

DIA FALL NIGHT 2017

Dia Art Foundation Honored Artist Walter de Maria at Annual Gala on November 5, 2017

New York - On Sunday, November 5, 2017, more than 440 artists, philanthropists, museum directors, curators, and luminaries from the art and fashion industries, gathered in Chelsea to celebrate **Dia Art Foundation's Fall Night** gala and to pay tribute to **Walter De Maria** on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his iconic projects *The Lightning Field*, *The New York Earth Room*, and *The Vertical Earth Kilometer*. Proceeds from the gala support Dia's innovative programs, including its long-term installations, commissions of ambitious new projects, public lectures and readings, and educational initiatives.

The evening commenced by inviting guests to view two new installations at Dia:Chelsea. The first in-depth examination of the French artist **François Morellet** to be mounted in the United States in more than thirty years, on view at 545 West 22nd Street, and *Particulates*, a new commission by **Rita McBride**, on view at 541 West 22nd Street. Guests were welcomed with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres concurrently at Dia Fall Night, located around the corner at 540 West 21st Street.

Following the cocktail reception, guests were invited to a sumptuous seated dinner by Oliver Chang and enjoyed a seasonal fall supper starting with kale salad with seasonal squash, followed by a main course of steamed red snapper. The elegant, candle lit dinner opened with remarks from Dia Art Foundation Chairman, Nathalie de Gunzburg, who introduced the Nathalie de Gunzburg Director Jessica Morgan. Terry Winters, who helped construct *The Lightning Field*, and Michael Heizer, De Maria's close friend, delivered tributes to his extraordinary legacy. The evening culminated by inviting guests to celebrate Dia and de Maria with a delicious selection of desserts.

Hosted by Dia Art Foundation, the gala was supported by gala co-chairs: **Maya Lin, Raf Simons, and Sara and Evan Williams.**

The evening was made possible through the generous support of **CALVIN KLEIN.**

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance included Dia chairman **Nathalie de Gunzburg** and Nathalie de Gunzburg director **Jessica Morgan** as well as Dia trustees and their spouses **Christopher M. Bass, Frances Bowes, Sandra J. Brant, Jane and Roger Goodell, Kathryn and James Murdoch, Cindy and Howard Rachofsky, Marissa Sackler, and Barbara and Charles B. Wright.**

Collectors, philanthropists, and art-world notables in attendance included Herb Allen, Paul Arnhold and Wes Gordon, Josh Baer, Rita and Charles Bronfman, Sabrina Buell, Germano Celant, Lindsey Collins, Lisa Dennison, Donna De Salvo, Caryl Englander, Carol and John Finley, Mark Fletcher, Helen Fosdick, David Fox and Chris Stone, Erika Glazer, Heiner Friedrich, Anthony Grant, Brett Heyman, Rena and Scott Hoffman, Jessica Joffe, Margo Leavin, Mirabelle Marden, Linda Macklowe, Curt Marcus, Susan and Francois de Menil, Tobias Meyer, Siddhartha Mukherjee, Gael Neeson and Stefan Edlis, Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu, Ashley Olsen, Mary Kate Olsen and Olivier Sarkozy, Ales Ortuzar, Erin and Paul Pariser, Laura Paulson, Monique Péan and Stephen Glass, Charlie Pohlrad, Brenda R.Potter, Steve Shiffman, John Silberman, Michael Straus, Fisher Stevens, Ann Tenenbaum, Mila and Tom Tuttle, Marlies Verhoeven and Jacco Reijtenbagh, and Steven Volpe.

Gallerists in attendance included Roland Augustine, Tim Blum, Barbara Bertozzi Castelli, Amalia Dayan and Adam Lindemann, Peter Freeman, Barbara Gladstone, Arne and Milly Glimcher, Maggie Kayne, Tina Kim and Jae Chung, Rachel Lehmann, Dominique Lévy, Daniella Luxembourg, Michele Maccarone, Anthony Meier, Sukanya Rajaratnam, Andrea Rosen, Lucien Terras, and Lucas Zwirner.

Artists in attendance included Jennifer Allora, Tony Bechara, Nayland Blake, Barbara Bloom, Tom Burr, Guillermo Calzadilla, N. Dash, Sam Falls, Teresita Fernández, Katharina Fritsch, Lyle Ashton Harris, Mary Heilmann, Michael Heizer, Joan Jonas, Louise Lawler, Barry Le Va, Lee Ufan, Glenn Ligon, Nate Lowman, Brice Marden, Rita McBride, Adam McEwen, Josephine Meckseper, Marilyn Minter, Liliana Porter, Lucy Raven, Dorothea Rockburne, Tim Rollins, Martha Rosler, Tom Sachs, Amie Siegel, Amy Sillman, Lorna Simpson, Doug Starn, Mike Starn, Haim Steinbach, Michelle Stuart, Sarah Sze, George Trakas, Lawrence Weiner, Stanley Whitney, Terry Winters, Jung Hee Choi, La Monte Young and Marian Zazeela.

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Dia Art Foundation is committed to advancing, realizing, and preserving the vision of artists. Proceeds from Fall Night benefits Dia's exhibitions, programs, long-term sites, and public programs.

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