On October 4th, Committee Hosts of the Royal Oak Foundation welcomed 250 guests to the Prince George Ballroom for the 2nd annual FOLLIES cocktail fundraiser.

This year's FOLLIES fundraiser supported the Chinese House at Stowe, a beautiful folly with a long history. Guests were welcomed into a chinoiserie wonderland, designed by top interior designer, and event Co-Chair, Caleb Anderson, paying tribute to the ornate and whimsical Chinese House folly. Fellow Co-Chairs were Wolf Burchard, Emily Collins, and Robbie Gordy.

Guests enjoyed an evening filled with cocktails, British fare, a silent auction, and dancing, which featured music and a special set by “DJ Nick AC” Nicholas Ashley-Cooper, the Earl of Shaftesbury.
Attendees included James Reginato, writer-at-large for Vanity Fair; designer Jamie Drake of Drake/Anderson; Cameron Silver, Fashion Director of H by Halston; designers Nick Olsen and Thomas Jayne; Mitchell Owens, Samuel Cochran, Jeffrey Caldwell and Alison Levasseur of Architectural Digest; Creative Director at Bunny Williams Audrey Margarite; Elle Decor's Robert Rufino; and antiques dealer David Duncan. Representing Royal Oak were Board Members Lynne Rickabaugh, Chairman; Susan Samuelson, Vice Chairman; Betsy Barbanell, Michael Boyd, John Clark, Tom Kelly and Renee Tucei; and Executive Director David Nathans. Sponsors included Drake/Anderson, Lee Jofa, Benjamin Moore, Architectural Digest, The McGraw Agency, Debevoise & Plimpton, 200 LEX New York Design Center, and Zezé Flowers.

FOLLIES fundraiser not only raised important funds for the Chinese House at Stowe but also provided support for the Royal Oak Foundation which celebrates the protected historic sites and landscapes of the National Trust, including and their architectural follies, found throughout the British countryside.
Wolf Burchard, Caleb Anderson, Emily Collins, Robbie Gordy, and Greg Joye

Jonathan Tait, Karen Rogers, and Thomas Jayne

David Nathans and James Reginato

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- 10.31.17: Resolution and Remedy
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- 9.28.17: Standing ovations
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- 9.20.17: Champions for the cause
Astrid Tvetenstrand, Samantha Stathis, David Kelleher-Flight, and Justine Lynch

Alice Dickinson and Pete Simpson

Nick Olsen, Alix Lermen, Kelly Sinatra, and Ashleigh Ellman

9.11.17: Hope and Heroes

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On Saturday, October 14th, at the Field House at Chelsea Piers, more than 750 children with their families joined hospital leadership and dressed as ghouls, goblins, ballerinas, firemen and more at the 28th annual Light Up A Life Halloween carnival, benefitting the Komansky Children's Hospital at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The event, sponsored exclusively by Saks Fifth Avenue, raised $475,000 to benefit pediatric patient care programs.

The festive atmosphere featured games and activities including soccer drills with members of the New York City Football Club, face painting, balloon art, batting cages, a rock-climbing wall, carnival games and musical entertainment, in addition to health and safety-related activities, including interactive tours of an ambulance.

Guests included Dr. Gerald M. Loughlin, pediatrician-in-chief at NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children's Hospital, Travis Acquavella, Merrill Curtis, Diana Gershuny, Claire Maxwell, Amory McAndrew, Erica Silverman, Cari Walker and Mindy Webster.

Proceeds from the event will benefit pediatric patient care programs including: Child Life Services, a program that helps alleviate children’s fears surrounding the hospital experience; The Pediatric Emergency Department, which provides emergency care to ill and injured children 24 hours a day, seven days a week; The Family Advisory Council, a group of dedicated family members committed to providing exceptional, family-centered care to all patients; and The Pediatric Fellows program, supporting postdoctoral training in pediatrics.
Dr. Gerald M. Loughlin, John Antonini, Joseph Antonini, Marco Antonini, Michelle Antonin, and Luca Antonini

NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children’s Hospital, together with Weill Cornell Medicine, provides the best available care in every area of pediatrics in a family-friendly and technologically advanced setting. NewYork-Presbyterian is the #1 hospital in the New York metropolitan area and is consistently ranked among the best academic medical institutions in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. For more information, visit http://www.nyp.org/komansky.

Cate Capello, Gussie Bonner, and Claire Capello
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Stephen Wright, Lea Ladera, and Elana Wright

Montana York

Nora Leuchtmann

_Multidisciplinary artist Laurie Anderson and novelist Jay McInerney_ were
awarded the insignia of Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters by Bénédicte de Montlaur, Cultural Counselor of the French Embassy on Tuesday, October 10th, in New York in recognition of their contributions to the fields of art and literature.

Guests who attended the ceremony in addition to Jay McInerney and Anne Hearst McInerney, and Laurie Anderson, included Nicole Miller and Kim Taipale, Candace Bushnell and Jim Coleman, Robert Couturier, Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia, Dana Hammond Stubgen, Alison Mazzola, George Farias, Rose Dergan, Helen Lee Shifter, Debbie Bancroft and Diana Fisketjon.

The Order of Arts and Letters (Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) was established in 1957 to recognize eminent artists and writers, as well as people who have contributed significantly to furthering the arts in France and throughout the world.