BRIAN BENJAMIN BECOMES HOCHUL’S LT. GOVERNOR

Harlem native and State Senator Brian Benjamin has been tapped as Governor Kathy Hochul’s lieutenant governor. Benjamin has served in the State Senate since 2017, representing District 30 (Harlem and parts of Washington Heights). As a State Senator, he has championed criminal justice reforms and worked to help small businesses in his district and around the state.

Benjamin will be sworn in as lieutenant governor after Labor Day. In that role, he will preside over the State Senate and provide a tiebreaking vote, if necessary. Prior to serving in the State Senate, Benjamin was chair of Community Board 10.

THE WAY WE REMEMBER AT THE WALLACH GALLERY

The Wallach Gallery is commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with the exhibition The Way We Remember: Koenig’s Sphere, 9/11 and the Politics of Memory, which explores themes surrounding the issues of public monuments, memories, trauma, and the power of art to represent the past.

While the exhibition opens by examining Fritz Koenig’s “Great Caryatid Sphere,” which became one of the earliest 9/11 memorials after it emerged from the rubble of the towers, it goes on to explore the other ways 9/11 has been memorialized, including the World Trade Center memorial project and the inauguration of “Reflecting Absence” as an official National 9/11 Memorial. The Way We Remember also delves into how loss and tragedy are visualized and quantified in art, including in the context of marking and memorializing the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Way We Remember will be at the Wallach from September 10 to November 14, 2021. The gallery is open to the public with a reservation on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 6:00 PM. To learn more about The Way We Remember or make a reservation, visit neighbors.columbia.edu/thewayweremember.

Community Events

Check with event organizers for the latest updates, find more events at neighbors.columbia.edu/events

Opera in Jackie Robinson Park
Sept 3, 6PM
See a free performance by Courtney’s Stars of Tomorrow, accompanied by The Riverside Orchestra at the Jackie Robinson Park Bandshell. neighbors.columbia.edu/operapark

Apply for a Dance Grant
Due Sept 8
The UMEZ Mertz Gilmore Seed Fund for Dance will provide $5,000 grants to support dancers and choreographers in Upper Manhattan. neighbors.columbia.edu/seedfunddance

Start Your Lean Business
Sept 14, 10AM
Learn the fundamentals of building a lean business, including how to develop a scalable business model. neighbors.columbia.edu/leanbiz921

Interfaith Church Annual Food Drive
Sept 20 - Oct 15
Non-perishable boxed and canned goods can be dropped off at the church (suite 240) from 9AM to 4PM. Call 212-870-2200 to learn more. neighbors.columbia.edu/churchfood21

Mind-Wandering Between Memory and Creativity
Sept 27, 4PM
Learn about the latest research into why our minds wander, and discuss the relationships between mind-wandering, memory, and creativity. neighbors.columbia.edu/mindwander

Entrepreneurial Design Thinking Application
Due Sept 28
Learn about contemporary design thinking tools and generate innovative solutions to important community problems in this eight-week program. neighbors.columbia.edu/edt2021