

Panache Privée
April 22, 2009



300 YPC choristers entertain guests at the gala.

The award-winning Young People's Chorus of New York City (YPC) and its artistic director and founder Francisco J. Núñez held their 2009 fundraising gala—*A Celebration of Song – Shaping Lives Through Music*—on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, where the YPC is the resident chorus. YPC, also in residence at the 92nd Street Y and WNYC, New York Public Radio, continues to better the lives of thousands of children of all economic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds from ages 7 to 18. Funds raised will support scholarships for more than half of the members of the chorus and general operating expenses.

The concert featured all five divisions of the YPC (Prelude, Intermezzo, Cantare, Concert Chorus, and Young Men), children from the organization's in-school Satellite program, and special guests with The New York Pops conducted by Mr. Núñez. This exciting night of music, from gospel and jazz to rock and classical music, displayed the range, depth, and showmanship of these superb young singers, who were joined by such celebrated guest artists as Kate Pierson and Sterling Campbell from the B-52s; Andrea McArdle, the original "Annie"; and NEA jazz master Toshiko Akiyoshi.

Following the concert, dinner was served in the Allen Room, where guests dined on cuisine served up by Great Performances, one of New York's finest caterers, against a backdrop of stunning views of Central Park and the Manhattan skyline through the room's floor-to-ceiling glass wall.

The gala evening, co-chaired by Nancy Bloom, Shauna Denkensohn, Suzan Kremer, Hiroko Onoyama, and Roger Ross, honored several individuals who have been of extraordinary support to the YPC. The Humanitarian Award was given to Ambassador and Mrs. Motoatsu Sakurai, the Consul General of Japan in New York; the Corporate Award to Adam Chinn, a partner in Centerview Partners; and the Artistic Award to Linda S. Golding, the artistic advisor to the YPC.



YPC artistic adviser Linda Golding and YPC artistic director/founder Francisco J. Nunez.



YPC Board chairman, The Honorable A. Jerry Kremer, presents Ambassador Motoatsu Sakurai and Mrs. Motoatsu Sakurai with the YPC Humanitarian Award.



Gala co-chairs Suzan Kremer, Roger Ross and Nancy Bloom.



Andrea McArdle and YPC Board member J.B. Harrison.



Francisco J. Nunez, YPC Corporate award recipient Adam Chinn, and his daughter, chorister Hannah Chinn.



YPC choreographer Jacquie Bird with gala performers Toshiko Akiyoshi, Paquito D'Rivera, Francisco J. Nunez, Andrea McArdle, and from the B-52s Kate Pierson and Sterling Campbell.