

## Rye Arts Center Announces 'Mid-Century Madness' Gala Honorees

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Honoree Eileen Neiman Photo Credit: *Contributed*



RYE, N.Y. -- At its annual spring fundraising gala, The Rye Arts Center (RAC) will honor four individuals with ties to the visual, performing, and literary arts world.

The benefit, entitled "Mid-Century Madness," will celebrate the beauty and power of the arts with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, and both silent and live auctions. Kim Berns, Eileen Neiman, and Peter and Robin Jovanovich will be honored for their collective creative spirit, enduring commitment to the arts, and longstanding support of The Rye Arts Center. The event will take place Saturday, April 18 at Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, beginning at 7 pm.

Co-chairs Fiona Dogan, Suzanna Keith, Amy Lawrence, and Anne Pollard have created a mid-century event to include a martini bar, disc jockey, and finger foods popular in the '50s. Auction items include once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as a "screening with the crew" of the upcoming "Peanuts" animated film, oceanfront vacations in Brittany, France and Sea Island, Ga., and more. All funds raised for the gala will go directly to support The Arts Center's artistic programming, arts education and outreach initiatives.

Neiman, board member and immediate past president of the RAC board of directors, is a steadfast arts advocate at the community, city, county and state level. She has been instrumental in leading the development of teen programming in both the visual and performing arts, as well as serving on the RAC's Strategic Planning, Gallery, Personnel, Finance and Nominating committees.

Berns is a multi-talented performer bringing a wide-range of talents to the RAC and the community. She is a professional comic, interior designer, journalist, and radio talk show host for WGCH. She does stand-up comedy at venues such as Gotham Comedy Club, the Eastville Comedy Club and Caroline's on Broadway.

Peter and Robin Jovanovich are decades-long supporters of the RAC. Robin has served on the board, co-chaired RAC's annual gala, acted in its musicals for several years, and has promoted the center in deed and word, including serving one year as the Gala Auctioneer along with Peter. Both are devoted to the written word as an art form.

Mid-Century Madness is sponsored by Julia B. Fee/Sotheby's International Realty. Tickets are \$195 per person; for more information or to purchase tickets, contact Noah Optiz at 914-967-0700 or email [noahopitz@ryeartscenter.org](mailto:noahopitz@ryeartscenter.org).

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