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**EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO TO HOST ANNUAL GALA  
AT THE PLAZA HOTEL  
CELEBRATING RUBEN & ISABEL TOLEDO AND M·A·C COSMETICS  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS**

**Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 PM**  
**Inspired by *ANTONIO LOPEZ: Future Funk Fashion* (Opening June 14)**  
**#AntonioLopez, #FutureFunkFashion, #ElMuseoGala2016**



Detail of El Museo's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala, May 2015

**WHAT:** On Thursday, May 12, El Museo del Barrio, New York's leading Latino cultural institution, will host its annual star-studded gala at New York's iconic Plaza Hotel. Bringing together fashion and art world luminaries, El Museo's 2016 Gala will honor Ruben Toledo and Isabel Toledo for *Excellence In The Arts* and M·A·C Cosmetics for *Corporate Excellence In the Arts*. The evening will draw its inspiration from Antonio Lopez, the late fashion illustrator whose exhibition *ANTONIO LOPEZ: Future Funk Fashion* will open at the museum this summer (June 14-November 26).

**WHERE:** The Plaza Hotel, 768 Fifth Avenue, New York City

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 12

**ATTIRE:** Black Tie

**EVENING ITINERARY:**

7 PM: Cocktails

8 PM: Dinner

10 PM: After Party

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**EXPECTED GUESTS INCLUDE:**

HONOREES: Ruben & Isabel Toledo, James Gager (Creative Director, M·A·C Cosmetics)

GALA CHAIRS: Maria Eugenia Maury and William A. Haseltine, Narciso Rodriguez

YOUNG GALA CHAIR: Jessica Garza-Bueron

YOUNG GALA COMMITTEE: Karla Farach de Athanasopoulos, Fabricio Cardenas, Leticia Pittman Presutti, Evelyn Gutierrez Subramaniam

HONORARY COMMITTEE: Alexandre Arrechea (Artist), Lady Liliana Cavendish (part of *Antonio's Girls*), Aldo Chaparro (Artist), Maria Cornejo (Designer), Teresita Fernandez (Artist), Fernando Garcia (MONSE), Alex Gonzalez (Creative Director, ELLE), Omar Hernandez (OMAR's), Laura Kim (MONSE), Angel Otero (Artist), Mauricio Padilha (MAO PR & author *Antonio Lopez: Fashion, Art, Sex & Disco*), Roger Padilha (MAO PR & author *Antonio Lopez: Fashion, Art, Sex & Disco*), Candy Pratts Price (Fashion Consultant), Dan Ragone (President, *INTERVIEW*), Angel Sanchez (Designer), Bosco Sodi (Artist), Kelly Talmas (Editor in Chief, *Vogue Mexico* and *Vogue Latin America*), Edmundo Castillo (Shoe Designer & Student of Antonio's)

MUSEUM BOARD & EXECUTIVES : Jorge Daniel Veneciano (Executive Director, El Museo del Barrio), Tony Bechara, Doris Casap, Hon. Michael J. Garcia, Maria Teresa Mata, Maria Eugenia Maury, Maria-Leticia Ossa-Daza, Tracey Riese, Alfonso Barros, Claudia Marmolejo, Carmen Ana Unanue

PHILANTHROPISTS: Dayssi Olarte de Kanavos and Paul Kanavos, Perla Capriles, Laura and John Desmarais, Marifé Hernández, Joe Bell, Karina and Pedro Palma, Laura and Brent Nicklas, Clarice Oliveira Tavares, Christina and David Martin, Daniel Rachmanis (Estée Lauder), Concha and Alfonso Goitia, Camila and Manuela Arria-Maury, María Luisa Ferré and Cyril Meduna

ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND FASHION LUMINARIES: Pat Cleveland (Model, singer, part of *Antonio's Girls*), Paul Van Ravenstein, Paul Caranicas (Director of Antonio Lopez and Juan Ramos Estate), Peter Marino (Architect), Enrique Norten (Architect), Patricia and Juan Ruiz Healy (Ruiz-Healy Gallery); Suzanne Geiss (The Suzanne Geiss Company), Andrew Bevan (*Teen Vogue*), Mariebelle Lieberman (*MarieBelle* New York), Anita Durst (Chashama), Richard Ferretti (Senior Vice President and Global Creative Director at Estée Lauder), Jennifer Balbier (Senior Vice President, Global Product Development, Artistry Brands, at Estée Lauder Companies), Nancy Bacich (Eve Kitten)

**DÉCOR:** Creative event design provided by Susan Holland Events. Lead honoree tables to feature tableware by Christofle.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** After-party music and dancing to feature disco music from Antonio Lopez's private collection played by DJ Scott Ewalt, including a special voguing performance by the House of Xtravaganza.



**SPONSORS:** Honoree awards generously provided by Christofle. Guests will be gifted custom designed Antonio totes that will include Isabel Toledo's yet-to-be released perfume, Pint Putti, from the "Hot House Beauties" line.

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**ABOUT EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO**

El Museo del Barrio welcomes visitors of all backgrounds to discover the artistic landscape of Latino, Caribbean, and Latin American cultures. Their richness is represented in El Museo's wide-ranging collections and critically acclaimed exhibitions, complemented by film, literary, visual and performing arts series, cultural celebrations, and educational programs.

El Museo del Barrio is located at 1230 Fifth Avenue at 104 Street in New York City. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 6pm. Admission is suggested. For more information on El Museo del Barrio, please visit [www.elmuseo.org](http://www.elmuseo.org).

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