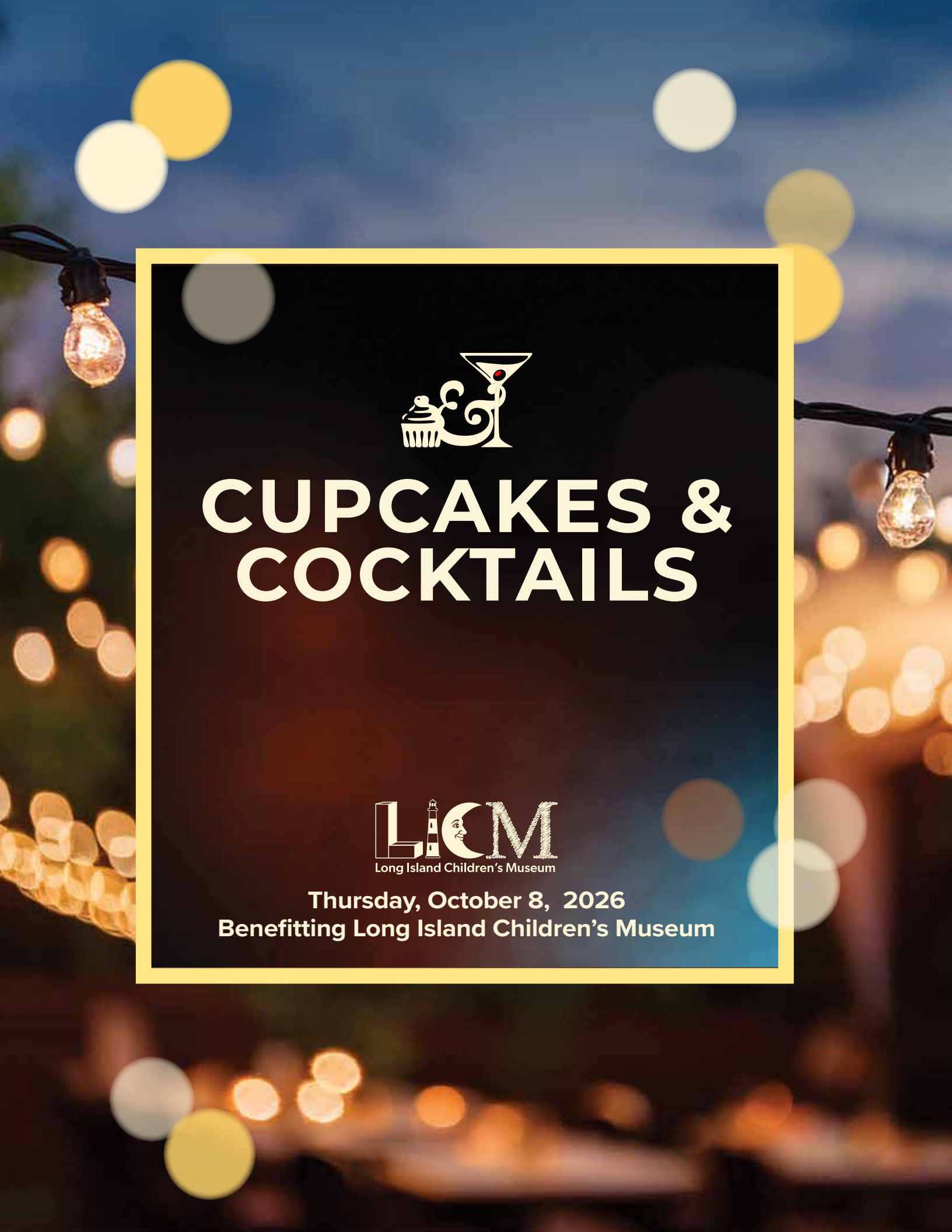

CUPCAKES &
COCKTAILS
LICM
Long Island Children's Museum
Thursday, October 8, 2026
Benefitting Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Children's Museum

ABOUT LICM

The ***Long Island Children's Museum*** (LICM) is a playful gathering place where more than 300,000 people annually discover wonder, imagination, and each other. The most visited museum on Long Island, LICM brings together families across every background through 14 interactive galleries, a 145-seat professional theater, traveling exhibitions, cultural festivals, and hands-on arts, science, and humanities workshops that ignite curiosity. LICM's vision, **"centering the well-being of children and families through the power of play,"** drives programming that is inclusive and joyful. The Museum's commitment to access ensures that cost and ability are never barriers, offering programs for underserved families, military families, and visitors with disabilities.

LICM's excellence is nationally recognized. The Museum is AAM-accredited (a distinction fewer than 3% of U.S. museums hold), honored with the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, a two-time Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award recipient, and winner of the Long Island Imagine Award for Arts & Culture. LICM is designated as a Primary Institution by the New York State Council on the Arts. The children playing and learning at LICM today are the artists, innovators, and community leaders of New York's tomorrow.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Cupcakes & Cocktails is the Long Island Children's Museum's premier annual fundraising event, designed to unite the community in support of our vital educational resources, access initiatives, cultural experiences, interactive exhibits and dynamic theater presentations. This high-profile event attracts business leaders, educators, government officials, community partners, artists and performers from across the region, all coming together to network and collaborate on advancing the well-being of children through the power of play.

The evening revolves around a simple yet powerful concept—immersing guests in the same magic and wonder that children experience at Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) every day.

As attendees explore our two-story interactive exhibit space, they will be captivated by live performances, engage with creative activity stations designed to spark their imaginations, revel in the thrill of our gift basket extravaganza and savor gourmet treats and inventive cocktails. Don't miss out on our delightful dessert surprises!

At a time when cultural institutions face growing financial and operational challenges, this fundraising event plays a critical role in sustaining the Museum's ability to deliver innovative programs and ensure that all children have access to enriching, hands-on learning experiences.

This special night also offers LICM the opportunity to honor visionary leaders and corporate trailblazers dedicated to fostering brighter futures for children.

A LETTER FROM OUR EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Cupcakes & Cocktails 2026 and thank you for being here. As Co-Chairs of this year's event, we are deeply moved by the generosity that has made this evening possible.

The funds raised tonight support the full range of what LICM does, from hands-on exhibits to educational programming to outreach in schools and communities across Long Island. This year, we are especially proud to shine a light on our access and inclusion programs, which ensure that we consciously build a community that makes space for all children, including those who face the greatest participation barriers. For many families, these programs are the difference between finding a place for their children and never knowing one existed for them.

We are grateful to our Event Committee, whose dedication to this evening has been extraordinary. They have generously given their time and creativity, and this event reflects their involvement in every detail.

To our sponsors and auction partners, thank you. This evening would not be possible without you, and we are proud to celebrate alongside you tonight.

We also want to recognize the LICM staff, who show up every day with a commitment to making the Museum a place where all children feel welcome. From the educators leading programs to the visitor services team greeting families at the door, their work is the heart of this institution.

To the Board of Trustees, thank you for the leadership and vision that keeps LICM moving forward with purpose. Your dedication ensures that this Museum remains a place of possibility and accessibility for every child and family on Long Island.

Evenings like this one are a reminder of what our community is capable of when it comes together around a cause it greatly cares about. The children and families who will benefit from your generosity tonight are why we do this, and we are so grateful you are here.

With deepest appreciation,



Genevieve DellaFera
Event Co-Chair



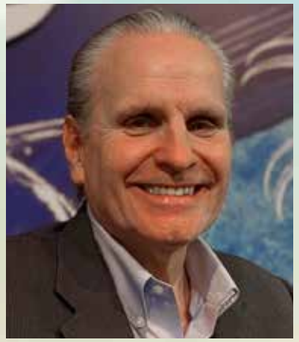
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MUSEUM PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIRS

It's truly wonderful to see so many friends, supporters, and members of our community gathered together this evening. We are proud to be unified in caring about Long Island children and families.

Our belief in Long Island Children's Museum, playful learning, and the connection and community it provides, is paramount to our mission. The belief that it should be accessible to everyone is at the heart of everything we do at LICM, and tonight we celebrate what it looks like in practice.

Through LICM4all, Friendly Hours and our sensory-friendly theater performances, the Museum goes well beyond compliance; universal access at LICM is a core commitment.

Through Museums for All, families who receive SNAP benefits can visit for just five dollars per person, and active duty and retired military families receive free admission year-round. The demand for these programs grows every year, and we are committed to exceeding it.

