer a full range of public programs, including walking tours, Preservation School, and our annual Conference. Our Six to Celebrate program has forwarded preservation campaigns in all five boroughs and has helped over 50 community groups and coalitions achieve their goals of neighborhood surveys, public education, and landmark designation. We could not do this work without you and there is so much more to do.

So today, we ask that you commit to the Historic Districts Council of tomorrow. We ask that you make a year-end gift to Historic Districts Council, or that you remember us in your estate or retirement plans. Future New Yorkers will thank you for it and so will we.

With each new connection made and person engaged, we are ensuring that New York's future will include its past. Your gift will ensure that New York's future includes a strong, healthy, and vibrant Historic Districts Council as well.

Please contact Manager of Development Helen Freeman at (212) 614-9107 for further information or visit hdc.org.

**PLEASE HELP US DEFEND THE SOUTH STREET SEAPORT
HISTORIC DISTRICT!**

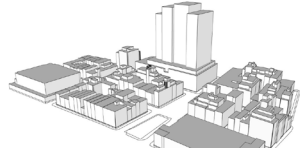
The South Street Seaport Coalition, Inc. will be filing a lawsuit against the city and the Howard Hughes Corporation when 'ripe' as: *"the Landmarks Preservation Law silently reminds that there is value – even commercial value – in the past".*

Experienced Attorneys Michael Gruen, Saul Schapiro and Reed Super form our legal team. The success of our lawsuit will be a victory for all those "inspired by the past of our city".



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- Do height limits have any value if Air Rights from afar can be piled on top?
- Why did City Hall seek to influence independent LPC Commissioners?
- Is there a role for the LPC to preserve historic districts if so compromised?



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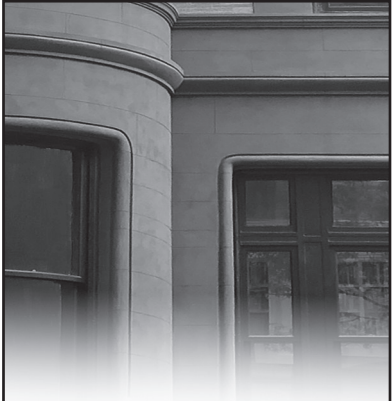

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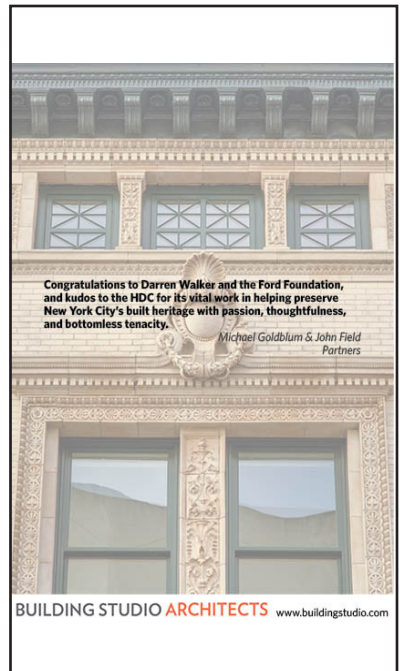


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