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Walking Tour of Harlem: Lunch with Panoramic Views and Gospel Choir, Renaissance Fine Art, Apollo Theatre, and Dinner at Chef Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster

Dear Member:

Please join members and guests with Event Chairs, Bob Pisani and Angela Grande, on Saturday, October 15 for our second fabulous journey through another historic New York neighborhood: Harlem. Following up on last year's memorable afternoon, A Walking Tour of Arthur Avenue, the Society presents A Walking Tour of Harlem.

In the past decade, Harlem has been rebuilt and transformed. New apartments, new restaurants, new galleries, and new restaurants have come to Harlem. We will see a slice of all these changes on this tour. We have arranged for parking in the building. The entrance is on 119th St. between Madison and 5th Ave. The street goes east to west.

The afternoon begins at Noon with **panoramic views of Harlem** at Lew Futterman's magnificent apartment on the twenty-seventh floor at 120th and 5th Avenue. As we sip **Drusian Prosecco**, we will enjoy **Hors d'oeuvres** from **Spoonbread**, Harlem's leading caterers, providing modern takes on traditional Southern Soul Cooking.

Seafood Gumbo in Demi Tasse Cups

Coconut Shrimp with Mango Salsa

Filet Mignon with Henry Bain Sauce

Miniature Vegetable Quiche

Beginning around 12:45 PM, there will be a **brief presentation on the new Harlem Renaissance** followed by a **Gospel recital by Bethel Gospel Church**, one of the largest Pentecostal churches in Harlem. BGC has prided itself on continuing the tradition of presenting outstanding Gospel music to its parishioners and others.

At 2:00 PM, we arrive at **Renaissance Fine Art**, opened in 2010 by Curtis Jacobs, a former professional photographer, as a venue for exposing emerging modern artists of all genre, especially those of color. Curator Paula Coleman will give us an overview of the revived Harlem visual arts scene as we enjoy a **wine reception**.

Next at 3:00 PM, we begin our Backstage Tour of the historic **Apollo Theater**. For nearly 100 years, the Apollo Theater on 125th Street has been the center of cultural activity in Harlem, helping launch the careers of Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, Gladys Knight, and others. Apollo Ambassador Billy Mitchell will provide us with a backstage tour of this historic building.

Our afternoon culminates with **Dinner at Red Rooster** (4 -6:30 PM), the hottest restaurant in Harlem and recently awarded two stars by the New York Times. Chef Marcus Samuelsson, formerly of Aquavit, has won raves for his fresh interpretation of traditional soul food. The menu serves comfort food celebrating the roots of American cuisine and the diverse culinary traditions of the neighborhood with food from local farmers and artisanal purveyors: Corn bread, Crab cakes, Shrimp and grits, Yardbird, Blackened catfish, collard greens with black-eyed peas, Bacon and egg. Award-winning chef and cookbook author, Marcus Samuelsson was the youngest chef to ever receive two three-star ratings from The New York Times while at Aquavit as Executive Chef. In 2010 Marcus was the winner of Top Chef Masters Season 2 and also served as the guest chef for the first State Dinner of the Obama administration. A resident of Harlem, Chef Samuelsson has long wanted to open a restaurant that would have a positive impact on the neighborhood's culinary landscape and its community at-large.

The wines of South Africa, including Ken Forrester Chenin Blanc, DMZ Syrah, Kanonkop Pinotage, Glenelly Cabernet, and Thelema Shiraz will serve as delightful pairings for this imaginative wine and food experience. A representative from Cape Classics will provide a brief introduction to our selection of South African wines.

Special thanks to Chef Marcus Samuelsson and Erica Morris, Director of Special Events, Samuelsson Group, for their unique cuisine as and the place to embrace the spirit of Harlem and to Sam Timberg, Regional Manager, for Cape Classics for their generous support providing our diverse selection of wines. We are especially appreciative of the efforts of Bob Pisani and Angela Grande in planning this journey into the unique and historically rich neighborhood, Harlem. We encourage you to make your reservations for *A Walking Tour of Harlem* early at www.wfsny.org. We have limited capacity and this exciting event will reserve quickly. Guests are welcome.

Sincerely,

Greg Hurst
President

Chris Ankner
President