None of this happens without strong partnerships. Expanding access requires sustained investments from people and organizations who share our vision.

The support reflected in this room reaches families across Long Island who might otherwise never experience what our Museum has to offer.

Your presence tonight means everything to our sustainability and growth. We hope you will continue to invest in this work alongside us. A gift, a membership, or even a conversation with someone who hasn't yet found us, all makes a difference to the families who love LICM most.

We believe the children who play together today will work and live together tomorrow. We are building a brighter future for all of us and are honored to be in this room with you. We are grateful beyond words for your generosity and what it makes possible. The children and families we serve are the reason we do this work and YOU are the reason we can.

Thank you.

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MISSION VISION & VALUES

VISION STATEMENT

Centering the well-being of children and families through the power of play.

MISSION STATEMENT

Connecting all our communities' children, and those who care for them to one another and a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. Here, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share.

CORE VALUES

We value creativity and the importance of learning through the power of play.

We embrace diversity.

We are dedicated to respect and access for all.

We are committed to excellence.

We nurture cooperation and kindness.

We value the trust of our community and continually seek to earn it.

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Community Impact Award

BANK OF AMERICA

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Bank of America has long recognized that a thriving Long Island depends on the strength of its communities, and they back that belief with investment. Since 2020 alone, Bank of America has invested $10 million in Long Island philanthropy and contributed more than 53,000 volunteer hours to organizations across the region. Long Island Children's Museum is grateful to be among the organizations that have benefited from that commitment.

LICM has been among Bank of America's partner organizations for more than 20 years. Over the course of that relationship, Bank of America has contributed more than $1 million to the Museum, making this one of the longest and most significant corporate partnerships in LICM's history. It is a relationship that has grown and deepened over time, shaped by a shared commitment to expanding access and opportunity for Long Island's children and families.

That support has taken many forms over the years. Bank of America has provided grants for community access initiatives and general operating support, and sponsored events like Countdown to 12! and traveling exhibits like *Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed*. Through the Museums on Us program, cardholders have enjoyed free admission on select weekends, providing access for more families. Bank of America employees have shown up in person, too, volunteering alongside Museum staff during the annual Fall Fix-Up and helping prepare the Our Backyard exhibit for the season. Bank of America has convened nonprofit leaders from across Long Island at LICM, knowing that the strength of our community depends on the strength of the organizations that serve it.

In 2024, Bank of America's *Neighborhood Builders Award* gave LICM the resources to formalize and expand that vision. The resulting Community Connections Program created a structured pathway for nonprofits across Long Island to partner with the Museum, connecting the children and families they serve to the power of play in ways that would not have been possible before.

Long Island Children's Museum is proud and grateful to honor Bank of America with the Community Impact Award in recognition of two decades of investment in this Museum and in the broader Long Island community.



PICTURED:

Marc Perez, Bank of America, Long Island President, Managing Director, Market Executive—Private Banking

Jennifer Pedulla, Bank of America, Vice President, Community Relations Manager

Erika S. Floreska, Long Island Children's Museum, President

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Nonprofit Partner Recognition

THE VISCARDI CENTER

The Viscardi Center educates, employs, and empowers children and adults with disabilities. Their work is built on the conviction that every person deserves the chance to learn, work, and thrive. That belief aligns closely with LICM's own, where accessibility and inclusion are expectations that run across every program, exhibit, and visitor experience the Museum offers.

The two organizations first came together when the Museum opened in its current location in 2002, when students from The Viscardi Center helped pilot an accessible ramp to LICM's beloved Climb It! exhibit, ensuring that children who use wheelchairs could reach the same heights as every other visitor.

Since then, the partnership has only grown. Beth Ann Balalaos, LICM's Access and Inclusion Program Director, serves as an advisor to The Viscardi Center's Museum of Disability History, bringing LICM's expertise in child-centered, interactive design to their exhibits and programming. Last summer, The Viscardi Center loaned objects from their museum to create a temporary Visibility of Disability exhibit at LICM. This year, a second grade class visited LICM for a fully accessible field trip, a step toward what both organizations hope will be a growing tradition.

Chris Rosa, President and CEO of the Viscardi Center, says, "By working together, nonprofits that are focused on education, equity, and inclusion are able to grow and amplify their impact to expand our commitment to those core values."

Long Island Children's Museum is proud to recognize The Viscardi Center as this year's Nonprofit Partner and to celebrate a partnership that has only grown stronger with time.

PICTURED:

Beth Ann Balalaos, Access and Inclusion Program Director, LICM
Susan Waiter, Gala Committee Member
Glenn Tyranski, Co-Chair & Co-Treasurer, LICM
Dr. Chris Rosa, President and CEO, Viscardi Center
Anastasia Pagonis, Paralympic Gold Swimmer
Nyrekia White, Director of Advancement, LICM



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Partner in Play Award



THE FRANK AND JANET DELLAFERA FAMILY FOUNDATION TRUST

The Frank and Janet DellaFera Family Foundation Trust has long supported organizations that serve children and families on Long Island. Their philanthropy reflects a simple and consistent belief: that every child deserves access to enriching educational experiences, and that supporting the organizations that provide them is one of the most meaningful investments a family can make.

That belief is what draws the DellaFera family to Long Island Children's Museum, where their support helps ensure that every child who visits has access to hands-on, imaginative learning experiences. As a member of LICM's Board of Trustees, Genevieve DellaFera brings not only the family's generosity but her own commitment to the Museum's mission.

> *"Being part of the LICM community, as a board member and as a supporter, has shown me firsthand the difference this Museum makes in children's lives. Our family is honored to be recognized as a partner in that work."*
> *— Genevieve DellaFera*

LICM is honored to present The Frank and Janet DellaFera Family Foundation Trust with the Partner in Play Award and to celebrate a family whose generosity makes play possible for so many.

PROGRAM

6—7 PM **COCKTAIL HOUR** (2nd Floor)
- NEW News12 Exhibit
- Activities, Photobooth & Live Entertainment
- Silent Auction & Prize Baskets (Closes at 8:45 pm)

7—7:55 PM **DINNER HOUR** (1st & 2nd Floors)
- Activities
- Live Entertainment

7:55—8:30 PM **AWARDS PROGRAM** (Main Stage, 1st Floor)

Welcome Remarks
Erika S. Floreska, LICM President

Acknowledgements
Genevieve DellaFera, LICM Trustee and Gala Co-Chair
Patricia Cadilla, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair
Nick Mather, LICM Trustee, Gala Committee Member

Recognition & Awards Presentation

Non-Profit Partner Recognition: *The Viscardi Center*
Presented by Glenn Tyranski, LICM Board Co-Chair and Co-Treasurer
Partner in Play Award: *The Frank and Janet DellaFera Family Foundation Trust*
Presented by Scott M. Burman, LICM Board Co-Chair
Community Impact Award: *Bank of America*
Presented by Erika S. Floreska

Mission Moment
Erika S. Floreska

8:30—9:30 PM **CHEERS & CELEBRATE!**
- Cupcakes & Cocktails, Coffee and Desserts (1st Floor)
- Silent Auction & Prize Baskets (closes at 8:45 pm)
- Dance Party! (Entire Museum)

9:30 PM **WINNERS POSTED** (1st Floor)
GIFT BAGS • CUPCAKES-TO-GO

LOCATION GUIDE

FIRST FLOOR

CHECK-IN & CHEERS!
Check-in • Gift Bags • Cupcakes-to-Go
Gift Bags sponsored by ROYAL CONCRETE & MASONRY CORP.
Cupcakes-to-Go sponsored by WEAVER

SILENT AUCTION & PRIZE BASKETS
Closes at **8:45**

(BRILLIANT) BITES & BEVS
6:45—9:30 PM
- Dinner, Cupcakes, Desserts, Coffee & Tea
- The Spark Bar
- The Dazzle Bar
- The Radiance Room - Lounge & Bar

ENTERTAINMENT
7—7:45 PM
- Starlight Soundstage with Adventure Sound & Olga Tourkina
- Spotlight Sessions live music

AWARDS PROGRAM
7:55 PM

ACTIVITIES
Sponsored by JOVIA
- All Aglow shimmery body oil
- Curated Candlelight candle-making
- 360-Degree Photobooth

