



## STARS OF STONY BROOK GALA HONORING DOROTHY LICHTENSTEIN RAISES \$7.1 MILLION

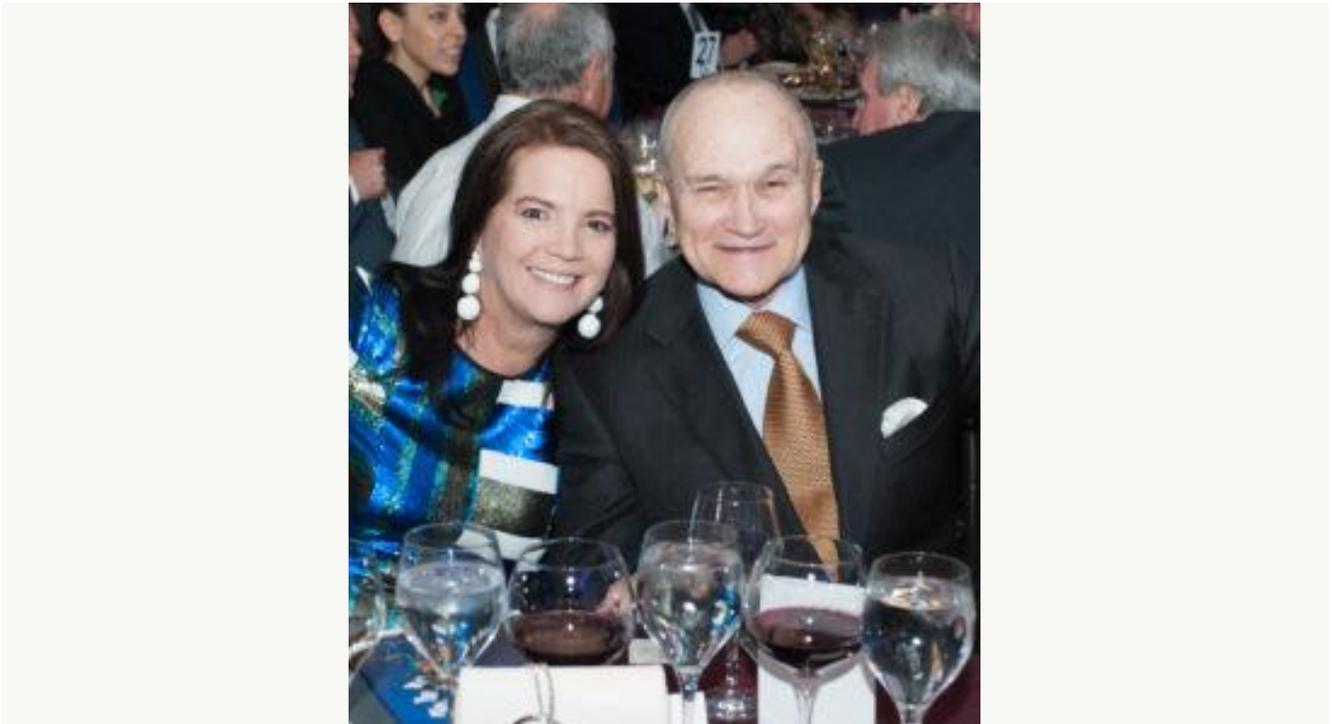


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Nearly 700 guests gathered at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers to honor one of America's most dedicated and energetic art and education benefactors, **Dorothy Lichtenstein**, at the 19th Annual **Stars of Stony Brook Gala**.

The philanthropist and wife of the late artist **Roy Lichtenstein** was recognized for her long-running support of a host of arts, cultural and science initiatives at the University, including the Stony Brook Southampton creative writing and film program, one that provides a vital incubator for students and established writers and filmmakers at campuses on Long Island's East End and in Manhattan.



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Guests included: **Alec Baldwin, Jane Pauley, Cartoonist Garry Trudeau, writers Roger Rosenblatt, Amy Hempel, Susan Minot, Melissa Bank, Cornelius Eady, Academy Award-Winning Film Producer Christine Vachon, and IMAX CEO Rich Gelfond.**

This year's Gala adds a new record with over \$7.1 million raised, including a \$5 million donation from Lichtenstein earmarked to support Stony Brook Southampton's creative writing and film programs and a variety of scholarships and educational initiatives.

Since its inception in 2000, the Stony Brook Foundation's Stars of Stony Brook Gala had raised \$50 million to support student scholarships and a featured academic program of excellence.

*Pictured:*

*Peggy Gelfond, Ray Kelly*

*Dr. Samuel Stanley Jr., Dorothy Lichtenstein, Rich Gelfond*