

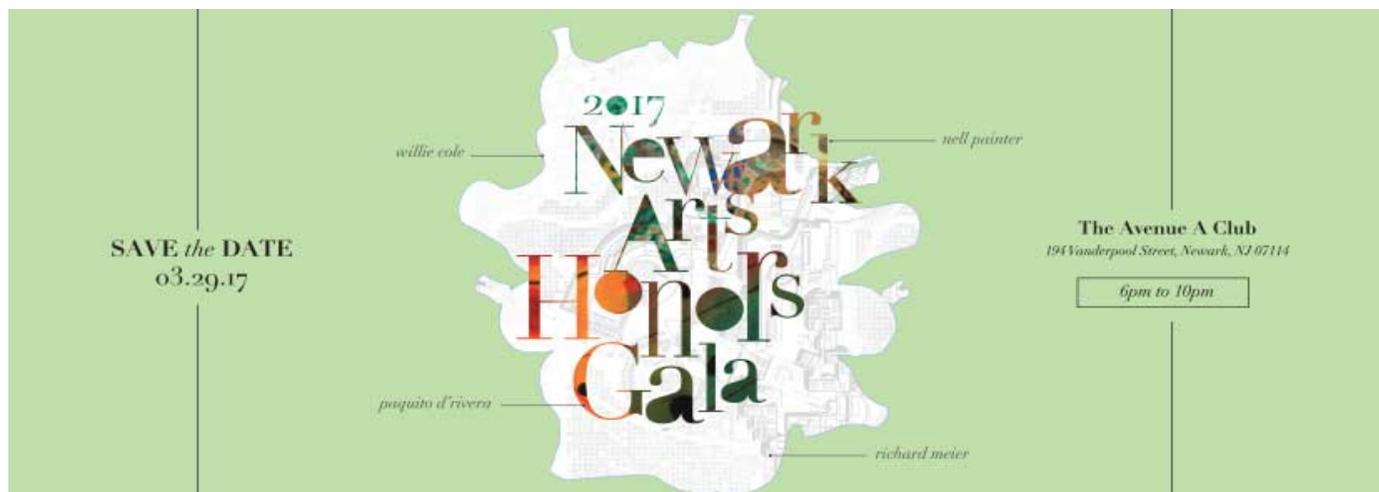


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Save The Date: The Newark Arts Honors Gala March 29, 2017

A swingin' good time to honor the contributions of sculptor Willie Cole, musician Paquito D'Rivera, architect Richard Meier, and artist Nell Painter

Newark, NJ – December 1, 2016 – Save the date! Newark Arts invites you to a festive evening of networking, dinner, and dancing at its annual **Honors Gala on March 29, 2017 at The Avenue A Club in Newark, NJ.** The yearly event celebrates the transformative power of the arts, honoring artists who have made significant achievements in their careers and exemplify the values of creativity, education, and community. Sponsorships are available at Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels, individual tickets are available for \$300, and for the first time ever, after-party tickets will be available for just \$100.

THE HONOREES: The honorees this year have made lasting contributions to their communities and represent diverse art backgrounds, cultures, and identities.

Willie Cole – Willie Cole is a world-renowned sculptor and conceptual artist whose art is featured in public and private collections across the country. His work has been inspired by American pop culture and images from Asian and African culture, and he is celebrated for his contributions to the field of African-American art.

Paquito D’Rivera – Originally from Cuba, Paquito D’Rivera is a Grammy-Award winning jazz and classical saxophonist who has performed throughout Europe, the United States, and Central America. After overcoming the obstacles of defecting from his home country, D’Rivera has become one of the most well-known jazz musicians in America.

Richard Meier – As the 1984 Pritzker Architecture Prize winner and recipient of a host of other prestigious awards, Newark-born architect Richard Meier’s legacy will live on in his buildings and complexes across the country. Notably, Meier designed Los Angeles’ Getty Center and Newark’s Teacher’s Village, a new mixed-use community in the heart of Newark’s downtown.

Nell Painter – Nell Painter, a Newarker, is the artist formerly known as the historian Nell Irvin Painter, author of *The History of White People* and *Sojourner Truth, A Life, A Symbol*, and the Edwards Professor of American History, Emerita, Princeton University. Painter’s work uses found images and digital manipulation to represent freedom.

The Gala will take place at **The Avenue A Club**, a completely renovated century old crane manufacturing building, located in the historic Ironbound District of Newark. The spectacular venue showcases a selection of vintage motorcycles and a range of exotic, classic, and muscle cars. Guests will enjoy full use of the space, including a private cigar bar and an outdoor terrace. Dinner service at the Gala will be sustainably sourced from “farm-to-table”. To top it all off, live music will guarantee a fun-filled time!



The main event room of the Avenue A Club in the historic Ironbound District of Newark, NJ.

For information on sponsorships and tickets, please visit newarkarts.org/gala.

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