SECOND FLOOR

COCKTAIL HOUR
Sponsored by REWORLD
- Specialty Cocktail: Shimmer & Shine Spritz
  Sponsored by RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
- Glow Together Sponsor Wall of Fame
- The Luminary Bar
- Light Bites

ROVING ENTERTAINMENT
6–6:55 PM
- Light & Keys – A Musical Duo
- Luminous Yo-Yos

ACTIVITIES
- ***NEW News12 Exhibit***
  Sponsored by News12 & OPTIMUM
- See Yourself in a Sketch Caricaturists
- Let Your Light Shine luminescent bracelets
  Sponsored by JOVIA
- Power of Play Photo Booth
- Roaming Raffle Sales
  Closes at **8:45 PM**

SCAN TO ILLUMINATE THE POWER OF PLAY TONIGHT!
Sponsored by NERDS THAT CARE

Post and tag your photos! #Cupcakes2026

FEATURED ARTISTS



Amanda Bremer, Caricaturist

Amanda Bremer is a Long Island-based illustrator and art educator. She studied the arts at Adelphi University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art, and is continuing advanced studies in art criticism and history at Queens College. In Amanda's artist practice, she creates her vivid interpretation of the world around her, finding herself drawn to both traditional and digital media. She's always resonated with cartooning and expressive imagery and enjoying bringing her passions to new audiences of all kinds.



Carlton Jay, Pianist

Carlton Jay is a pianist, music educator, and producer who has performed internationally with Trey Songz, Christian Guardino, and others, and whose elementary school choir has been featured performing for the Mayor of Yonkers and other officials.



Bryce Larsen, Musician

Bryce Larsen is a singer, guitarist, beatboxer, and live-looper who has performed with top event bands across the region and is the founder of Adventure Sound Live, a collective of world-class musicians who create custom ensembles for private events.



Josie McSwane, Dancer/Performer

Josie McSwane is an LI based performer and choreographer. She has her BFA in Dance and has danced professionally in NY, LA and TX. She has been in multiple productions at the LICM Theater, most recently as "Bus Driver" in Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and Mom in Pete the Cat.



Brian Melford, Yo-Yo Performer

Brian Melford (The Bronx, NY) is a Yo-Yo designer, performer, and former Champion. Brian earned 1st place in two divisions at the 2015 New Jersey Contest. He served as President of the New York Yo-Yo Club for 10 years, designed the Melford Special and El Presidente (Spintime Yoyos), and has competed at the World Yo-Yo Contest in Japan and across the U.S., where he now travels nationally judging and hosting contests.



Mystina Sol, Vocalist

Mystina Sol is a New York-based R&B and soul singer, songwriter, and lead vocalist for the musical duo Karma's Tea, who fronts the reinvented freestyle urban pop group CultJam and serves as a featured live vocalist for the Stevie Wonder tribute band Sir Duke and the streaming project AudioActive, as well as Adventure Sound Live.



Gary Solorzano-Ruiz, Caricaturist

Gary Solorzano-Ruiz is a teacher in the Bellmore-Merrick High School District. He graduated from Adelphi University with a Bachelor's degree in Art and Design Education. Gary is inspired by the young artists that he works with, motivating him to stay creative and try new things. Gary and his students participated in a non-profit program called The Memory Project where they created hand crafted portraits for children facing severe challenges to help them feel valued and supported.



Olga Tourkina, Violinist

Olga Tourkina is an award winning Russian-Mexican violinist and entrepreneur based in New York, recognized for her versatile artistry spanning classical, jazz, Latin, and gypsy music, as well as the founder of the Legacy String Quartet and Founder and Director of New York Music Entertainment. A graduate of the esteemed Eastman School of Music, she has garnered numerous awards at international violinist competitions. Olga has also participated in a number of prestigious festivals across Europe and the United States.

ILLUMINATING THE
POWER OF PLAY THROUGH

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS





For children and families facing economic challenges, living with disabilities, or other barriers, access to play can be about so much more than a day at the Museum. Play creates opportunities to connect, build confidence, express emotions, discover new possibilities, and simply experience the joy of being a child.

LICM's **Community Connections Program** extends these opportunities by partnering with nonprofit organizations throughout Long Island that know their communities best and are experts in meeting the unique needs of the children, families, and individuals they serve. Through these trusted partnerships, LICM becomes an extension of the supportive services already in place—bringing the **social, emotional, and developmental benefits of play** to the people who can benefit from them most.

Community Connections partners receive discounted Museum access, guided and self-guided group visits, theater performances, outreach programs that bring LICM directly into their communities, private event rentals, collaborative programming, and professional development tailored to their work. Together, these experiences create opportunities for connection, curiosity, discovery, and joy.

Current Community Connections partners include The Viscardi Center/Henry Viscardi School, North Shore Animal League, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, Long Island Alzheimer's and Dementia Center, and Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York.

Launched with support from a Bank of America *Neighborhood Builders* award, Community Connections reflects a simple but powerful belief: **when we connect the expertise of community organizations with the power of play, we can help more children and families feel supported, included, and inspired.**

Your support of LICM helps make these connections possible—opening doors, removing barriers, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to play, belong, and thrive.

Interested in becoming a Community Connections partner?
Contact **Beth Ann Balalaos**, Access and Inclusion Program Director, at
access@licm.org or visit licm.org

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS & PRIZE BASKETS

Check out the amazing array of experiences, items, and shows in the Silent Auction and Prize Basket Gallery (First Floor – Inner Lobby)

Your support fuels all of LICM's exhibits and programing, including acess initiatives that bring play-based learning to every child.

FEATURED ITEMS:

- **New York Islanders Pitchbook Box Suite experience**
- **4-night, 5-day stay at beachfront Casita-Luquillo, Puerto Rico**
- **Harry Styles tickets - 4 Club Seats, food in Rangers locker room**
- **Private catered cocktail party for 10 by Elegant Affairs**
- **Fisher Paykel wine refrigerator**

...and more!





LICM STAFF APPRECIATION

The Long Island Children's Museum would like to extend our warmest gratitude to our staff.

This has been an exciting year of collaboration, creativity and connection as we held steadfast to our vision, introduced new experiences, and celebrated with our community in many ways.

THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Advancement Team

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Events Team

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Marketing and Communications Team

Theater Crew

Special Projects and Community Initiatives Team

Visitor and Support Services Team

And every single LICM staff member who contributed to the planning and execution of Cupcakes & Cocktails 2026!

CUPCAKES & COCKTAILS 2026

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VENDORS

Audio Visual: **NVISION 360 Productions**
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Producer & Editor: **Kyle Mahoney**
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GALA STAGE PROGRAM

Production: **LICM Theater Crew**
Director: **Lisa Rudin**
Technical Supervisor: **Austin M. Costello**

ACCESS AT LICM

We strive to increase access to LICM for all Long Islanders by removing physical and financial barriers. Three of our access programs include LICM4all, Museums for All, and Military Family benefits.

LICM4ALL

We are committed to providing programs and services with maximum accessibility beyond ADA-compliance expectations to create an optimal environment that welcomes all children in our community. From Friendly Hours to Sensory Sensitive Performances in LICM's Theater, and LICM4all Tours to adapted outreaches, we offer a full range of accessibility and inclusion resources to reach, engage, and better serve visitors with disabilities.

MUSEUMS FOR ALL

The Long Island Children's Museum proudly participates in Museums for All, a national initiative that expands access to high-quality museum experiences. Through this program, families receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can enjoy admission to LICM for $5 per person, simply by presenting an EBT card and photo ID at the box office. By reducing barriers to participation, LICM ensures that every family has the opportunity to learn, play, and grow together.

MILITARY FAMILIES

All year long, we offer free admission for one active-duty member, retired military member, or their spouse showing military ID, plus one child.

For more information on the Access at LICM programs, please visit: licm.org/access





TOGETHER TO KINDERGARTEN



In the summer of 2026, LICM proudly celebrated the 21st anniversary of its award-winning Together to Kindergarten (TTK) program. This vital initiative helps children and their families develop the academic and social skills necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond. Best of all, TTK is offered **free of charge.**

Designed to support parents who have been educated outside the U.S., TTK provides workshops that help families navigate the American public education system and understand its culture.

The TTK curriculum includes a variety of workshops for parents and caregivers, equipping them with the tools and strategies needed to support their children's education and ensure their success in school.

