

Newark Boys Chorus School honors distinguished guests at their 42nd Annual Rainbow Awards Gala on April 4, 2017



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Newark, New Jersey, January 23, 2017. The 2017 Newark Boys Chorus School Rainbow Gala Celebration-42nd Annual Award winners were announced today. The School celebrates the distinguished careers and contributions made by individuals to the Arts, Business and Community at their annual Rainbow Awards Gala. The signature event, which benefits the school's scholarship and general operating funds, will be held April 4th at the Newark Airport Marriott beginning at 5:30 PM.

“It’s a terrific group of honorees. These individuals have made significant contributions to the Greater Newark community, the State of New Jersey and our school. The Newark Boys Chorus School is honored to celebrate their achievements,” stated Richard Willett, Head of School. Jim Papoulis, world renowned composer and conductor, will be this year’s music honoree. Mr. Papoulis has composed much of our Chorus’ most popular music. Joining Mr. Papoulis will be Robert Garrett, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Hackensack Meridian Health; Ryan P. Haygood, President and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice; Robert A. Marino, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President Horizon BCBS of New Jersey; Damien Atkins, General Counsel, Panasonic North America and Richard Thigpen, VP State Government Affairs PSE&G Corporation. We were also thrilled to feature a special Newark 350 Celebration performance by our internationally renowned Concert Choir under the direction of Donald Morris, Music Director, and the Apprentice Chorus under the direction of Brian Harlow. The Chorus performs before over 30,000 people each year. It has traveled to 17 countries on 6 continents. It will return from its tour of Southern Florida on April 3rd.

The internationally renowned Newark Boys Chorus School located in the heart of Newark, New Jersey, celebrates 47 years of excellence in Academics and Music. Educating young men in 4th through 8th grades from the Greater Newark community since 1969, NBCS has graduated nearly 600 students. Upon graduation from NBCS, many attend prep schools in the tri-state area, often on generous scholarships preparing them for college. Alumni of the school come back to tell of their success in careers as lawyers, corporate vice presidents, school administrators, physicians, teachers and musicians.

Tickets may be purchased by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling 973-621-8900.

This year's co-chairs are Mary Bentley-LaMar and Pamela Pomerantz. Also, included on the planning committee are David Lease, Kathleen Lewanski and Brenda McLeod.