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New York City Rallies Behind Iconic Museum of the City of New York for First Annual Gotham Dreams Gala

Gala to Honor Candace Bushnell, Carmelo Anthony, and John McEnroe to Celebrate the
Unifying Impact of Sports, Media, and Entertainment on New York City

NEW YORK, NY (May 15, 2025) — The Museum of the City of New York (MCNY) is pleased to announce its first annual ***Gotham Dreams*** gala, taking place on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, at **Cipriani 42nd Street**. This year's celebration will spotlight the unifying impact of sports, media, and entertainment in shaping the identity of the greatest city in the world.

The Museum will honor **Candace Bushnell**, bestselling author, producer, and creator of *Sex and the City*, for her profound influence on New York City's cultural landscape; **Carmelo Anthony**, the Brooklyn-born, 10-time NBA All-Star, Naismith Hall of Fame Class of 2025 inductee, entrepreneur, and philanthropist whose impact extends far beyond the basketball court; and **John McEnroe**, Hall of Fame tennis legend, New York Times #1 Best Seller, and philanthropist celebrated for his passion and excellence, both on and off the court.

"We are proud to celebrate the vibrant role that sports, media, and entertainment play in bringing New Yorkers together," said **Stephanie Hill Wilchfort**, the Ronay Menschel Director and President of the Museum of the City of New York. "New York is the perfect backdrop to honor Candace Bushnell, Carmelo Anthony, and John McEnroe—each of whom has helped define the city's spirit through creativity, talent, and passion."

"We're thrilled to unite passionate New Yorkers who believe in celebrating our city's rich past while boldly shaping its future," said **Matt Brown**, Board Chair of the Museum of the City of New York. "Together, we're not just preserving history—we're making it."

The gala will convene a powerful coalition of corporate sponsors across New York's business and cultural communities including **Apollo Global Management, Ares Management, Atlantic Investment Management, Avenue Capital Group, Bank of America, Blue Owl Capital, Brightstar Capital Partners, Butler Snow, CAIS, Calamos Investments, Carlyle, The Citco group of companies (Citgo), Consello, Davidson Kempner Capital Management, Ernst & Young, Finley Point Strategy, Fortress Investment Group, Franklin Templeton Investments, FT Partners, GEM, GoldenTree Asset Management, Golub Capital, Grafine Partners, Hamilton Lane, Kinderhook Industries, Kirkland & Ellis, Monroe Capital, MontaRosa, Morgan Stanley Global Sports & Entertainment, Newmark, Oak Hill Advisors,**

Partners Group, Prosek Partners, RBC, Silvercrest Asset Management, Sound Point Capital, Stone Point Capital, STUDIOS, TPG Inc., Vista Equity Partners, and William Morris Endeavor.

“I’ve always believed New York City is where dreams are born—and where they come true,” said Candace Bushnell. “It’s a pleasure to be recognized by the Museum of the City of New York, a place that tells the stories of this remarkable city with brilliance and heart.”

“New York is home – it’s where I’ve poured my blood, sweat, and tears,” said Carmelo Anthony. “The community here has always been my driving force and being recognized by the Museum of the City of New York, in the very place that shaped me, inspired me, and continues to support me, is a true honor.”

“To be honored by the Museum of the City of New York—a place that celebrates my home city and what I believe to be the greatest city in the world, is very exciting to me,” said John McEnroe.

The *Gotham Dreams* Co-Chairs include Elizabeth Belfer, Christy and Ed Burns, Marisa and Matt Brown, Patricia and Alexander Farman-Farmaian, Ayla and Antonio Farnos, Meredith and Brian Feurtado, Elizabeth and Robert A Jeffe, Cynthia and Bernard Curry III, Todd DeGarmo, Cindy and Stephen Ketchum, Stanford G. and Sandra T. Ladner, Tracey and Kenneth Pontarelli, Ronay and Richard Menschel, Tracey and Kenneth Pontarelli, Jennifer Prosek, Alex Roepers, Toby Milstein Schulman and Judah Schulman, Margaret Sung and Michael Schmidtberger, Heather and William Vratatos, Nicole Washington.

Proceeds from *Gotham Dreams* will support the Museum’s public programs and educational initiatives that serve tens of thousands of New York City students and families each year, as well as its groundbreaking exhibition program—exemplified by critically acclaimed shows like *Above Ground: Art from the Martin Wong Graffiti Collection*, *Urban Stomp: Dreams & Defiance on the Dance Floor*, *You Are Here: An Immersive Film Exhibition*, and *New York at Its Core*.

For more information, please visit www.mcny.org/gala.

About the Museum of the City of New York

The Museum of the City of New York celebrates and interprets the city’s history, art, popular culture, and civic life, highlighting New York’s influence worldwide. Founded in 1923 as a private, nonprofit corporation, the Museum serves 200,000 visitors from around the world through exhibitions, school and public programs, publications, and collections.

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