LICM is committed to building lasting relationships with families. In addition to the TTK program, we offer free family memberships and host special events throughout the year, encouraging continued engagement and fostering a love for explorative, play-based learning.

Each summer, TTK serves up to 80 children and their caregivers. Throughout the year, we provide ongoing support through programs, workshops, and reunion nights to keep families connected and engaged long after the summer program ends.

For more information, visit: licm.org/TTK or contact KJoseph@licm.org.





LICM THEATER'S

2026-2027 Season!

The Pigeon Gets A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!

November - December

Based on the Books and Characters by Mo Willems
Script and Lyrics by Mo Willems and Adam Tobin
Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma
Dramaturgy by Megan Alrutz

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Dragons Love Tacos

February - March

By Ernie Nolan
Based on the book by Adam Rubin with
illustrations by Daniel Salmieri • Music by Chris LaPorte

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Pete the Cat

April - June

Script and lyrics by Sarah Hammond • Music by Will Aronson
Based on the Pete the Cat series of books by
Kimberly and James Dean
Originally Commissioned, Developed and
Produced by TheaterWorksUSA
Music Orchestrated and Produced by
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LICM STEAM PROGRAMMING





Westbury STEAM Partnership expands the district's science program beyond the confines of the classroom and makes the educational resources of the Museum available to students, teachers, and families. Through the program, LICM becomes an extension of the classroom and curriculum, and teachers become experts in using LICM's exhibits to enhance classroom learning, giving students an in-depth understanding of many STEAM topics. The program serves all K-2nd grade students and K-12 students in the special education program in the Westbury School District. The program also provides teachers with professional development and families with Family Night and Community Night family learning events. All participants also receive a free LICM annual access pass.

GREEN TEENS

Since 2009, the Long Island Children's Museum's Green Teens program has engaged local high school students in creating and teaching interactive nature, science, and sustainability activities for visitors. The program builds leadership and teaching skills, fosters volunteerism, and inspires career pathways in education and environmental stewardship. Teens receive training in informal education and outdoor learning, then design and deliver hands-on programs that spark curiosity and promote conservation for families across Long Island. The Green Teens program has expanded to include alumni – past participants stay connected to the program by serving as a mentor to a teen in the current cohort and by sharing their experiences through alumni discussion panels.





OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Led by our trained museum educators, our outreach workshops embody the museum's philosophy that children learn best by seeing, touching, doing and having fun. Workshops last approximately one hour and are generally offered for groups of 25-30 children and their adult chaperones. Outreaches are designed to captivate children through exploration, demonstration, and experiential activities.

Available outreach workshops include:

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Discover the stories that quilts told in the days of the Underground Railroad to assist runaway slaves on their journey to freedom. Learn to "read" various quilt codes; then use mathematical patterns and fabric shapes to design a quilt that tells your very own personal story.

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Nunley's Carousel: Host reunions, birthdays, corporate parties, or photo shoots with a touch of nostalgia.

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Contact museumrentals@licm.org or 516-224-5844, or visit licm.org

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Celebrate your child's special day with a party that combines fun, creativity, and a full day of play in the Museum exhibit galleries. Each party includes exclusive use of a private room, a themed activity led by LICM educators, invitations, paper goods, set-up and clean-up, and an LICM t-shirt for the birthday child. Guests enjoy hands-on experiences designed to spark imagination, while families can relax knowing every detail is taken care of. With a commitment to being a sensory-sensitive party space, LICM ensures every child can celebrate in comfort and joy.

