

ISSUE NO. 1, WINTER 2019

INSIDER:

TheWallis Ambassadors Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Since our incredible Inaugural Dinner with Hershey Felder on August 17, 2018 at the residence of Lynn and Les Bider, we have enjoyed seeing the growth of our group, now 35 members strong. As we reflect on our progress we wanted to thank our Wallis Ambassadors Board Liaison Ron Rosen for his passion, enthusiasm and advocacy in establishing The Wallis Ambassadors. Ron has been instrumental in leading the formation of the group.

We also thank *YOU* for your generous support and leadership. The Wallis Ambassadors have already made a great positive

financial impact, since its inception, generating more than \$195,000 in contributed income to The Wallis artistic and arts education programs.

As we look ahead, we are confident that 2019 will be a great year of continued success. We are happy to launch The Wallis Ambassadors newsletter, which you will be receiving periodically with news and compelling updates on Wallis Ambassadors activities and events.

We hope you enjoy this first edition newsletter and find it useful and informative. As always, please send us feedback and ideas on topics to highlight!

Fondly,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eunice".

Eunice David CO-CHAIR



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Les".

Les Bider CO-CHAIR

LOOKING BACK

2018 certainly went out with a bang here at The Wallis...

between the record-breaking box office performance of *Love, Actually Live* and the extremely generous calendar year end matching gift of \$100,000 from Wallis Ambassador Arline Pepp and her husband Buddy (Pepp Family Support Foundation). Their gift inspired more than \$180,000 in matching contributions from our loyal Wallis community! We are also grateful to *YOU* for joining us on the ground floor of our Ambassadors Program launch.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Wallis Ambassadors now have a dedicated page on the new Wallis website!

TheWallis.org/ Ambassadors

There you can find the most up to date Wallis Ambassadors roster, Ambassador nomination form and a brief description of the program. We encourage all Wallis Ambassadors to share the page with your networks.

TO RECAP...

Wallis Ambassadors Dine Viennese Style

The Wallis Ambassadors held their Inaugural Dinner, hosted by Lynn and Les Bider and featuring the incomparable Hershey Felder, who personally prepared mouth-watering Viennese dishes and desserts inspired by his record-breaking run of *Beethoven* at The Wallis.

After dining al fresco, guests gathered around the living room piano to enjoy an intimate music and conversation salon with the “chef.”

A Magical Evening Indeed

We closed the year with Wallis Ambassadors Co-Chair Eunice David recounting highlights from the life of her late husband, Academy-Award-winning lyricist Hal David. Audiences were treated to a glimpse of Hal’s “Magic Moments” as Eunice related stories of how some of his iconic songs were created with Burt Bacharach, Henry Mancini and others — many of them brought to life by Monica Mancini, Freda Payne & Kyle Riabko with Billy Davis, Jr. & Marilyn McCoo, performing what has become the musical backdrop of our lives.

After the show, Wallis Ambassadors, Board members, and the cast gathered in the David Bohnett Founders Room for an exclusive Wallis Ambassadors Holiday Party. Check out the photos on the next page for what was an amazing evening among friends!

Wallis Ambassadors In Action

This past year, we also hosted shop and support events at luxury stores such as Prada and Saks Fifth Ave, as well as a special 2019 Spring Celebration partnership announcement at Harry Winston.

These events were open to the Board, Wallis Ambassadors and loyal Wallis donors, and the profits made during the event went to GRoW @ The Wallis arts education program. They were all major successes... and a lot of fun, too. *THANK YOU* for coming out and supporting The Wallis!



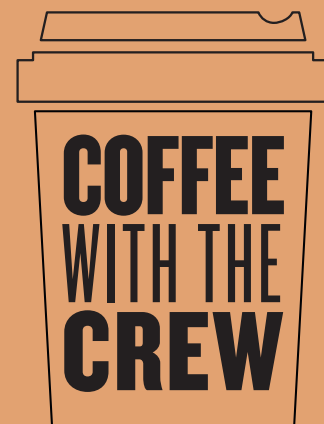
(FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): 1. Hershey Felder addressing the crowd at the Inaugural Dinner hosted by Wallis Ambassadors Lynn and Les Bider. 2. Boxes of official Wallis Ambassador pins as party gifts for the Inaugural Dinner Attendees. 3. Eunice David in *Magic Moments: Remembering Hal David*. 4. Kyle Riabko, Freda Payne, Paul Crewes, Eunice David, Marilyn McCoo, Billy Davis Jr. and Monica Mancini at the Holiday Part in the David Bohnett Founders Room. 5. Ron Rosen, Arline Pepp, and Paul Crewes, at the Prada event. 6. Rachel Fine, Linda May, John Bendheim, and Kris Levine at the Prada event.

PRESSING FORWARD

We hope you're just as excited for 2019 as we are!

From exclusive Ambassador events to other exciting donor benefits, we've got so much in store for you.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES



FEB 8 AT 10:30 AM

Please consider joining us in the David Bohnett Founders Room for an exclusive Wallis Ambassadors opportunity to meet Wallis Director of Production Jim D'Asaro and the production team.

Come hear how these professionals bring stories to life on our stages. Have you ever wondered how a stage transforms from a cozy apartment to a jukebox within a matter of days? All your questions — from which props are real to what “tech week” is all about — will be answered!

SPECIAL THANKS

A shout out to the founders of **H2Rose**, brother and sister **Kia** and **Kate Illulian** for donating H2Rose waters for *An Inspector Calls* Backstage Tour and Coffee with the Crew events!



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AMBASSADORS!

We are ecstatic to welcome six new members to The Wallis Ambassadors! All active members of The Wallis community and supporters of the performing arts, these individuals are valuable additions to our team. We look forward to welcoming them at our next Ambassadors events.



Barbara Belzberg



Judy Flesh



Evelyn Heyward



Dick Rosenzweig



Rayni Williams



Marc Zachary



Know Someone Who Would Be A Great Wallis Ambassador?

Upstanding and loyal Wallis Board Members, Ambassadors, Staff and members of The Wallis community can sponsor candidates to The Wallis Ambassadors. Candidates who are approved by The Wallis Ambassadors Co-Chairs will be invited to join The Wallis Ambassadors. Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis. All Wallis Ambassadors are encouraged to complete the The Wallis Ambassador Nomination Form and submit new nominations!



WALLIS STAFF NEWS

Lilian Miller, our Director of Annual Giving, has been awarded the CFRE, Certified Fund Raising Executive.

This professional credential is earned by meeting strict standards set by CFRE International, including achievement in the nonprofit sector and passing a rigorous examination covering knowledge areas such as accountability, the Donor Bill of Rights and best practices in management.

Raised in Brazil, Lilian attended college in New York and holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from NYU's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service. After graduation, Lilian served in development roles at several diverse nonprofits before joining The Wallis In 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS, LILIAN!

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