

October 12, 2021

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to announce the 2021 Frederic Church Award honorees, **Meredith J. Kane, Elizabeth Mankin Kornhauser, and Jean Shin.** The Olana Partnership will honor these three remarkable individuals at The Frederic Church Award Gala at New York's Rainbow Room on January 19, 2022. We invite you to spearhead our recognition of Meredith, Elizabeth, and Jean through becoming a Gala Benefactor by making your pledge of support by December 10.*

This year's honorees embody the intersection of art, intellect, innovation, and civic engagement—qualities that set Frederic Church apart as the most critically-acclaimed and successful artist of his generation as well as an altruistic force in his roles as a founding trustee of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and as a Commissioner of Central Park.

- A leader of The Olana Partnership and one of the country's top real estate lawyers during her tenure at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, **Meredith Kane** has been central to the major commercial and cultural development projects of our generation. She has a distinguished record of public and non-profit service, serving as a New York City Landmarks Preservation Commissioner from 1995 to 2004, and is concluding her five-year term as our Chair at the end of 2021.
- **Elizabeth Mankin Kornhauser**, The Alice Pratt Brown Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, leads the field in bringing American art into an international perspective and in expanding its reach to include the art of indigenous peoples.
- Artist **Jean Shin** transforms everyday objects into elegant expressions of identity and community engagement that reflect the personal as well as collective issues we face as a society.

All funds raised by the Frederic Church Award Gala supports The Olana Partnership's mission to preserve and interpret Olana in our cooperative partnership with New York State Parks. Olana continues to see record attendance, with more and more people participating in our site-wide programming to explore all 250-acres of Church's masterwork. Our special exhibitions, such as this year's *Cross Pollination: Cole, Church, Heade and our Contemporary Moment*, bring national attention to the depth of Olana's collections and the interconnections with the vanguard of contemporary art.

We hope that you will join us in honoring these extraordinary individuals and supporting Olana's future. Should you have any questions, please contact Sean Sawyer directly at ssawyer@olana.org or (518) 828.1872.

Sincerely,



Sean E. Sawyer, Ph.D.
Washburn and Susan Oberwager President



Joseph Baker
Development Committee Chair

** Please note that our current fiscal year ends on 12/31/21 and that all pledge payments will be due by that date. The Rainbow Room requires proof of vaccination for in-person attendance. For the first time, the program will also be broadcast LIVE for anyone not able to attend.*



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THE OLANA PARTNERSHIP'S 22nd ANNUAL FREDERIC CHURCH AWARD GALA JANUARY 19, 2022

LEADER Meredith J. Kane



One of the country's leading real estate lawyers, **Meredith Kane** has served as a trustee of The Olana Partnership since 2012 and as chair for an extraordinary five years. She has guided the dramatic expansion of our public-private partnership with NYS Parks, championed the execution of Olana's *Strategic Landscape Design Plan*, and steered us through the COVID-19 pandemic. In her four-decade-long legal career at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP, Meredith has been instrumental in the major commercial and cultural development projects of our generation, including Hudson Yards and Atlantic Yards projects and the restoration of Grand Central Terminal, the Park Avenue Amory, New York Public Library, and transformed nine historic theaters as part of the 42nd Street Development Project. She also has a distinguished record of public and non-profit service, serving as a New York City Landmarks Preservation Commissioner from 1995 to 2004 and on the World Trade Center Memorial Advisory Committee.

CURATOR Elizabeth Mankin Kornhauser



The Alice Pratt Brown Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, **Elizabeth Mankin Kornhauser** is one of the country's leading specialists and curators of American art. At the Met since 2010 and at the Wadsworth Athenaeum for nearly three decades, she has organized major exhibitions on Thomas Hart Benton, George Caleb Bingham, Ralph Earl, Marsden Hartley, John Singer Sargeant, and the ground-breaking 2018 exhibition *Thomas Cole's Journey: Atlantic Crossings*. She has led the field in bringing American art into an international perspective, including organizing touring exhibitions of American 19th Century Landscape Paintings to Australia and Germany, and in embracing the art and culture of indigenous peoples.

ARTIST Jean Shin



Artist **Jean Shin** transforms everyday objects into elegant expressions of identity and community engagement that reflect the personal as well as collective issues we face as a society. In "FALLEN," her major site-specific installation at Olana this season, she memorializes an individual hemlock tree planted by Frederic Church but also confronts us with the large-scale environmental impact of human demand for leather, speaking to the cultural history of our region. Jean's work has been exhibited nationally, from MoMA, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Museum of Art and Design to Boston's MFA, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and San Francisco's Asian Art Museum. She has completed numerous public art commissions, including *Elevated* in the 63rd Street station of the Second Avenue Subway.



2021 Frederic Church Award Gala
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 | The Rainbow Room, New York City

PLEASE NOTE:

All those responding by December 10 with a commitment of \$3,000 or more will be listed on the formal invitation.

TABLES:

- Masterpiece Circle** at \$75,000
 - 2 premium tables of 10 (20 guests total)
 - *Masterpiece Circle* listing online and in all printed materials
 - Optional digital advertisement during the event
 - Special mention from the podium and acknowledgment on screens throughout the evening
 - Logo/listing on Olana's website for one year with link
 - *Exclusive for Masterpiece Circle Supporters:* Private catered dinner or cocktail reception at Olana for up to 10 guests, plus a guided electric vehicle historic landscape tour
- Landmark Circle** at \$50,000
 - 1 premium table of 10
 - *The Landmark Circle* listing online and in all printed materials
 - Optional digital advertisement during the event
 - Special mention from the podium and acknowledgment on screens throughout the evening
 - *Exclusive for The Landmark Circle Supporters:* Private reception at Olana for up to five guests
- Preservation Circle** at \$25,000
 - 1 premium table of 10
 - *Preservation Circle* listing online and in all printed materials
 - Optional digital advertisement during the event
 - Acknowledgment on screens throughout the evening
- Artist Circle** at \$15,000
 - 1 table of 10
 - *Artist Circle OLANA* listing online and in all printed materials
 - Optional digital advertisement during the event

TICKETS:

(Please indicate number requested)

___ \$5,000: **Hudson River Valley Benefactor**—two tickets, preferred seating, and listing online and in all printed materials

___ \$3,000: **Preservation Patron**—two tickets and listing online and in all printed materials

___ \$1,500: **Individual Supporter** ticket

I/We are unable to attend, enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to support The Olana Partnership's mission to inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Frederic Church's Olana.

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Promote your business or send a message to the honorees in a Frederic Church Gala full-color digital advertisement. This opportunity garners access to an important and influential audience while celebrating this year's extraordinary event.

I/We would like to contribute \$1,500 for a digital ad

Please complete all fields on reverse side...

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