Contact birthdays@licm.org or 516-224-5871, or visit licm.org

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LOCATION

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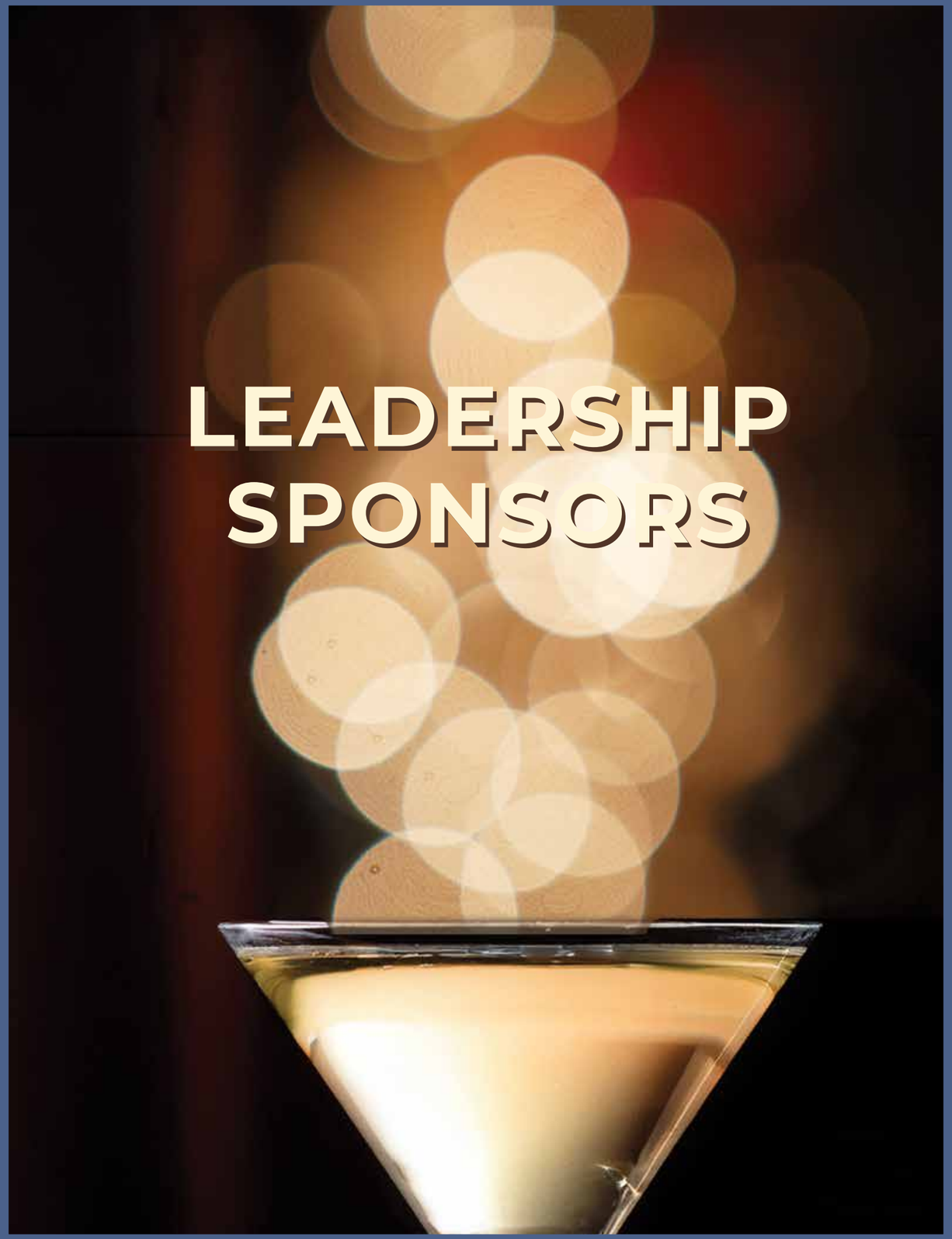
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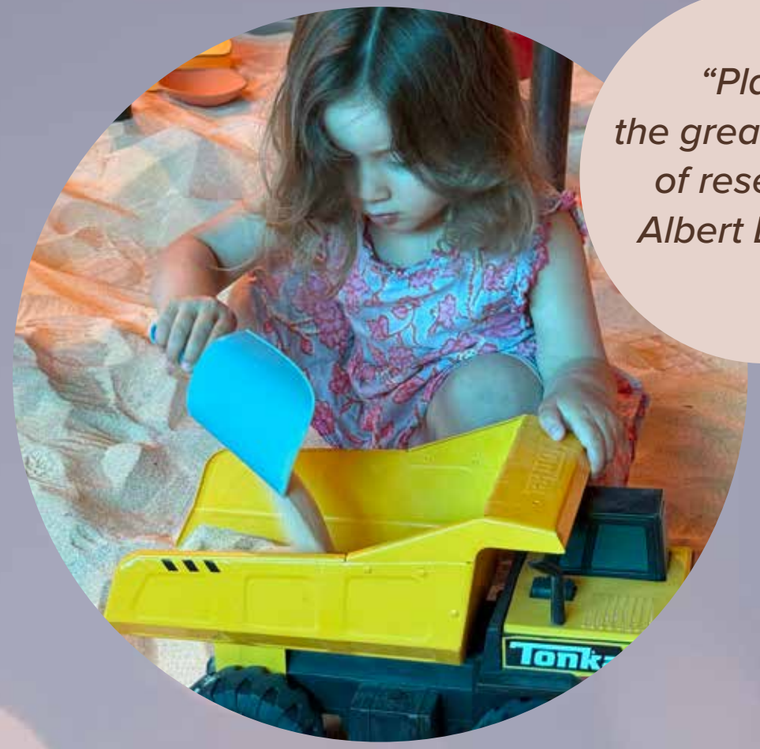
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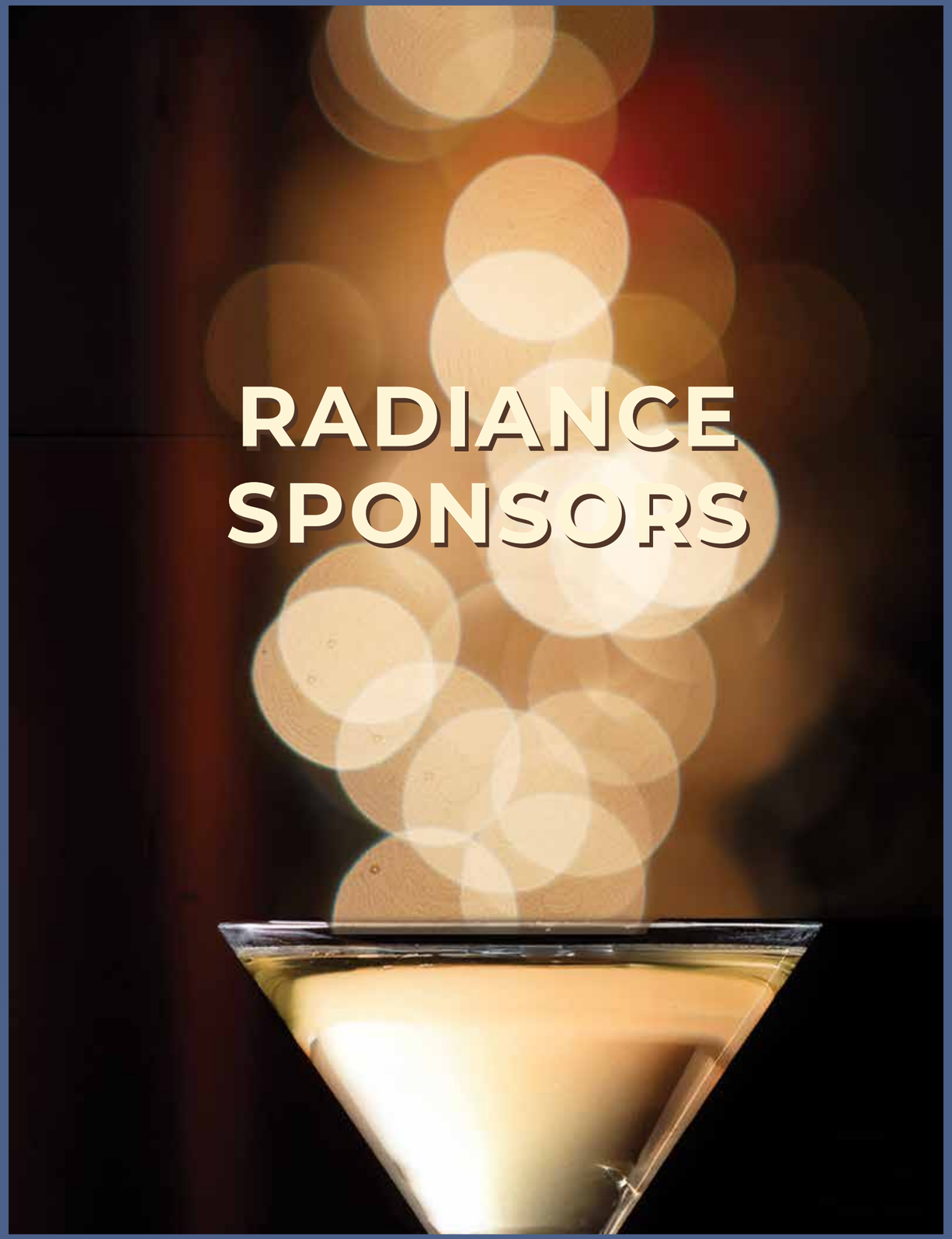
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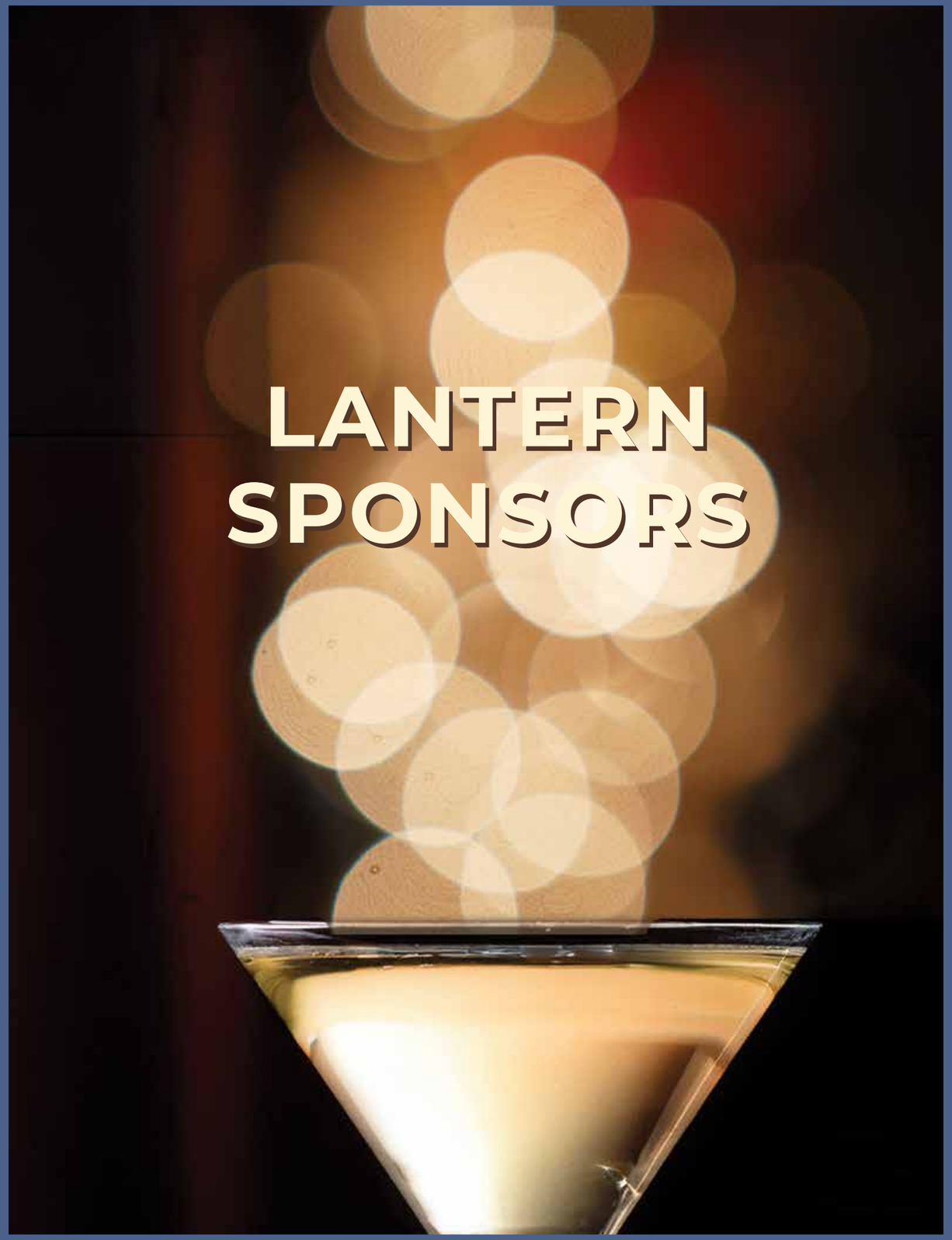
