

Doing Art Together Honors Swizz Beatz and Dr. George Williams

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Carrie Keagan & Swizz Beatz

*New York, NY – The 28th Annual **Doing Art Together** Benefit – emceed by **Carrie Keagan** of VH1's *Big Morning Buzz* – will take place in New York City on February 11th, 2013 at the Mandarin Oriental. This year's honorees are Grammy Award winning producer, artist and Global Ambassador for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, **Swizz Beatz**, along with devoted art collector and supporter of Doing Art Together, **George Williams, D.M.D.** A non-profit arts education organization, Doing Art Together has done incredible life-changing work providing hands-on programs to under-served communities, since founded in 1982.

Sharing his passion for the arts, Swizz Beatz states, "Art is such an important outlet for all people to express their creativity and to find comfort, especially children. Arts education was a big part of my life and I want to ensure that other children afford that same opportunity. I'm honored to be recognized by DAT for my work and hope to continue to work with them to cultivate programs for kids across New York." DAT Board Member and CFO of UC Berkeley, Erin S. Gore, explains why he was a fantastic choice for the gala, "This year's honoree Swizz Beatz, is a renaissance man who embodies all types of creativity..." going on to say, "He, like the work of Doing Art Together, creates and inspires different views of the world, and empowers a global citizenry to change the world for the better."

The evening will include entertainment by cabaret singer Tom Postilio, an art exhibition and silent auction. The auction items include a tour of the NYSE followed by lunch at Cipriani's, Broadway tickets, a private evening tour at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a get-a-way at Martha's Vineyard.

The mission of **Doing Art Together** (DAT) is to awaken and enrich the intellectual, social, and cultural development of under-resourced New York City children and youth, inspiring them to pursue

their learning. They accomplish this by engaging youth in the visual arts, igniting the participation of their family network and building enduring partnerships with their educational community. DAT is a non-profit arts education organization that provides hands-on programs to under-served audiences, and their programs build skills that enhance the ability to learn and are easily transferred from the classroom to life. For more information, please visit <http://www.doingarttogether.org/>.

Swizz Beatz has over 14 years of creating music for some of the biggest musicians in music history (Jay-Z, DMX, Beyoncé, Kanye West, etc.), contributing to the sales of over 280 million records in just the US alone. Swizz has lent his creative contributions for global brands such as Reebok (VP – Sports Style Marketing, Design, and Brand Music Development), and Lotus Cars (VP of Design & Global Marketing). Swizz is the 1st producer-in-residence at NYU’s Clive Davis’ Recorded School of Music and currently working with Christian Louboutin on a ground-breaking music-collaboration debuting in Paris this coming March. Swizz’s latest music venture is his new partnership with O&Media of Korea, in which his focus will be bridging the K-Pop music scene with Western music culture. When not creating music, Swizz is an avid art collector and painter whose goal is to inspire new artists around the world to express themselves and is working on opening his own international “new artist” art gallery.

Dr. George Williams, D.M.D. has practiced quality family and esthetic dental care for over thirty years. He attended Savannah State College and received his D.M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1975. Dr. Williams is on the faculty at the New York University College of Dentistry as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care. Additionally, he is the Board Chair of the Negro Ensemble Company and Board Member of the Jackie Robinson Conservancy.

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