

Block Association holds benefit for NY Theatre Ballet kids

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The Gramercy Park Block Association helped to organize a benefit for New York Theatre Ballet and its LIFT Community Service Program. The event featured the premiere performance of Keith Michael's new hour-long ballet "Mother GOOSE!" and took place on Friday, March 4th at the Florence Gould Hall at 55 East 59th Street.

The benefit was geared specifically for children who mingled with their favorite nursery rhyme characters like Little Miss Muffin, Ol' King Cole, and of course Mother Goose herself! They heard stories, played games, received dance lessons and ate fun food before seeing the performance.

Diana Byer, Artistic Director of NYTB, welcomed guests and explained that all proceeds would benefit NYTB's LIFT Community Service Program which provides ballet classes, scholarships, tutoring, mentoring, and additional supportive services to at-risk and shelter children.

Arlene Harrison, President of the Gramercy Park Block Association, and Gretchen Teran, another resident of Gramercy Park both serve on the Board of NYTB.

"Both Gretchen and I think Diana Byer and her company are wonderful and we are delighted and proud to support this program," said Harrison. "We also want to thank our Gramercy Park children, Eliza, Hank, and Emmet, for their help in making this event such a great success."