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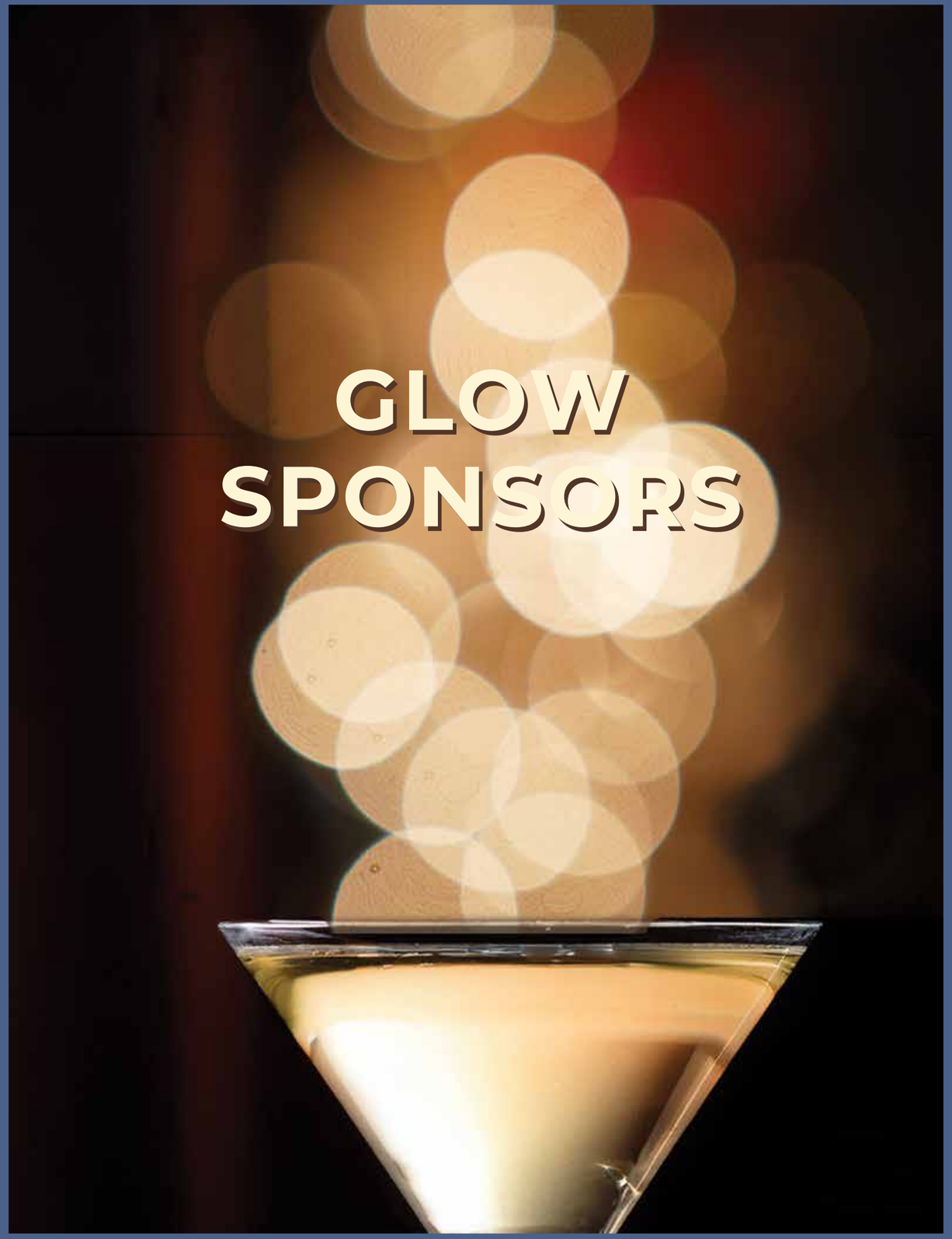
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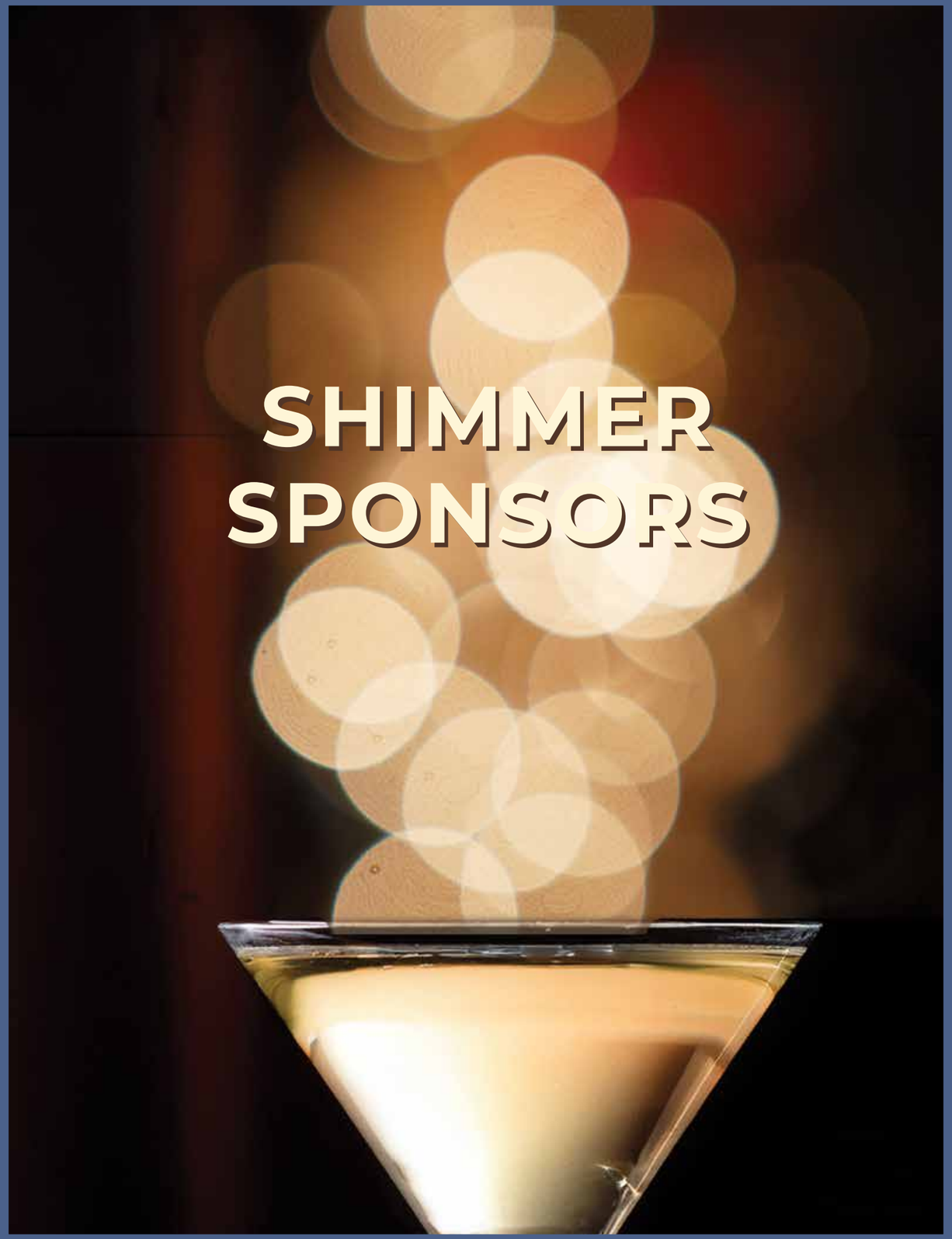
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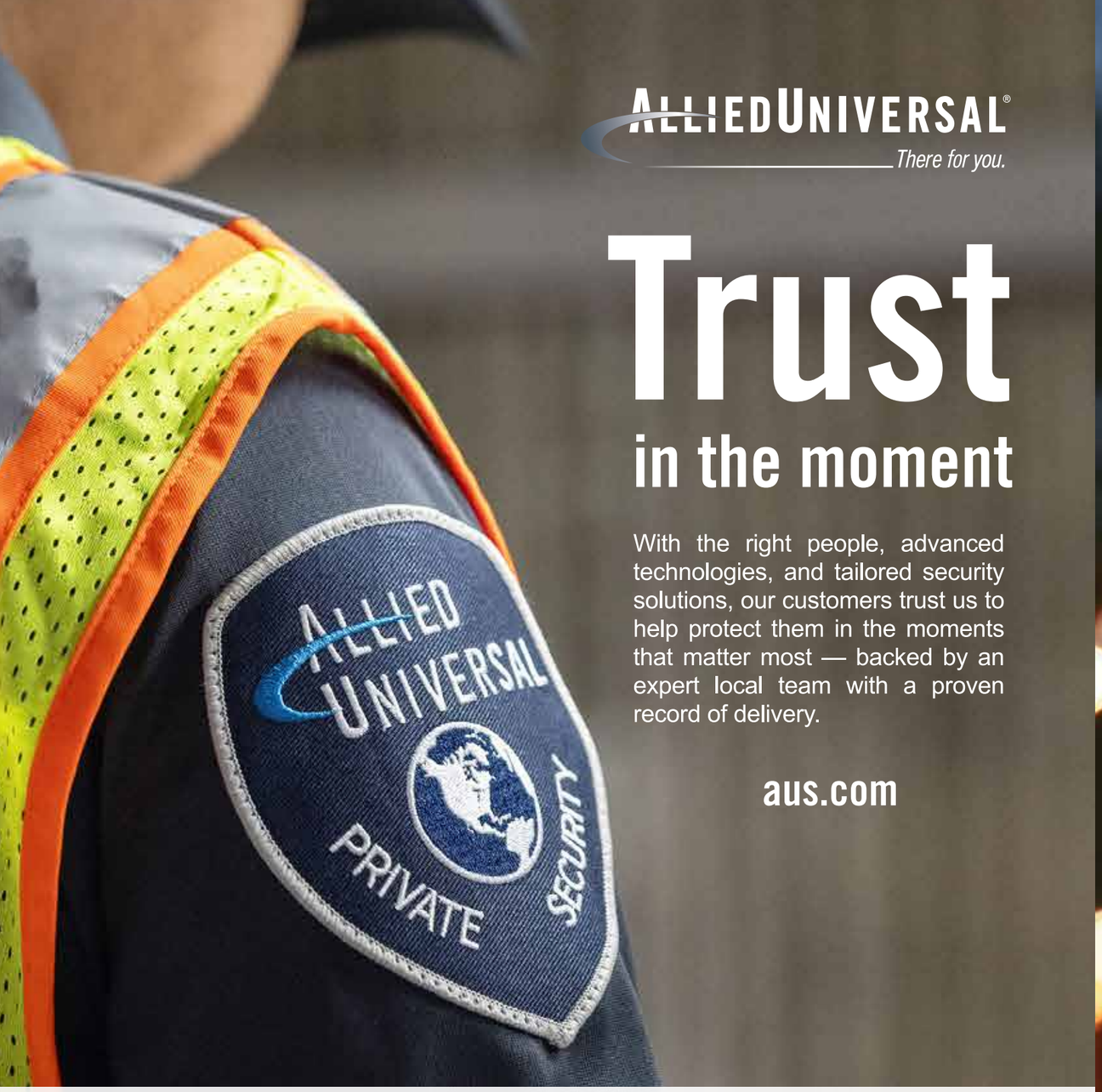
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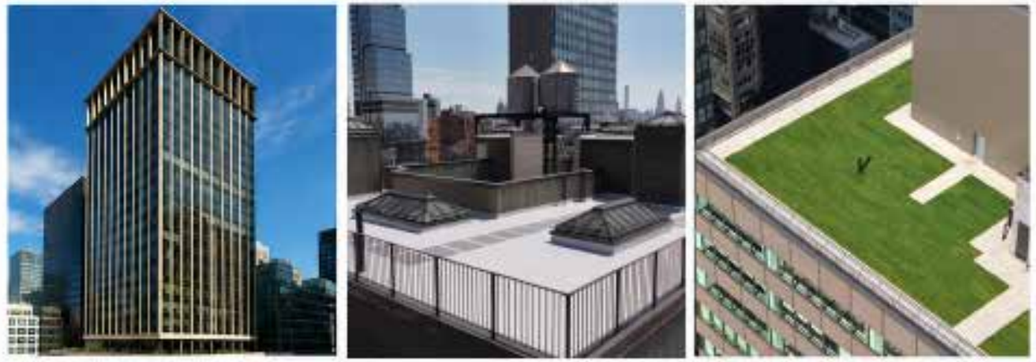
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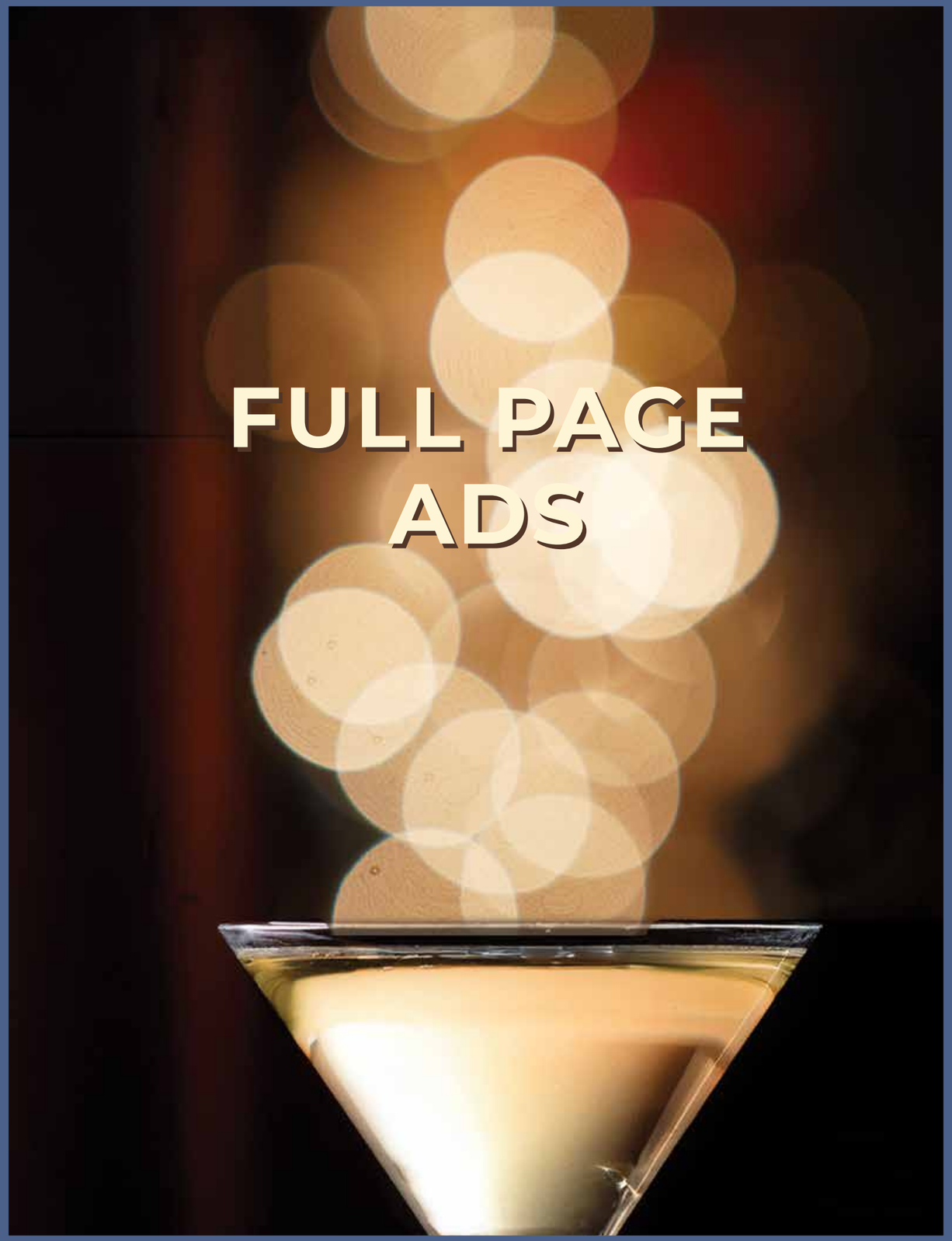
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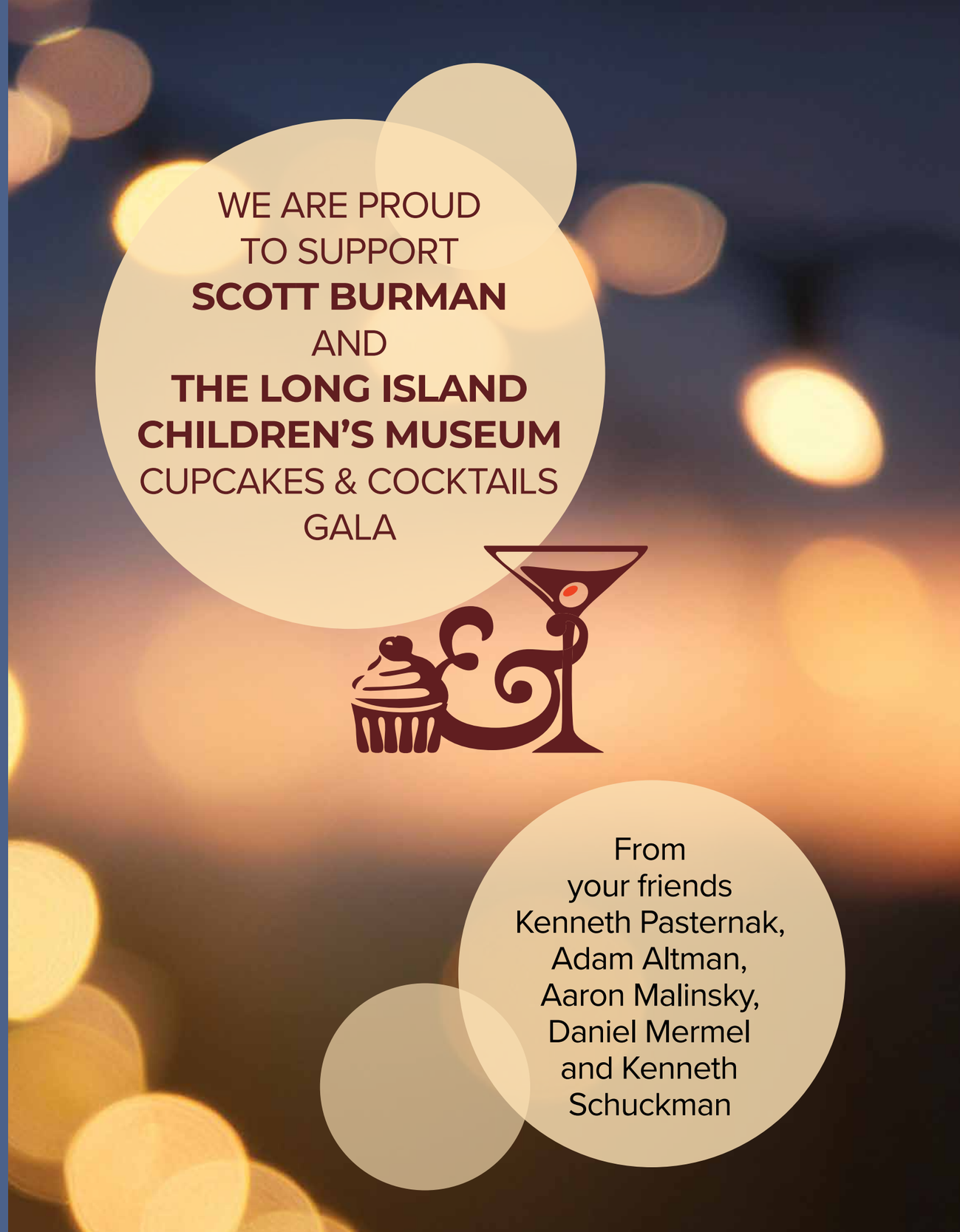
