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HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER MURAL PAVILION GRAND OPENING

~SPECIAL EDITION~



On Thursday, September 27, 2012, Harlem Hospital Center held the much anticipated ribbon cutting ceremony, commemorating the grand opening of the Mural Pavilion.



The Mural Pavilion Atrium was filled to capacity with elected officials, dignitaries, community leaders, honored guests, senior staff and most importantly, the Harlem Community.



RIBBON CUTTING



Ms. Denise Soares, Executive Director, Ms. Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Sr. Vice President, Kasseem "Swiss Beatz" Dean, HHC Global Ambassador, and elected officials joined the Honorable Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg for the official cutting of the ribbon. Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Deputy Executive Director served as our Master of Ceremony. The morning was filled with words from many dignitaries and members of the Harlem

Hospital Center family.



Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Deputy Executive Director and Master of Ceremony



The Honorable Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg



Swiss Beatz, HHC Global Ambassador



Alan D. Aviles, President, NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation addresses the community.



Our Executive Director, Ms. Denise C. Soares graciously thanked attendees and stated that this hospital is what the Harlem Community needs... but more importantly, what the Harlem Community deserves.



Harlem Hospital Center Auxiliary Member Ms. Carrie Thomas and Renaissance Health Care Network Community Advisory Board Member Ms. Billy J. Ali-Seck, both longtime Harlem residents and health activists, were front and center at the event. Ms. Thomas was friend to many Harlem Renaissance artists and muralists.



Bevy Smith, TV Personality was Mistress of Ceremonies for the Evening Gala



The Honorable Bill Perkins, Honorable Charles Rangel, Honorable Inez Dickens and Honorable Keith Wright.



Dr. Maurice Wright, Medical Director and Sr. Associate Dean



Lou Tilleli (Father of Tom Tillieli) and Ralph Tilleli (Uncle of Tom Tilleli) were onsite when the first concrete was laid for the Martin Luther King Pavilion. Mr. Mike Tilleli (Brother of Tom Tilleli), Mr. Tom Tilleli, Sr. Project Manager, TDX Construction, Mr. Wayne Adderley, President, HRAD Construction, Mr. Logan Hurst, Treasurer, TDX Construction, Mr. Jim Jones, President, TDX Construction and Mr. Joe Fitzpatrick, Vice President, TDX Construction



Swiss Beatz, Grady Spivey and friends upon arrival at the ribbon cutting in front of the Charles Alston Mural.

HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER AND THE FUND FOR HHC PRESENTS: The Mural Pavilion at Harlem Hospital Center and Unveiling of Harlem's Historic Murals.



Ms. Deborah Thornhill, Associate Executive Director of Strategic Planning, sharing the Mural's History.

The Harlem Hospital Center murals were developed under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration's (WPA) Federal Art Project and were created in 1935 for the support and employment of artists. In its eight years of operation, the WPA commissioned over five hundred murals solely





for New York City's public hospitals. The Harlem Hospital Center murals, initially commissioned in 1936, were the first major U.S. government commission awarded to African American artists.





Over the decades, these murals, painted in the modern abstract style of the time, suffered the effects of both age and environmental assault. Four murals have now been fully restored and are on permanent exhibit in The Mural Pavilion of the modernized Harlem Hospital Center. The new Pavilion will integrate the hospital's outpatient, inpatient and emergency room services, bringing a state-of-the-art medical facility to the Harlem community.



To learn more about the history of these breath taking murals, the controversy and the artists visit our website and indulge in their journey.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/harlem/html/about/wpa-murals.shtml



HONORING DR. JOHN CORDICE

The day's festivities transformed into an exquisite fundraiser hosted by Harlem Hospital Center and the Fund for HHC. This event not only raised funds for the HHC Fund, but provided an opportunity to honor Dr. John Cordice. Many are well aware that Dr. Cordice was one of the physicians who operated on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King was brought to Harlem Hospital Center on September 20, 1958, a victim of a stabbing. Dr. King himself praised the hospital and the team that saved his life.



Surrounded by admirers, Dr. Cordice addressed the crowd.



Harlem Hospital Center Surgeons operating on the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.

The evening turned into a celebratory event. Ms. Sylvia White, Chief of Staff was honored for her commitment, devotion and dedication to the hospital and the Harlem Community.



Ms. Denise Soares, Executive Director, Ms. Sylvia L. White, Chief of Staff and Ms. Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Sr. Vice President.



Ms. Ebone' McIntosh, Ms. Denise C. Soares, Ms. Kencle Satchell, Ms. Sylvia White, Ms. Deborah Thornhill, Ms. Denise Lear-Evans.



Many special guests joined the celebration that evening including, (at left) former Executive Director Dr. John Palmer, Erik Cliette, Director of the Injury Prevention Program, Mr. Geoffrey Eaton, Chief of Staff to Congressman Rangel, and the Honorable David Strickland, National Highway Safety Administrator in Washington DC, accompanied by his beautiful wife Mrs. Robin Strickland (front and center)



Swiss Beatz officially being named HHC's Global Ambassador by Mr. Alan D. Aviles, HHC President.



The Honorable David Strickland, National Highway Safety Administrator, Dj. Kangol Kid and Mrs. Robin Strickland



Swiss Beatz arrives at the event.



Radio/TV personality Angie Martinez





Senator Bill Perkins, Congressman Charles Rangel, Council Woman Inez Dickens and Assemblyman Keith Wright





Joe Schick, Mr. Aviles and Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs.



Alan Aviles, Denise Soares, Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs, Joe Schick and the family of Vertis Hayes, Artist of "The Pursuit of Happiness" Mural



Family of Georgette Seabrook , Artist of Recreation in Harlem" Mural.





Left: Ms. Soares, Executive Director accompanied by Mr. Abraham Daniel, longtime volunteer in Harlem Horizon Art Studios.

Right: Lauren Johnston, RN, Senior Assistant VP, HHC Medical and Professional Affairs with Ms. Goodridge and Janice Dye.

On behalf of our
Executive Director
Ms. Denise C. Soares,
thank you to all who participated
or attended in whatever capacity,
including those who were
unable to attend but
were here in spirit.



In keeping with our theme
"Respecting the Past,
Embracing the Future,"
we are certain that the
Mural Pavilion will be
exactly what the
Harlem Community deserves.