



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to tonight's celebration honoring The Rehearsal Club (TRC).

Founded in 1913, TRC provided generations of young women a safe, welcoming home in Manhattan's Theater District as they pursued careers in the performing arts. Many of its talented residents went on to enjoy successful careers on Broadway and in music, dance, radio, film, and television, and its alumnae include such acclaimed artists as Carol Burnett, Blythe Danner, Diane Keaton, and Kim Cattrall, among other notable individuals. The boarding house closed in 1979, but its influence lives on in the hearts of its former residents, many of whom have joined forces to preserve its legacy and raise funds to re-open an affordable sanctuary for women at the Webster Apartments on West 34th Street.

Tonight, I am pleased to join TRC alumnae and supporters at the New York Public Library's 53rd Street branch for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in honor of the residence's longtime location on this block, to be followed by a reception and performances across the street at the Museum of Modern Art. This evening's program not only recognizes the important role TRC played in our city's diverse creative community, but also celebrates its rebirth as a nonprofit organization that offers professional mentoring and residency programs to young women in New York City with dreams of joining our dynamic show business sector. I look forward to the many ways everyone gathered will further strengthen the five boroughs as we take bold steps to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, restore our city's cultural vibrancy, and build a brighter, more inclusive, and prosperous future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a safe and uplifting event, and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams
Mayor