



**MEDIA ALERT**

**Park Avenue Armory 2022 Gala: Free Your Mind**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**WHAT:** In “only at the Armory” fashion, Park Avenue Armory will hold its 2022 Gala on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022** in the Wade Thompson Drill Hall, offering an unexpected and transcendent evening. This year’s gala features performances by the electrifying girl group **En Vogue**, an immersive environment conceived by the fashion industry’s “go-to designer” **Stefan Beckman** (*Architectural Digest*), and other mind-blowing surprises masterfully directed by Bessie Award-winning theater director and performance artist **Niegel Smith**. With a “no boundaries” dress code, this one-night-only experience promises rhythm and blues, funk and fashion, and above all, will get guests on their feet to “free their minds” of pre-existing notions of art, space, and creativity.

**ATTIRE:** No Boundaries

**WHERE:** Park Avenue Armory,  
643 Park Avenue between East 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets  
New York, NY 10065

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022  
Cocktails 6:30 PM  
Dinner 7:30 PM  
Performances to follow

**WHO:** Along with Park Avenue Armory’s Founding President & Executive Producer **Rebecca Robertson** and Marina Kellen French Artistic Director **Pierre Audi**, notable guests will include: performance artist and Armory board member **Marina Abramović**; multi-Grammy Award-winning performance artist **Laurie Anderson**; multimedia artist and musician **David Byrne**; critically-acclaimed performing artist and WQXR host **Helga Davis**; **Elizabeth Diller** of the acclaimed architectural firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro; renowned director, choreographer, and dancer **Bill T. Jones**; CEO of National Black Theatre **Sade Lythcott**; Obie Award-winning artist and Executive Artistic Director of National Black Theatre **Jonathan McCrory**; celebrated visual artist **Julie Mehretu**; jazz pianist and composer, MacArthur Genius, and Curator of the Armory Artists Studio **Jason Moran**; Curator of Public Programming at the Armory **Tavia Nyong’o**; visionary director **Peter Sellars**; and MacArthur Fellow and singular artist **Carrie Mae Weems**.

Armory Artists-in-Residence expected to attend include: two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright **Lynn Nottage**; Obie winner and Pulitzer short-listed playwright **Branden Jacobs-Jenkins** and **Carmelita Tropicana**; flexn pioneer and *Monochromatic Light (Afterlife)* choreographer **Reggie (Regg Roc) Gray**; singer and composer **Sara Serpa**; Tony Award-winning set designer and director **Christine Jones** and choreographer **Steven Hoggett**; and **Mimi Lien**, the first set designer to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.

Socially prominent New Yorkers who have been invited include: **Abigail and Joseph Baratta**; **Wendy Belzberg and Strauss Zelnick**; **Sonja and Martin Brand**; **Marc de la Bruyère and Stacy Schiff**; **Hélène and Stuyvesant Comfort**; **Jonathan L. Davis**; **Emme Levin and Jonathan Deland**; **Jessie Ding and Ning Jin**; **Sanford B. and Lisa**

Ehrenkranz; Adam R. Flatto; Roberta Garza; Barbara and Andrew Gundlach; Marjorie and Gurnee Hart; Anita K. Hersh; Samhita and Ignacio Jayanti; Ken Kuchin and Tyler Morgan; Almudena and Pablo Legoretta; Christine and Richard Mack; Michael and Elyse Newhouse; Slobodan Randjelović and Jon Stryker; Amanda J.T. and Richard Riegel; Susan and Elihu Rose; Sanford L. Smith; Mimi Klein Sternlicht; Joan and Michael Steinberg; Emanuel Stern; Deborah van Eck; and Peter Zhou and Lisa Lee.

The event is sponsored by **Kirkland & Ellis LLP**. **Citi** is the Armory's 2022 Season Sponsor.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** As of September 26, the Armory will no longer require audience members to show proof of vaccination to enter the building. Additionally, masks will be encouraged but will no longer be required. We will continue to follow government and CDC guidelines and adjust policies as needed for the safety of our staff, artists, and audiences.

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