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Award-Winning Architect Richard Meier. Photo courtesy of richardmeier.com

## **The 2017 Newark Arts Honors Award Ceremony and Gala: Honoree Richard Meier**

Newark, NJ – February 2, 2017 – On March 29, 2017, award-winning architect, Richard Meier, will be one of four incredible artists honored at the 2017 Newark Arts Honors Award Ceremony and Gala. The Gala honors creatives who have made significant contributions in their field and represent diverse artistic communities and cultures.

Honoree Richard Meier is a Newark-born artist and architect whose particular practice allows community to happen. His most impactful work in the Newark downtown community is the renowned Teachers Village project, which includes residential living spaces, various retail spaces, and a daycare center. Developed by Ron Beit/RBH Group, Teachers Village also houses three charter schools – symbols of the booming Newark community enabled by Meier’s spaces. In fact, the Meier-designed school building at 230 Halsey Street has achieved a LEED Silver for Schools certification from the US Green Building Council.



Meier earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell University in 1957 and shortly after, established his own office in New York City in 1963. His work is instantly recognizable, applying pure white geometric shapes and utilizing the natural light of a specific site. It was Meier's work at the Getty Center in Los Angeles that propelled him into fame. He has received the highest awards in his field, including the Pritzker Prize for Architecture and the Gold Medals from the American Institute of Architects.

Meier's use of natural light and the color white make his work outlive the period in which it was built, ensuring inspiration of his architecture for years to come. His most notable works include large scale buildings and institutions, from apartment complexes in Tokyo to office buildings in Rio de Janeiro. Many of those projects are the first of their kind in the field of sustainable development in design in architecture. Besides his architecture, Meier has also developed furniture and household accessories and produces abstract works of art.

Meier is constantly recognized for his contributions to the architecture community and his lasting impact on Newark's neighborhoods. Come join us in honoring his continuing legacy at the Newark Arts Honors Gala on March 29, 2017.

#### **About Newark Arts (formerly Newark Arts Council)**

Newark Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization created to advance and expand the artistic and cultural resources of the City of Newark, New Jersey. The Council's mission is to bring the transformative power of the arts into the lives of those who live in, work in, and visit Newark. The Council is the umbrella for the Newark Arts Education Roundtable (NAER) and is a partner with the Mayor's Office of Cultural Development, Arts, and Tourism. The Council awards neighborhood grants through its ArtStart program, produces the Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival every October, and will oversee Newark's Community Cultural Plan in 2017-2018. For more information, visit [www.newarkarts.org](http://www.newarkarts.org).

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