THE WINTER SHOW

A BENEFIT FOR EAST SIDE HOUSE

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The Winter Show Announces Honorees for Opening Night Preview, Young Collectors Night, and Jewelry Luncheon for 2026 Edition

New York, NY (December 2025) - The Winter Show is pleased to announce the honorees for its 2026 special events. The 72nd edition of the fair returns to the Park Avenue Armory from January 23–February 1, 2026, opening with the celebrated Opening Night Preview benefit for East Side House on Thursday, January 22, 5–9 PM.

Established in 1954 by East Side House Settlement, The Winter Show has raised vital funds for the community-based organization for over 70 years. Proceeds from ticket sales and benefit events—including the Opening Night Preview on January 22, the Design Luncheon, the inaugural Jewelry Luncheon, and Young Collectors Night on January 29—directly support East Side House's educational, workforce, and community programs in the Bronx and Northern Manhattan.

Honorees

Opening Night Preview

We are honored to celebrate **Caroline Kennedy** as the **Opening Night Honoree** of *The Winter Show*.

Caroline Kennedy has dedicated her life to public service, education, and cross-cultural understanding. As Vice-Chair of the Fund for Public Schools, she helped transform New York City's public education system and expand arts education. As U.S. Ambassador to Japan and later to Australia, she strengthened international partnerships, advanced women's empowerment, and fostered reconciliation and cultural exchange. Kennedy is the founder of the **International Poetry Exchange Program**, connecting students across the Bronx, Japan, Korea, Australia, and the Philippines through spoken word. The author and editor of eleven *New York Times* bestsellers, she is also the Honorary President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

We are proud to honor Caroline Kennedy for her remarkable leadership and lifelong commitment to education, diplomacy, and the arts.

Young Collectors Night
Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia, co-creative directors of MONSE and formerly of Oscar de la Renta, are this year's honorees for Thursday, January 29, 6–9 PM. Known for redefining modern luxury through inventive tailoring and deconstructed silhouettes, they champion creativity, craftsmanship, and self-expression. Laura Kim – A Seoul native, studied at Pratt Institute and served as Design Director at Oscar de la Renta. Fernando Garcia – Raised between the Dominican Republic and northern Spain, transitioned from architecture to fashion under Mr. de la Renta's mentorship. Together, they embody the next generation of visionaries who blur the boundaries between art, fashion, and culture. Their innovative spirit and collaborative approach continue to inspire emerging creatives and collectors alike.

Jewelry Luncheon
We are delighted to honor **Ulla Johnson**, acclaimed designer celebrated for her artisanal craftsmanship and nature-inspired aesthetic. Johnson's work embodies a deep appreciation for global artistry, blending traditional techniques with a modern sensibility. Her jewelry and fashion collections reflect a commitment to sustainability, cultural heritage, and timeless design, resonating with collectors and connoisseurs alike.

At this year's Jewelry Luncheon, *The Winter Show* celebrates Ulla Johnson's distinctive vision and her enduring contributions to contemporary design, where art, craft, and storytelling come beautifully together.

Tickets for these events are available at thewintershow.org or by calling (718) 292-7392.

Background
Founded in 1954, The Winter Show is the longest-running U.S. fair devoted to fine art, antiques, and design. Proceeds from the fair's special events support East Side House Settlement, providing education, workforce training, and community programs for approximately 15,000 residents in the Bronx and Northern Manhattan each year.

Fair Dates & Special Events
- Opening Night Preview: Thursday, January 22 | 5–9 PM
- Public Hours: Friday, January 23 – Sunday, February 1 | Opens 12 PM daily (closing times vary)
- Jewelry Brunch: Sunday, January 25 | 12 - 2 PM
- Young Collectors Night: Thursday, January 29 | 6–9 PM
- Connoisseurs Night: Friday, January 30 | 5:30–8 PM

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About The Winter Show
Founded in 1954, The Winter Show is the longest-running U.S. fair devoted to fine art, antiques, and design. The annual fair brings together leading international dealers and showcases museum-quality works spanning paintings, sculpture, furniture, jewelry, silver, rare books, and contemporary ceramics and glass. Proceeds from The Winter Show's benefit events support East Side House Settlement's educational, workforce, and community programs.

About East Side House Settlement
East Side House Settlement is a community-based organization in the South Bronx that provides education, workforce training, and supportive services to approximately 15,000 residents annually. Recognizing education as a key to economic and civic opportunity, East Side House partners with schools, community centers, and other organizations to help individuals and families improve their lives. For more information, please visit eastsidehouse.org

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