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Represented on the National Building Museum's Board of Trustees is a diverse range of 40+ executives from architecture and design firms, general contractors, developers, engineering firms, and others, as well as ex officio trustees from cultural organizations such as the Library of Congress, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the General Services Administration. Their experience helps guide our Mission.





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ow in its 37th year, the National Building Museum's annual Gala gathers business, political, and cultural leaders from around the region and the country, all sharing a deep commitment to the quality of the built world—the places where we live, work, and play.

Held each spring in the Museum's storied Great Hall, this fundraising event represents a singular opportunity in the nation's capital to socialize with real estate developers, architects, lenders, investors, engineers, and brokers in Greater Washington's business community. One of the District's most spectacular fundraising events, its enduring appeal remains the meaningful connections our attendees make with each other.

The presentation of the Honor Award stands at the center of the evening's program. The Museum instituted the Honor Award in 1986 to recognize individuals and organizations that have shaped America's built heritage, defined our culture, and developed our communities.

From Lady Bird Johnson and the Rockefeller Foundation to JBG SMITH and United Technologies, recipients are chosen from a wide variety of backgrounds, illuminating the many fields that impact the built environment. Individually each recipient is exceptional. Collectively, their legacy is profound.

The evening also features an extended cocktail party and celebratory After Party, providing increased opportunities to mingle and network. The theme is Garden Party, ensuring a festive atmosphere.

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David Kohler and Laura Kohler accept the 2023 Honor Award on behalf of Kohler and the late Herbert V. Kohler, Jr., with Board Chair Anthony Greenberg and President and Executive Director Aileen Fuchs

"It is an...honor for our company to be recognized by this national treasure that celebrates a profession and an art form that has fascinated me for as long as I can remember."

-Michael D. Eisner, April 2001, then CEO The Walt Disney Company

"The National Building Museum is a true treasure for Washington, D.C., and our nation. Exhibitions at the museum tell the stories of the world we build for ourselves. I am grateful to them for inspiring Americans to preserve our country's historic buildings."

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-Mrs. Laura Bush, April 2014, Former First Lady



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Past Recipients

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2023 Kohler

2022 Arup

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2021 Skidmore, Owings and Merrill

2019 JBG SMITH and Washington Housing Initiative

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2018 Madison Marquette and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington

2017 Brookfield Properties and the National Endowment for the Arts

2016 CoStar Group, DAVIS Construction, and Casey Trees

2015 Judith Rodin and The Rockefeller Foundation, STUDIOS Architecture, and Capital Bikeshare

2014 Mrs. Laura Bush and The National Trust for Historic Preservation

2013 Turner Construction Company

2012 Urban Land Institute

2011 Celebrating Our Past, Building Our Future

2010 A Salute to Civic Innovators: Perkins+Will; Founders of the New Orleans Habitat Musicians' Village— Harry Connick, Jr., Branford Marsalis, Ann Marie Wilkins, and Jim Pate; U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

2009 A Salute to Visionaries in Sustainability: S. Richard Fedrizzi and the U.S. Green Building Council; Mayor Richard M. Daley and the City of Chicago; Majora Carter; Louis Chênevert and United Technologies

2008 The Associated General Contractors of America

2007 Related

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2006 Clark Construction Group, LLC

2005 Forest City Enterprises

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2004 General Services Administration

2003 Major League Baseball and The National Football League

2002 DuPont

2001 Michael D. Eisner and The Walt Disney Company

2000 Gerald D. Hines

1999 Harold W. McGraw, Jr., Harold McGraw III, and The McGraw-Hill Companies

1998 Stephen and Riley Bechtel and The Bechtel Group

1997 Community Builders of Washington, D.C.: Morris Cafritz; Charles E. Smith; Charles A. Horsky; Oliver T. Carr, Jr.

1996 Cindy and Jay Pritzker

1995 Lady Bird Johnson

1994 James A. Johnson and Fannie Mae

1993 J. Carter Brown

1992 The Civic Leadership of Greater Pittsburgh

1991 The Rockefeller Family

1990 IBM Corporation

1989 Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

1988 James W. Rouse

1986 J. Irwin Miller

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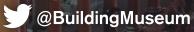
Proceeds from the gala benefit the National Building Museum and its important mission to inspire curiosity about the world we design and build. Your philanthropic investment facilitates dialogue in our nation's capital about the impact architecture, engineering, and design have on society and culture. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a portion of your donation is also tax-deductible.

A wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available, from high profile tables to individual tickets. For organizations that are out of town, tribute ads are an attractive option. Benefits include prominent brand recognition in all materials, as well as the opportunity to invite clients and VIPs to enjoy a memorable event. Past attendees and sponsors agree—the Gala is not only an extraordinary evening of inspiration and entertainment, it is a unique and high profile networking event.

For more information about how to participate, contact **Esther White**, Vice President of External Relations and Development, at **202.849.2489.** or **ewhite@nbm.org**.



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