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THE BEST OF BROOKLYN AWARD GALA

Honoring

DON BUCHWALD '59
President, Don Buchwald & Associates, Inc.

Thursday, May 12, 2016
Rainbow Room

6:30pm
Cocktail Reception

7:30pm
Live Auction with one-of-a-kind prizes

8pm
Dinner and Presentation of Best of Brooklyn Award
by President Karen L. Gould

9pm **Roast of Don Buchwald '59**
Produced by the Friars Club with actor Kathleen Turner, media star Robin Quivers,
comedian Lisa Lampanelli and many special guests.

Music by Terry Waldo & the Gotham City Band

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
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May 2, 2016

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to greet everyone attending the Brooklyn College Foundation's Best of Brooklyn Annual Gala. I am especially glad to congratulate tonight's honoree - Don Buchwald, Class of 1959 and president of Don Buchwald & Associates.

The Brooklyn College Foundation does so much to support the vibrant College community. By providing scholarships and other financial assistance to students; awards and prizes to students, alumni and faculty; and vital contributions to the college infrastructure, operations and activities, the Brooklyn College Foundation helps ensure the future success of the school.

I commend the Brooklyn College Foundation and the entire Brooklyn College community for all you do on behalf of New Yorkers. Best wishes for a wonderful celebration and much continued success.

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May 12, 2016

Don Buchwald, President
Don Buchwald and Associates, Inc.
10 East 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Don:

I am proud to join in congratulating you on receiving the Best of Brooklyn Award from the Brooklyn College Foundation.

What a terrific, well-deserved recognition of your long history of leadership and accomplishments and your invaluable contributions to the college. For decades, your expertise, acumen, and dedication have made you a tremendous resource to the entertainment industry and an inspiration to countless others in New York and beyond. Your tireless support of your alma mater and its students has only enhanced your position as an extraordinary asset to the metropolitan region and our state.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, congratulations again on this great honor, and thank you for your ongoing leadership. Best wishes for much continued success.

Warmest regards,

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April 27, 2016

Dear Don,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Brooklyn College Foundation, Congratulations on your Best of Brooklyn Award! To say that this award is well-deserved is an understatement; as colleagues we have had a front-row seat to your dedicated and consistent service, your generosity, and most of all, the impact you have had on the lives of so many of Brooklyn's students.

Like you, these students come from neighborhoods just like Bensonhurst. Many are first-generation Americans who aspire to the American dream. Your caring philanthropy materially helps transform these dreams into reality.

Your generosity has made possible the new Don Buchwald Theater, the incredibly successful Don Buchwald scholarship and internship programs for students in the School of Visual Media and Performing Arts, the completion of the campaigns for the Murray Koppelman School of Business, and the Barry R. Feinstein Graduate School of Cinema. In this way you have lit both ends of the candle of the "Access to Excellence" equation.

Your deep caring for our College and its students is evident to everyone who has had the honor to work with you. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Edwin Cohen
Chair



A Message from KAREN L. GOULD, President, Brooklyn College

Good evening distinguished guests, trustees, colleagues, friends, and family members. Welcome to the 2016 Best of Brooklyn Gala! This evening we have the honor of celebrating Don Buchwald '59 with the Best of Brooklyn award.

Don Buchwald must have had his sights set on becoming a force in the entertainment industry when he began his academic career at Brooklyn College. He was among the first students to take classes in the TV and Radio department, and following graduation he headed west to build an acting career. Eventually he found his true calling in theater management back in New York. For a while, Don worked with another Brooklyn College graduate Monty Silver '57 at his talent agency. In 1977, Don stepped out on his own and founded Don Buchwald & Associates, Inc. (DBA). With his five associates, Don has grown DBA into a highly influential, national and internationally recognized talent agency.

Over the decades, Don has been a staunch supporter of Brooklyn College and an enthusiastic member of the Brooklyn College Foundation Board of Trustees since 1998. Representing artists across many facets of the entertainment industry, he also focuses on creating new opportunities and inroads for students seeking to pursue diverse careers in the arts and entertainment. His internship program allows undergraduate and graduate students to gain real world experience in firms in New York City. He has also helped expand the college's footprint in film as a major supporter of the Barry R. Feinstein Graduate School of Cinema at Steiner Studios. Don's generous support for the arts at Brooklyn College will be recognized again when construction of the Leonard and Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts is complete and students, faculty, and guests enjoy performances in the Don Buchwald Theater!

