

# Gramercy Park Block Association Hosts Outdoor Concert

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Spring Concert of the Gramercy Park Block Association was held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> on Gramercy Park East. It was a beautiful spring evening and well over one thousand neighborhood residents turned out to meet their neighbors and listen to the music. Once again, The Gramercy Brass Orchestra, conducted by its founder and musical director John Henry Lambert, performed a program of patriotic music as well as works by Duke Ellington, Count Bassie, Carlos Santana and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Arlene Harrison, President of the Gramercy Park Block Association, greeted the crowd and announced that the evening's program was dedicated to the men and women of our Armed Forces serving both here and overseas. Harrison welcomed NYPD Assistant Chief Bruce Smolka, the Commanding Officer of Manhattan Borough South, and thanked

the Officers of the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Explorer Post 1313, the Auxiliaries and the area children for their role in making the event a great success.

Harrison thanked the hundreds of Gramercy Park neighbors, institutions and businesses that also contributed to the outdoor concert.

The major sponsors of the event included Time Warner Cable of New York, Con Edison, Calvary Church, The Brotherhood Synagogue, The School of Visual Arts, The Gramercy Park Hotel, The Players, The Salvation Army Parkside Evangeline Residence, The Edwin Gould Foundation for Children, Invincible Graphics, Independence Community Bank, Tilden Midtown Democratic Club, North Fork Bank, Cabrini Medical Center, Housing and Services, The 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Association, M&T Bank, and Baruch College.

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