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# 55th ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DINNER

**HONORING LEADERS WHO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO**

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

*The Pierre*

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## MENU

### **FIRST COURSE**

ASPARAGUS, CORN AND RED PEPPER COMPRESSION  
WITH PENCIL THIN ASPARAGUS,  
FRISÉE LETTUCE, RED PEPPER COULIS  
(vegetarian / dairy free / gluten free)

### **DUET ENTRÉE**

PETIT FILET MIGNON WITH WILD MUSHROOM RAGU  
AND PAN SEARED ARCTIC CHAR  
WITH SWEET PEA RISOTTO, HARICOT VERT BUNDLE  
(gluten free)

### **PLATED DESSERT**

WARM CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE CAKE  
SERVED WITH ESPRESSO ICE CREAM,  
FRESH BERRY COMPOTE, CRÈME ANGLAIS  
(gluten free)

COFFEE & TEA SERVICE

## WELCOME

May 16, 2024

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the Harvard Business School Club of New York's 55th Annual Leadership Dinner. We again are pleased to honor HBS leaders who embody Harvard Business School's mission to Educate Leaders Who Make a Difference in the World. This year's honorees demonstrate the HBS "commitment to truth, excellence, and lifelong learning" in their careers and contributions to the community. Their achievements are impressive, spanning the sectors of government, non-profit, finance, media, and professional sports.

The Harvard Business School Club of New York provides a platform for the 14,000 alumni in the greater New York area to contribute, learn, and make a continuing impact. The Club's activities are many and varied: support of New York area non-profits through Community Partners, one of the largest pro bono consulting programs in the city; workforce development through the Skills Gap Initiative; entrepreneurship through HBS Alumni Angels of Greater New York, the largest angel group in NY state, and the regional alumni New Venture Competition. Our programs feature world class speakers and HBS professors. The Club has also established task forces to focus on current critical issues facing business and society including racial equity and antisemitism. The Leadership Dinner funds those efforts.

We thank tonight's Dinner Chair, Ann Sarnoff, MBA '87, for her efforts in making the evening a success. Ann embodies the profile of a leader who throughout her career has made an impact on both business and society, including as the first woman to serve as CEO and Chair of major media company Warner Bros. We thank and salute her.

Our Leadership Dinner Committee Chairs are an important component in the success of each Dinner. We express our appreciation to this year's Co-Chairs Tamara Bowens MBA '01 and Joanna Stone Herman MBA '97 who were supported by previous long time Committee Chairs Bruce Marcus, MBA '80 and Amy Vecchione, MBA '84. This team deserves special recognition and thanks for their tireless efforts to make tonight's Dinner outstanding.

Thank you for your support. We hope you have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

**Clare E. Peeters, AB '94, MBA '00**

President, HBS Club of New York

**Deborah A. Farrington, MBA '76**

Chair, HBS Club of New York

## 2024 LEADERSHIP DINNER PROGRAM

<b>WELCOME &amp; REMARKS</b>	<p><b>Clare Peeters, AB '94, MBA '00</b>, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Jewish Theological Seminary; <b>President, HBS Club of New York</b></p> <p><b>Ann M. Sarnoff, MBA '87</b>, Former Chair and CEO, Warner Bros.; <b>Leadership Dinner Chair</b></p> <p><b>Senior Associate Dean Fritz Foley</b>, Harvard Business School</p>
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<b>PRESENTATION OF THE</b>	<p><b>JOHN C. WHITEHEAD SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARD</b></p> <p><b>Denise M. Murrell, MBA '80</b></p> <p>Merryl H. and James Tisch Curator at Large, The Metropolitan Museum of Art</p> <p>By <b>Darren Walker</b>, President, Ford Foundation</p>
<b>DINNER REMARKS</b>	<p><b>Deborah Farrington, MBA '76</b>, Managing Partner &amp; Co-Chairman, StarVest Partners, LP</p> <p><b>Chair, HBS Club of New York, Board of Directors</b></p>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD</b></p> <p><b>Clara Wu Tsai, MBA '93</b>, Vice Chair, BSE Global; Owner, New York Liberty and Brooklyn Nets</p> <p>By <b>Mark Tatum, MBA '98</b>, NBA Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer</p>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE</b>	<p><b>LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Mitt Romney, MBA '74/JD '75</b>, United States Senator</p> <p>By <b>Stephen A. Schwarzman, MBA '72</b>, Chairman, CEO &amp; Co-Founder, Blackstone</p>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<p><b>Ann M. Sarnoff</b></p>

DINNER CHAIR



**Ann M. Sarnoff, MBA '87**

Former Chair and CEO, Warner Bros.

