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Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation

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Norman Foster, architect and honoree of the Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation.

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Scene Last Night: El Barrio, Cohn Art; Foster, Wright

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Miami came to [Manhattan](#) last night, at a gala honoring the chief executive officer for Latin America of Banco Itau Unibanco, Ricardo Villela Marino.

The occasion was a gala for El Museo del Barrio, whose roots are in its Latino neighborhood though it has extended its mission to show art from around the world.

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Alejandro Ramirez, CEO of Cinepolis, Patricia Marino, and Ricardo Villela Marino, CEO for Latin America of Banco Itau Unibanco. Photographer: BFA NYC.com via Bloomberg

The gala was a debut for Chus Martinez, who started as chief curator in December and is full of ideas for her new job on Upper Fifth Avenue. The Heckscher Theater in particular, she said, is an underused resource with wonderful acoustics and murals by Willy Pogany.

Martinez lives near El Museo del Barrio and sends her son to the nursery school operated by Boys & Girls Harbor, which is in the same building as El Museo.

Harbor Music

Boys & Girls Harbor held its fundraiser Wednesday night, on the terrace it shares with El Museo. The "Estampas on 6: Postcards from El Barrio" featured entertainment by children in the Harbor Conservatory for the Performing Arts. Guests included music executives Lyor Cohen and Kevin Liles.

"Thank you for inspiring me even more and making me even more optimistic about tomorrow," said Chelsea Clinton Wednesday night. She was accepting an award from [GenerationOn](#), a youth-service nonprofit founded by Silda Wall Spitzer, principal at NewWorld Capital Group LLC.

Brian Goldner, CEO of [Hasbro Inc. \(HAS\)](#), and actress America Ferrera were also at 583 Park for the GenerationOn gala, which raised \$797,000.

Cohn Paintings

Also on Wednesday night, Homer, interior designer Richard Mishaan's shop on University Place, held an opening for paintings by Lisa Pevaroff-Cohn, wife of [Goldman Sachs](#)

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Group Inc. (GS) President Gary Cohn. Family members in attendance included two of the couple's three daughters: Melanie, a freshman at Davidson College, and Chelsea, a junior at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School.

Asked if they're more inclined to pursue a career in art or banking, both girls replied "Neither." Cohn stepped in to say he wants his daughters to pursue their dreams. "Too many of us get caught up in chasing what we think we're supposed to do," he said.

The paintings are mostly beach scenes, some embellished with words such as "love," "sex," and "ocean life" in metallic lettering, as well as gold metallic butterflies.

Guests included **Marc Lasry**, CEO of Avenue Capital Group LLC, who said he was thinking of getting one of the paintings for his beach house, and fashion designer Lisa Perry, in a sweater with the initials "LP" on the front.

"People have come to me asking, is it for "Limited Partnership" or it is about records? I wore it for Lisa" (who shares the same initials), Perry said. The sweater, she added, was a gift from a friend.

Foster, Wright

Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation honored two giants of architecture, Norman Foster and Frank Lloyd Wright, at a gala Tuesday evening at 583 Park.

Malcolm Rogers, director of the Museum of Fine Arts in **Boston**, praised Foster for championing sustainability in his design projects, then presented him with a medallion.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation Archives Partnership, which oversees more than 23,000 Wright drawings as well as numerous models, received its medallion from Catherine Ingraham, a professor of architecture at Pratt Institute -- and Wright's great-granddaughter.

The event raised \$300,000 and drew 260 guests, including art dealer Angela Westwater and Anthony Marx, president and CEO of the New York Public Library, which has hired Foster to work on a renovation of its flagship building at 42nd Street.

(Amanda Gordon is a writer and photographer for Muse, the arts and leisure section of Bloomberg News. Any opinions expressed are her own.)

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Chus Martinez, chief curator of El Museo del Barrio. Photographer: Patrick McMullan via Bloomberg

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The dining hall, before guests were seated, at Cipriani's 42nd Street catering hall, a former bank. Photographer: Philip Lewis/Bloomberg

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Lyor Cohen, a music executive; Ernie Lyles, who works at UBS; Kevin Liles, KWL Management CEO, and Thomas Howard, executive director of Boys and Girls Harbor. Photographer: Eshama John/Bloomberg

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Lisa Pevaroff-Cohn, artist and jewelry designer, Chelsea Cohn, Gary Cohn, president of Goldman Sachs Group Inc., and Melanie Cohn in front of one of Pevaroff-Cohn's paintings. Photographer: Amanda Gordon/Bloomberg

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