

## MARTIN FRIEDMAN

Socrates Sculpture Park is delighted to honor Martin Friedman, Director Emeritus of the Walker Art Center, now a writer on and advocate of contemporary art and artists in New York, and a long-time friend and former board member of Socrates Sculpture Park. In 1997, Mark di Suvero asked Martin to help strengthen and secure the future of the Park as a vibrant nexus for artists, artworks, and the public. First as an advisor, and then as a board member, Martin led an institutional reorganization that allowed Socrates to expand well into its second decade and beyond.

Although Martin Friedman's career has long been associated with the Walker Art Center, which he directed for some thirty years, he has remained active in various areas of the arts since moving to New York in 1990.

At the Walker, he oversaw the extensive growth of its collection and artistic programs, construction of a new building in 1971, and, in 1988, the inauguration of the now ten-acre Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Under his directorship, the Walker Art Center was transformed from a primarily regional institution into a museum that earned national and international recognition for the range and quality of its activities.

Friedman was on the Council of the National Endowment for the Arts from 1979 to 1984 and in 1989 was awarded the National Medal of the Arts. He is a past president of the Art Museum Directors Association, served on the Smithsonian Council, and on the visiting committee of the J. Paul Getty Museum. He has been an artistic adviser to the American Center in Paris, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Madison Square Park Conservancy, and the Hall Family Foundation in Kansas City, and has worked on curatorial projects at the National Gallery of Art, The Virginia Museum of Art, and the Denver Art Museum.

Long committed to the recruitment and education of young museum professionals, Friedman established a curatorial training program at the Walker Art Center in the mid-1960's that still flourishes. Its distinguished alumni include many museum directors and curators, as well as leading figures in design, public television, and performing arts organizations.

## SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

Socrates Sculpture Park was an abandoned riverside landfill and illegal dumpsite until 1986 when a coalition of artists and community members, under the leadership of artist Mark di Suvero, transformed it into an open studio and exhibition space for artists and a neighborhood park for local residents. The Park's existence is based on the belief that reclamation, revitalization and creative expression are essential to the survival, humanity and improvement of our urban environment.

Socrates Sculpture Park is the only site in the New York Metropolitan area specifically dedicated to providing artists with opportunities to create and exhibit large-scale sculpture and multi-media installations in an outdoor environment that invites interaction between artists, artworks and the public. Socrates Sculpture Park is a laboratory where experimentation and innovation expand, and redefine the tradition of art in public spaces.

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BENEFIT FOR

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## PROGRAM

7:30pm  
Remarks by Mark di Suvero, Martin Friedman, and Stuart Match Suna

6:30 - 9:30pm  
Silent auction of artworks by Socrates artists:  
E Team  
Tony Feher  
Dewitt Godfrey  
Klara Hobza  
Pentti Monkkonen  
Ursula Von Rydingsvard  
Alyson Shotz  
Jude Tallichet  
and others!

Bidding closes  
at 9:00pm

6:30 - 7:30pm  
Jazz and bossa nova  
performed by  
the critically acclaimed  
Evan Schwam Quartet

8:30 - 9:30pm  
A fusion of classical and  
world music performed  
by internationally  
renowned cellist Yoed Nir

Food prepared by chef  
John Reilly of Rcano Events

Cocktails by St. Germain

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

FROM 6:30 UNTIL 9:30PM

## SUNSET COCKTAILS AND BBQ AT MARK DI SUVERO'S STUDIO ON THE EAST RIVER IN LONG ISLAND CITY

FESTIVE ATTIRE

## DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

Mark di Suvero's studio  
Spacetime C.C.  
30-40 Vernon Boulevard  
(between 30th Road & 30th Drive)  
Long Island City, Queens, New York

Free parking available

Free shuttle service available  
from and returning to  
the Museum of Modern Art  
11 West 53rd Street  
(between 5th & 6th Avenues)

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