Whether he wears a Fedora, a Panama or a Stetson, Don's joyful smile and upbeat spirit have taken us by storm. We are deeply honored to tip our hats to this year's "Best of Brooklyn"—the one and only Don Buchwald.

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is the first comprehensive public graduate cinema program in the state of New York and the only film school to be located on a working film lot. He is chairman of the Anderson Foundation for Autism, and a trustee of the New York Film Society at Lincoln Center.

Barry R. Feirstein '74 founded Feirstein Capital Management Corporation, a private investment management firm, in 1993. He graduated from Brooklyn College summa cum laude with a B.S. in economics and earned an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1978. He started his career in finance as a technology analyst for Equitable Capital Management Corporation of New York, and managed the firm's aggressive growth portfolio from 1984 to 1992. He joined the Brooklyn College Foundation in 2005 and served as chair from 2009 to 2013. In 2011 his gift provided the foundation for the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, which opened in the fall of 2015. The school, housed in Steiner Studios in Brooklyn's Navy Yard,



served as president of Brooklyn College Hillel. The Koppelman Professorships, which Koppelman endowed in 1994, recognize outstanding service by members of the Brooklyn College faculty. Koppelman was named Brooklyn College Alumnus of the Year in 1994 and was awarded a Presidential Medal in 1995. In 2011, his generous support made it possible for the Brooklyn College Foundation to purchase a 24,000-square-foot property adjacent to the college. In 2015 his generous giving, combined with additional gifts by his friends on the Brooklyn College Foundation Board of Trustees, made it possible to name the Brooklyn College School of Business in his honor.

After graduating Abraham Lincoln High School in 1949, **Murray Koppelman '57** spent two years on a kibbutz in the Negev Desert in the newly-founded State of Israel. Returning home to Brooklyn, he served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War and then, at age 23, enrolled in Brooklyn College, where he would earn a bachelor's degree in accounting, cum laude, in 1957. He rose rapidly in the world of finance and banking, first becoming a certified public accountant and then executive vice-president and chief operating officer of D.H. Blair and Co., Inc. In 1984, he became president of Eastlake Securities, Inc., which merged into J.P. Morgan. He recently retired from his position there. Koppelman sat on the board of governors of Hillel International and has



he received the Free Enterprise Award from the Insurance Federation of New York, Inc.

Donald Kramer '58, Chairman and CEO of ILS Capital Management, has a long history of participation in the insurance and reinsurance business. He was the founder and CEO of several successful reinsurance companies in both the United States and Bermuda. He also leads several non-profit organizations, including the American Ballet Theater in New York, where he was elected chairman in 2011; the National Dance Foundation of Bermuda; and Bermuda First, a think tank dedicated to providing thoughtful insight into Bermuda's society and economy. Kramer earned an M.B.A. from New York University, and both a B.A. in economics and an honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Brooklyn College. He is also a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst). He has been a trustee of the Brooklyn College Foundation for more than three decades. In 2011, Mr. Kramer received The Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour of the British Empire for both his work and philanthropy in Bermuda. Most recently,



Kurz is making a feature-length documentary, *Free the Children*; is a co-producer of *Maangamizi: The Ancient One*, the first film from Tanzania to be considered for an Academy Award; and has been a script reader for Francis Ford Coppola. Kurz is a founding member of the SUNY Chancellor's Society and has received awards for his philanthropic work. He graduated from Grinnell College with a B.A. in history and from Stanford University with an M.A. in film and television production.