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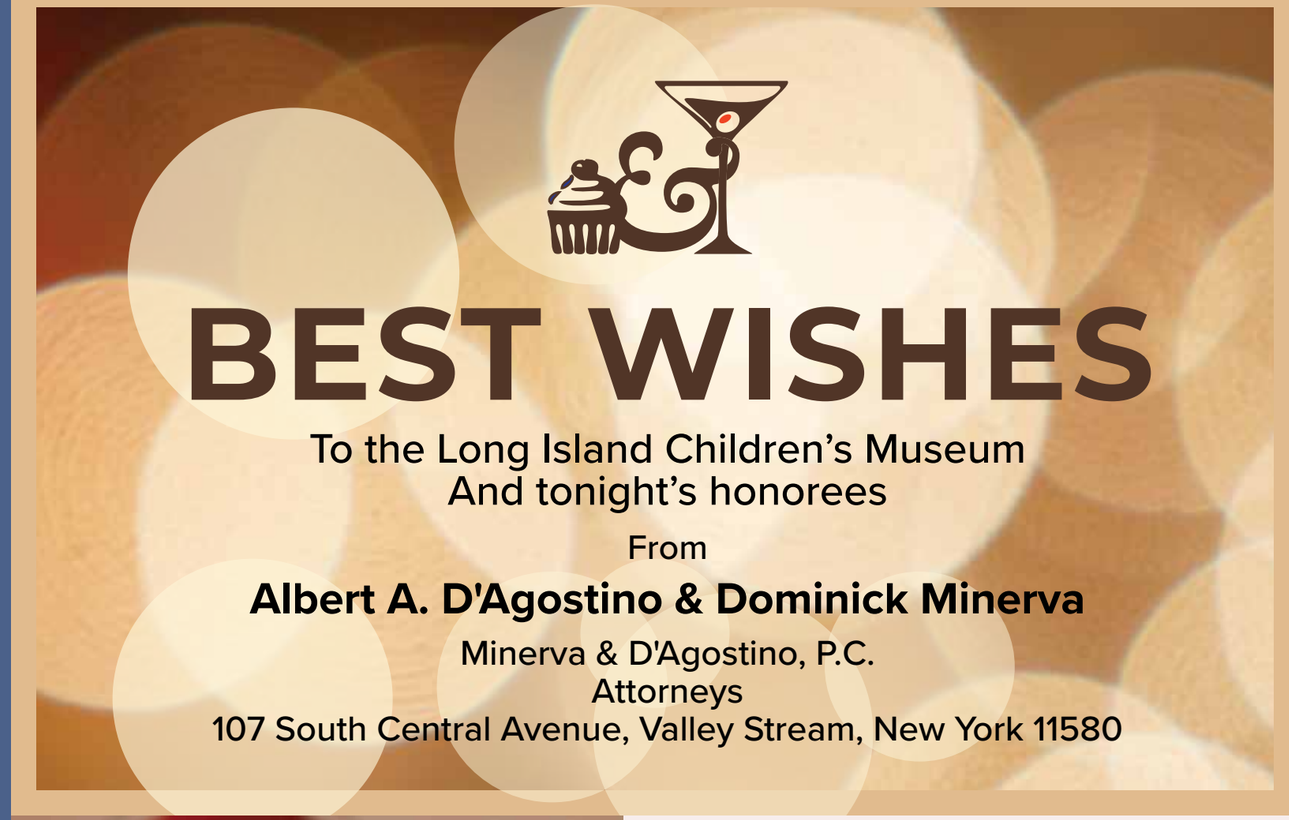
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Snowflake Sock Skating
November 7, 2026 – January 3, 2027

Slide into the snowy season at LICM as you slip on "sock skates" and take a spin on our indoor rink.



Jolly Jamboree
November 28, 2026

Celebrate the season with LICM's Jolly Jamboree! This festive family event is packed with holiday cheer, from hands-on activities and merry performances to joyful traditions that will have everyone in the spirit of the season.



Countdown to 12!
December 31, 2026

Ring in the New Year a little early at LICM's beloved Countdown to 12! Designed especially for families, this daytime celebration lets kids experience the joy and excitement of welcoming the new year with confetti, music, and a festive countdown – all before bedtime.



Lunar New Year Festival
January 30 and January 31, 2027

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