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The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Announces 30 Years

**30th Anniversary Benefit and Silent Auction
at The Regent Wall Street on April 1, 2003**

**Opening Remarks by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
Honoring Mary Ann Tighe, Cassandra Wilson & Maya Lin
Special Leadership Award to David Rockefeller, Sr.**

March 19, 2003 New York, New York—On April 1, 2003 at the Regent Wall Street, the **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council** officially launches its **30th anniversary** at a benefit and silent auction to raise funds for LMCC's arts programs and services Downtown and throughout Manhattan. This years' benefit will celebrate their return to the Financial District after losing their World Trade Center offices, artists' studios and performing venue. A special leadership award will be presented to **David Rockefeller, Sr.**, who helped found the Council in 1973, and **Mary Ann Tighe**, President & CEO, New York Tri-State Region, CB Richard Ellis, Inc. will be honored for her outstanding business achievements and contributions to the arts. Singer/Songwriter **Cassandra Wilson**, who returns to LMCC's *Evening Stars* performance series at Battery Park for a second year this fall, and artist/architect **Maya Lin** will be the arts honorees.

The Regent Wall Street is the venue for the black tie benefit and silent auction on April 1, 2003 at 6:00pm.

"We are delighted to be honoring this incredible roster of individuals on behalf of their outstanding contributions to the arts and business communities and extremely grateful to all the artists and companies who have made such generous donations to our silent auction," says Liz Thompson, LMCC's Executive Director.

A highlight of the evening will be a silent auction where guests will bid on a variety of items including over 40 works of art by well established artists **Christo and Jeanne-Claude**, **Tracey Moffat**, **Tom Otterness**, **William Wegman** and **Lorna Simpson**, and artists who

have participated in LMCC's visual arts programs, including the *World Views* residency program based in the World Trade Center from 1997 to 2001. The auction also includes a pair of prime location tickets to the Broadway musical "**Movin' Out**" and donated especially for our "**pearl anniversary**" a **16" strand of Princess Grace Collection Pearls** courtesy of William Barthman Jewelers and Mikimoto. All proceeds will go to support LMCC programs.

Over the last 30 years LMCC's programs and leadership have been vital to the cultural vitality of the downtown community, and to artists, small arts groups, and community organizations throughout Manhattan. Annual projects in the visual, performing, new media and community arts include over 200 grants to artists and arts groups, a world-class performing arts festival, workspace, exhibition and public art programs that bring hundreds of artists to work downtown, business training for artists, and leadership in cultural planning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Benefit Date and Time:	Tuesday, April 1, 2003
	6:00pm Cocktails and Silent Auction
	7:00pm Dinner and Presentations with remarks from Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Location:	The Regent Wall Street 55 Wall Street, Ballroom
Honorees:	Mary Ann Tighe Cassandra Willson Maya Lin
Special Leadership Award:	David Rockefeller Sr.
Tickets:	Benefactor, \$10,000 Patron, \$5,000 Individual, \$550
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Benefit Co-Chairs:	Douglas Durst, Co-President, Durst Organization Inc. Charles J. Maikish, Executive VP, JPMorgan Chase
Benefit Committee:	Sanford Biggers, Trisha Brown, Schuyler G. Chapin, Ric Clark, Garth Fagan, John C. Fontaine, Esq., Kimball Higgs, Bill T. Jones, Joel Kopel, Elizabeth A. Longley, Eugene R. McGrath, Jonathan Mechanic, Mark Morris, Cherrie Nanninga, Janet Phelps, Bruce Ratner, David Rockefeller Jr, Barbara Sahlman, Mary Beth Salerno, Lorna Simpson, Frederieke S. Taylor, Suzanne Vega, Vincent Viola, Seth Waugh, George Wein, Carl Weisbrod, Madelyn Wils
Featured artists include:	Jerri Allyn, Olive Ayhrens, Rina Banerjee, Mark Beard,

Naomi Ben-Shahar, Jane Benson, Nancy Burson, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Marsha Cottrell, Lucky Debellevue, Mark di Suvero, Joellyn Duesberry, Eric Fischl, Charles Goldman, April Gornik, Tim Hailand, Peter Halley, Mahmoud Hamadani, David Humphrey, Daniel Kohn, Geraldine Lau, Sharon Loudon, Russell Maltz, Allan McCollum, Mary Miss, Tracey Moffat, Franco Mondini-Ruiz, Warren Neidich, Olu Oguibe, Tom Otterness, Douglas Ross, James Sheehan, Diane Shupungin and Nicole Engelmann, Lorna Simpson, Sonya Sklaroff, Ray Smith, Keith Sonnier, Taylor Spence, Pat Steir, Billy Sullivan, Gwenn Thomas, Judith Turner, Micki Watanabe, William Wegman, Rob Wynne

About LMCC:

One of Manhattan's most far-reaching arts councils, LMCC is a primary source of support services-including grants residencies, presentation opportunities and professional development-for artists Downtown and throughout the diverse communities of Manhattan.

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