Leonard Kurz was born in Brooklyn and later moved to Rockland County, N.Y. Kurz serves as a director and officer of the Kurz Family Foundation. He played a significant role in establishing the two endowed professorships at Brooklyn College — the Herbert Kurz Chair in Constitutional Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Herbert Kurz Chair of Finance and Risk Management — as well as the program that assists black and Latino male Brooklyn College students. He is the president and creative force of Forest Creatures Entertainment, a motion picture, television and new media production company established in 1993. In 2007, Forest Creatures Entertainment produced *Kitka & Davka in Concert: Old & New World Jewish Music*, which has been broadcast extensively



Don Buchwald '59 attributes his good fortune to many things, and high on that list is being born in Brooklyn and graduating from Brooklyn College.

As one of the nation's top talent agents, he heads a bicoastal agency, Don Buchwald & Associates (DBA), that serves the needs of many diverse artists in all areas of the entertainment industry. Don is personally responsible for a small list of long-term clients, including radio superstar Howard Stern, his client for 30 years.

Don enrolled at Brooklyn College as a 16-year-old graduate of Lafayette High School, served in the U.S. Army, and then returned to major in theater and take some of the very first television and radio classes offered by the college. Upon graduation he went to Los Angeles to work as an actor. He returned to New York two years later and began focusing on theater management and producing at summer and regional theaters. In 1964 he joined fellow Brooklyn College graduate Monty Silver '57 at his eponymous talent agency. In 1977, he formed Don Buchwald & Associates, Inc., and within two years the company had moved into its own building on East 44th Street. The DBA Los Angeles offices are on Wilshire Boulevard.

Don funded a theater scholarship at his alma mater in 1986 and has been a member of the Brooklyn College Foundation Board of Trustees since 1998. In 2002, he started the Don Buchwald Internships, a program that provides stipends for up to 15 Brooklyn College undergraduate and graduate students each semester, enabling them to take unpaid internships at various New York City-based entertainment firms, including DBA. He is a major supporter of the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, and the Leonard & Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts, which will include the Don Buchwald Theater. He was the first recipient of the Brooklyn College Theater Alumnus Award, the Alfred Drake Award. At the 2009 commencement he received the Brooklyn College Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Don has been a member of the Friars Club since 1972 and served on the board of governors of the famously irreverent show-business club. He lives in Manhattan with his wife, Maggie, and they relax at a weekend home he has dubbed "Bensonhurst."



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Your service to the Brooklyn College Foundation has won standing ovations...

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Best wishes,
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Congratulations, Don Buchwald!

Murray Koppelman

Don

Congratulations!

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Roy Furman

Congratulations Don!

You are truly the Best of Brooklyn in every way.

Marge Magner



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And lest we forget your outrageous humor!

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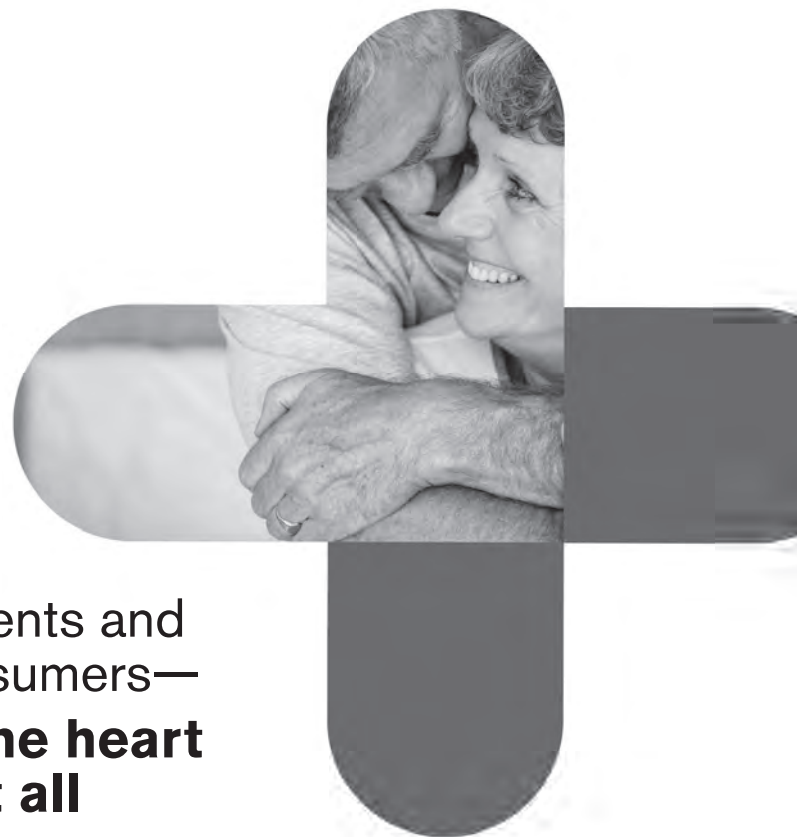


