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COPLAND HOUSE GALA CELEBRATES THE POWER OF THE ARTS, IDEAS, AND CREATIVITY

"... A PLACE FOR US ..." HONORS JUDITH PISAR AND INCLUDES A COPLAND WORLD PREMIERE

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New York, NY – Inspired by the immortal Bernstein-Sondheim song *Somewhere*, Copland House's 20th annual culinary and musical gala, *"... a place for us ...,"* will celebrate the unstoppable power of the arts, ideas, and creativity to bring people together. Taking place on Monday, September 14 at 6:00pm at the Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse high atop Lincoln Center, the eagerly anticipated event will benefit Copland House, the award-winning creative center for American music and the arts, where fearless creatives, virtuosos, audiences, and learners gather, share memorable discoveries, and build exhilarating adventures. Its galas have been called "a Musical Feast for the Soul (and Stomach)" by *The Wall Street Journal*.

"...a place for us ..." will honor the incomparable Judith Pisar, whom architect Philip Johnson called "America's Cultural Czarina in Europe." Her eventful life has been devoted to making places for artists and the arts to flourish. After her early career managing then-emerging artists like John Cage, Merce Cunningham, Karlheinz Stockhausen, and others, she helped the legendary transformation of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, directed the fabled American Center in Paris, and served as a UNESCO Cultural Ambassador.

She will appear with Copland House's own acclaimed place-maker, pianist and Artistic and Executive Director Michael Boriskin, in the World Premiere of Joseph Trefler's new narrator-and-piano version of Aaron Copland's iconic, timely symphonic classic, *Lincoln Portrait*. The evening's musical menu also features the celebrated Copland House Ensemble, performing vibrant works about places around the world by Leonard Bernstein, Miguel Del Aguila, and Paquito d'Rivera. The Gala Committee includes Jamie Bernstein, Sir Clive Gillinson, Lisa Schultz and Ezriel Kornel, Anne Dayton and Anthony Maddalena, Carol and Robert Morris, Leah Pisar, Robert Sirota, and Matias Tarnopolsky.

Hailed for "all the richness of its offerings" (*The New York Times*), Copland House champions America's rich past and future, through musical, educational, and public programs that uniquely embrace the entire artistic process, from creation and development to study, performance, and preservation. And now, after 25 years of nourishing hearts, minds, and souls, near and far, it begins a bold next chapter with its recent purchase of a 21-acre former grade school campus on the New York-Connecticut border near New York City, which will serve as a vast satellite venue and support a transformational expansion for the arts industry, educational community, and general public.

TICKETS:
6:00pm cocktails and hors d'oeuvres / 6:45pm performances / 7:30pm dinner
Stanley Kaplan Penthouse at Lincoln Center
Rose Building, 165 West 65th Street, 10th-floor, NYC
Purchase: Copland House's **gala webpage** or (914) 788-4659).