Board Director, PayPal, Cineworld and WTA Ventures

Ann Sarnoff is a well-respected entertainment industry executive with over 30 years' experience in senior leadership positions at some of the world's most valuable and recognized media companies, including Warner Bros., the BBC, Viacom and Dow Jones.

Sarnoff was most recently Chair and CEO of the WarnerMedia Studios and Networks Group.

In this role, she was responsible for guiding all of WarnerMedia's entertainment-focused teams as they worked individually and collaboratively to produce content across all genres and formats for wholly-owned and third-party platforms around the world. Under her purview were the Warner Bros. Pictures Group, HBO and HBO Max, the Warner Bros. Television Group, DC Comics, Cartoon Network, Adult Swim, WB Animation, Turner's entertainment networks, Harry Potter's Wizarding World and Consumer Products and Experiences.

Sarnoff became the first female Chair and CEO of a major studio when she joined Warner Bros. in 2019. Prior to joining Warner Bros., Sarnoff spent nine years at the BBC where she was President, BBC Studios Americas, led the creation of the streaming service BritBox, and oversaw the BBC Worldwide's Global Production Network. Sarnoff's previous positions include President of Dow Jones Ventures, COO of the Women's National Basketball Association, COO of VH1 and Country Music Television, and EVP of Nickelodeon.

Sarnoff holds a BS from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and an MBA from Harvard Business School. She serves on the boards of PayPal Holdings, Inc., Cineworld Group PLC, WTA Ventures (the commercial arm of the Women's Tennis Association), the NYU Langone Empathy Project and the Motion Picture & Television Fund. She also serves as Vice Chair of the boards of The Shed and Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD



**Ilana D. Weinstein, MBA '95**

Founder and CEO, The IDW Group LLC

Ilana Weinstein is founder and CEO of The IDW Group LLC, a New York-based executive search firm focused on placing senior hedge fund and business professionals across the investment landscape. The firm is the leading boutique for hedge fund managers, asset managers, private equity firms and family offices in search of top investment talent for their public and global investment initiatives. It was the subject of a 2023 Harvard Business School case study published in honor of its 20th Anniversary and *The Wall Street Journal* has called Ms. Weinstein “one of the most powerful women in hedge funds.” She is a frequent guest on Bloomberg and CNBC TV programs and featured on prominent podcasts and conference panels discussing market trends and the hedge fund universe. Ms. Weinstein previously worked at Goldman Sachs and the Boston Consulting Group. She holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania *Magna Cum Laude*, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Ms. Weinstein grew up in New York City and graduated from Stuyvesant High School.

JOHN C. WHITEHEAD SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARD



**Denise M. Murrell, MBA '80**

Merryl H. and James S. Tisch Curator at Large  
Office of the Director, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Denise Murrell is the inaugural Merryl H. and James S. Tisch Curator at Large, Office of the Director, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. She joined The Met in January 2020 as Associate Curator, Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Art.

Dr. Murrell has taught art history at Columbia University in New York and in Paris. She has published and lectured extensively on nineteenth and twentieth century modernism and global contemporary art in the U.S. and internationally.

Dr. Murrell previously received an MBA from the Harvard Business School '80, and holds a BS from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and an MA and PhD from Columbia University. She had an extended career in finance and consulting, including as an analyst at Morgan Stanley prior to HBS, at Citicorp Investment Bank, and culminating as Managing Director of Institutional Investor Research Group, Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC.

Her civic activities include the National Advisory Board of the Ackland Art Museum at UNC Chapel Hill and the Advisory Committee for the Atlanta University Collective Art History program. She is a life member of the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association and served with HBSCNY's Community Partners as a pro bono management consultant for NYC arts nonprofits. She is a subscriber for and former committee member for the Obama Presidential Portrait Commission at the Harvard Club of Greater New York.

In December 2022, Dr. Murrell was inducted as Chevalier (Knight) de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Republic of France at its New York City consulate. She received the ArtTable New York Leadership Award in December 2020.



BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD



**Clara Wu Tsai, MBA '93**

Vice Chair, BSE Global; Owner, New York Liberty and Brooklyn Nets

Clara Wu Tsai is a businesswoman, investor, and philanthropist. Ms. Wu Tsai is the Governor and an owner of the WNBA's New York Liberty and an owner of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. As Vice Chair of BSE Global, the teams' parent company, she oversees all matters relating to fan development, civic and community engagement, and the role Barclays Center plays within Brooklyn.

As Founder of the Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation, Ms. Wu Tsai pursues philanthropic investments across the arts, science and social justice spaces. She established the Social Justice Fund in 2020 to work toward economic mobility and racial justice in Brooklyn, New York. She is a founding partner of the REFORM Alliance, which seeks to reform the criminal justice system.

In science and technology, the Foundation supports the Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute at Stanford University and the Wu Tsai Institute at Yale University for understanding human cognition.

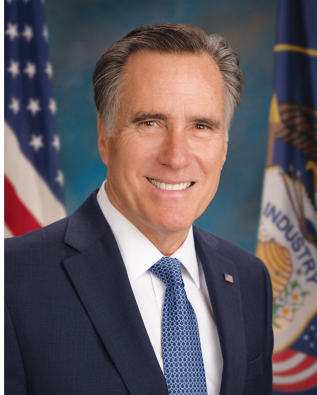
In 2020, Ms. Wu Tsai founded the Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance, which works across six universities to bring together world-class talent to advance the science of human performance.

Ms. Wu Tsai serves on the Boards of Trustees for Stanford University, New York Presbyterian Hospital and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. She serves on the Advisory Board for the Institute for Protein Design at the University of Washington. She was an executive producer of *Into the Okavango*, a 2018 conservation documentary, *Blue Bayou*, a 2021 drama, and *Unfinished Business*, a 2022 documentary about the WNBA.

Previously, Ms. Wu Tsai was General Manager of the Hong Kong operations of Taobao, China's largest online shopping website, and a Vice President at American Express in New York and Hong Kong. Ms. Wu Tsai holds a BA in International Relations and a MA in International Policy Studies from Stanford University, and a MBA from Harvard University.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



## **The Honorable Mitt Romney, MBA '74/JD '75**

United States Senator

Mitt Romney was sworn in as Utah's newest Senator in January 2019. Since then, Romney has earned a reputation for reaching across the aisle to advance major priorities that benefit Utah and people across the country, and as a leading voice on U.S. foreign policy and national security.

Prior to serving in the Senate, Romney served as Governor of Massachusetts from 2003–2007. He also led the 2002 Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Winter Olympics and, with a team of volunteers and managers, helped turn the struggling Games into a Utah success story. He was a candidate for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination and Republican nominee for president in 2012.

Before entering public service, Romney led a successful business career as the co-founder of Bain Capital, a leading investment company, and the turnaround CEO of Bain & Company, an international management consulting firm.

Romney earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and his JD/MBA from Harvard University. He has been the devoted husband to wife Ann for more than 50 years. They are the proud parents of five sons, grandparents to 25 grandchildren, and great-grandparents to one great-grandchild.

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The HBS Club of New York provides the opportunity for alumni—of all ages and all career stages—to work together around common passions and to add value to their lives and their community in ways that balance personal and community interests, time availability and depth of commitment.

The broad scope of Club activities and 350+ active volunteers distinguish it from most other alumni clubs. The Club:

- offers continuing learning opportunities for professional development and personal growth with approximately 80 wide-ranging speakers and events annually and access to Alumni Forums, a network of personal “peer boards of advisors” for Forum members;
- provides an unmatched ability to meet HBS alumni in a relaxed setting to make friends and form professional alliances;
- contributes to the Greater NYC community through Community Partners pro bono consulting projects for nonprofits and Small Business Partnership Initiative coaching sessions for small businesses;
- addresses a key local economic challenge through the Skills Gap Initiative, which provides targeted training to the local workforce via NYC educational institutions to supply businesses with needed skills;
- provides dynamic opportunities in entrepreneurship through Alumni Startups and Alumni Angels and plays a leadership role in HBS’s New Venture Competition;
- supports the largest angel investing group in New York via Alumni Angels, with over 340 members and investments in 136 companies;
- enables senior alumni to remain vitally engaged through daytime events that explore arts, business, and community;
- grants scholarships to send local nonprofit executives to HBS Executive Education programs and local students to HBS’s MBA program and awards summer fellowships that give HBS students experience on the front lines of entrepreneurship and social enterprise; and
- provides local support for HBS-initiated global programs.

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