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We love you,

Julia and Laura



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Here's to Bensonhurst

Here's to the very special
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With loving admiration
Cheers and love,

Lola Jaffe
(also from Brooklyn)



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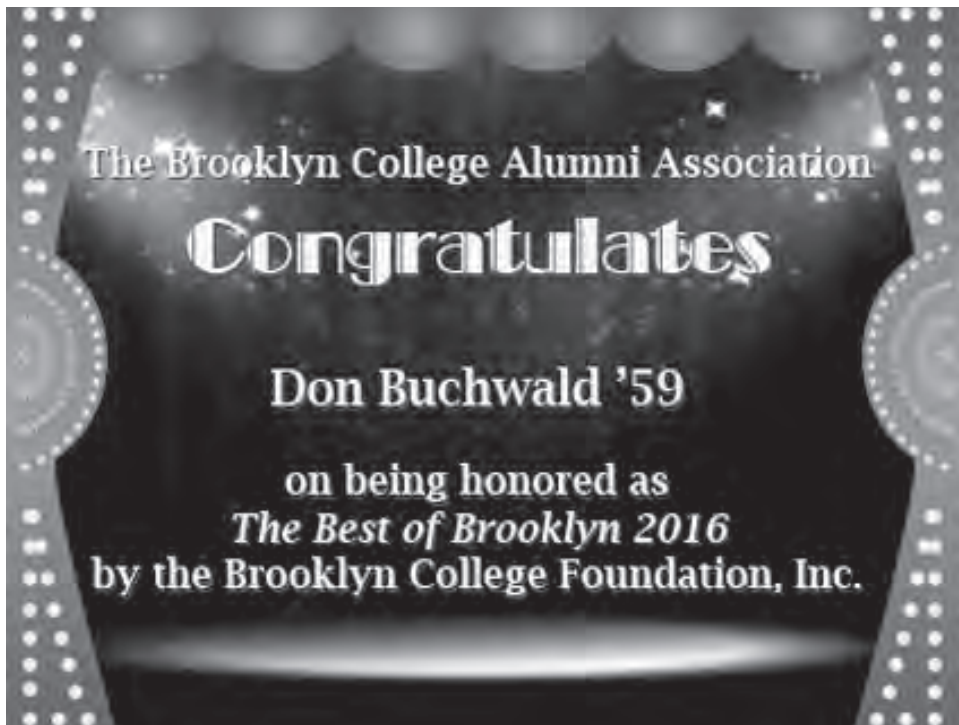
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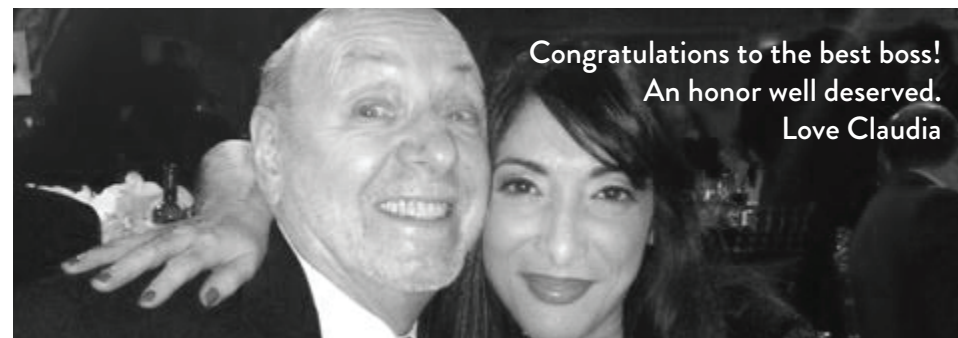
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