

Citi Wang Center
270 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02116

All Members Meeting
Monday
September 8, 2014
5:30-8:00

Host Contact: Joe Donlavey; Director of Sales & Corporate Development, Citi Performing Arts Center,
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We were treated like royalty with an amazing variety of food that was served beautifully by TABLES OF
CONTENT CATERING Delindad@tablesofcontent.com.

After a sampling of the delicious offerings, we gathered in 2 groups of 30 each and proceeded to have the most
fabulous tour of the back of the house at the WANG Center. We had the pleasure of going places in this historic and
amazing building that not many people get to see. We were taken to the dressing rooms of the many famous artists
and celebrities, after being so thrilled to see the backstage we got to stand on the magnificent stage and look out at
the seats and experience what the celebrities see. Two group pictures were taken. Mr. Sean Gilbertson special
events manager, was my tour guide.

Mr. Gilbertson told us the history of the building:

It was designed as a Hotel before being turned into a Movie Palace

The building is 86 years old

Capacity is 3,600 seats

The ceiling panels are all original except for the Joe Spaulding panel, Josiah Spaulding is President & CEO of the
WANG center

The lower lobby was a speak easy during Prohibition

Many movies have been made there, and continue to be used for various film projects

7:00 pm the meeting proceeded

Betty Salemme, President GBCA introduced Joe Donlavey who was gracious enough to arrange this incredible
meeting space, received a standing ovation.

Joe Donlavey introduced our first speaker:

1. Mr. John Barros - Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston. Mr. Barros wanted to express the
importance of the tourism industry in Boston and express the appreciation for all we do to promote our beautiful
city. Our Mayor Martin Walsh wants Boston to be the destination for world travels and says our concierge
community are the ambassadors of the city.

Questions that were asked of Mr. Barros:

Could there be more access to handicap taxis in the future?

Is there a way to promote more tourism in the winter months?

2. Cheyenne Postell - Account Executive Citi Performing Arts Center - cpostell@citicenter.org. Cheyenne had
wonderful information regarding all the upcoming shows at the Wang Center including THREE (3) Holiday
shows:

Annie - November 5th

Rudolph - December 9th

White Christmas - December 16th

The Wang Center offers tours of the building all year, advance reservations must be made they are 45-90 minutes and cost \$17 per person.

3. Sue Dahling Sullivan - Citi Center Chief of Staff and Chief Strategic Officer - ART WEEK. Fall Art Week will have 77 unique events, around 27 neighborhoods and towns. They will showcase one of a kind experience which will surprise and excite all ages. ArtWeekBoston.org

4. Linsey MacDougall - Group Sales Manager - Broadway in Boston / Linsey.MacDougall@BroadwayinBoston.com

Upcoming shows:

Lion King

Mama Mia

Motown

Dirty Dancing

Linsey offered to all the concierge group discount tickets.

Brochures were offered for all upcoming performances.

5. Stephanie Janes - Senior Communications Manager - Celebrity Series of Boston

Celebrity Series has been in the city for 75 years, this is the 76th season. The season is from October thru May, which showcases classical music, jazz, modern, and last season the city got to enjoy "street pianos".

Brochures were offered for all upcoming performances.

6. Kate Gilbert - The Lawn on "D", "D" Street ArtLab
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Beth Torry - Director of Strategic Programming, MCCA

The Lawn on "D" street is an outdoor interactive experience. There are 23 artists that participate.

Some unique shows have been:

Art in the Sky /high tech sky writing

Comic Strips on the sidewalks

live music and dance

contemporary art

live laboratories with the public interaction

7. Eileen Nugent Williston - Director of Institutional Advancement - Boston Lyric Opera / ewilliston@blo.org / bostonlyricopera.blogspot.com

Boston Lyric Opera puts on 4 production each year, Eileen let us know that the dress rehearsals are open to the public. Brochures were offered for more information regarding upcoming productions.

8. Ami Bennett - Senior account executive Arts Emerson/Ashmont Media

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With the upcoming 5th year anniversary Arts Emerson is proud to present, Trip to Bountiful starring Cecily Tyson, Vanessa Williams and Blear Underwood, for 3 weeks, 18 performances.

9. Linda DeFranco - Table of Content Catering

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Table of Content Catering prides themselves of being the only "green" certified caterer, using biodegradable products recycle food, recycle oil, and recycle energy.

Linda has been in business for 20 years and is happy to have the opportunity to work with the GBCA.

A very special THANK YOU to David Fox for his time and chronicling this incredible meeting and making everyone look good.

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Betty closed the meeting with thanks to everyone who helped with this memorable meeting. A huge thank you to Joe Donlavy for showcasing the GBCA logo

on the marquee to make us feel so very special. From this day forward, Joe Donlavy will be known as "Our

connection to the Arts".

The 25th GBCA Anniversary will be held at the Top of the Hub on January 25th.