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## ON THE TOWN

### CALENDAR

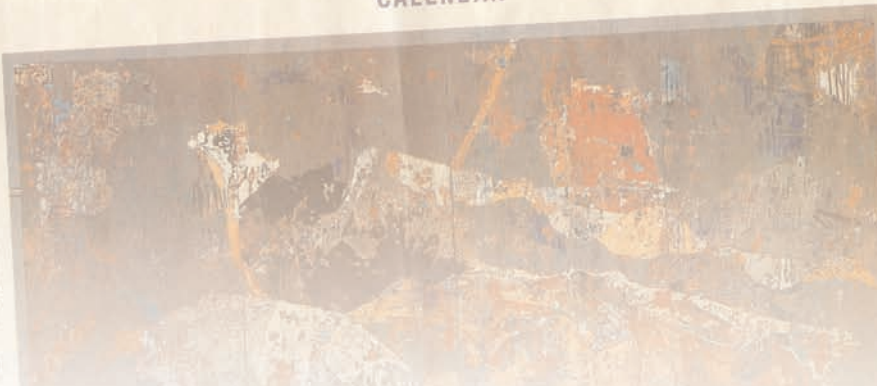
#### ART

**BOLD AND SILVER** Chen Wenguang's first solo exhibit features four large-scale paintings made from oxidized mineral pigments and gold and silver leaf. The practice of using metals and pigments stems from methods used during the Tang dynasty. Through Saturday, Dillon Gallery, 555 W. 25th St., between Smith and Eleventh avenues, 212-727-8585, free.

#### BOOKS

**FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT** Elizabeth Kopelman Bergwerdt reads from her essay "A New Deal for the World: America's Vision for Human Rights" (Harvard University Press), about the 1948 Atlantic Charter. Tonight, 6 p.m., Lagertha Books, 336 W. 112th St., between Broadway and Amsterdam avenues, 212-693-1838, free.

**COMPLICATED WORLD** Louis Tilden reads from her book "America's Social Policy" (New York University Press), about the history of social policy in America. Tonight, 7 p.m., Lagertha Books, 336 W. 112th St., between Broadway and Amsterdam avenues, 212-693-1838, free.



Street, 212-685-3938, free.

#### SOIRÉES

**GAME NIGHT** The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council presents "Games People Play," an evening of art and recreation to benefit the organization's ongoing support of downtown artists and art groups. Guests are invited to a menu by Danny Meyer, and a choice of games, which includes Pictionary and mini-golf. A VIP cocktail reception precedes at 6 p.m. Tonight, 7 p.m., the Collection, 20 Pine St. at Nassau Street, 212-219-9401, \$250 and up. For more information, go to [lmc.ccl.net](http://lmc.ccl.net).

**ART PRESCRIPTION** The fifth annual Read Art Ball is a gala to benefit the nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to funding programs developing treatment, in part, by exposure to contemporary art. A silent auction features original works by artists Jim Hodges and Tom Friedman. Tonight, 7 p.m., Spinnaker Studios, 420-425 W. 35th St., between 34th and 42nd streets, 212-258-2242, \$250 and up. For more information, go to [www.readartball.com](http://www.readartball.com).



### OUT & ABOUT with A.L. GORDON



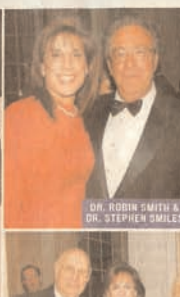
FREDERICK FRANK & ALICE JACOBS



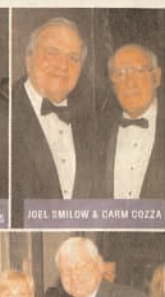
VANESSA TRUMP



PAVRITHA GOWDAR & RAOUL DUGGAL



DR. ROBIN SMITH & DR. STEPHEN SMILES



JOEL SMILOW & CARM DOZZA



DR. THOMAS ERRICO



DR. THIERRY MARKEY

#### NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases

The New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases helps keep New Yorkers on their feet. Doctors at the hospital, which was founded in 1965, replace joints, straighten spines, and conduct research and treatment on debilitating musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders. There wasn't a sore joint at the hospital's gala Monday. "How could I?" the chairwoman of the event, Dr. Robin Smith, said. But the air conditioning at the Waldorf-Astoria did leave many guests shivering, even in their fur stoles. Pavritha Gowdar and Raoul Duggal sought warmth at a fireplace, but the glowing embers were only for show. An honoree, the vice chairman of Lehman Bros. Inc., Frederick Frank, sat next to the chief executive and founder of Intelligent Medical Devices, Alice Jacobs. Mr. Frank is an adviser to the com-

pany, which develops rapid diagnostics for infectious diseases. "In the case of pandemic, with the tools today it would take a long time to figure it out," Mr. Frank said. "With the diagnostics Alice is working on, it will be much quicker. There will be no need to send samples off to labs. We'll have point-of-care diagnostics." Ms. Jacobs, who is graduating from Harvard Medical School in March, praised Mr. Frank's guidance. "Fred is one of the greatest living examples of enabling innovation," she said. The story of the recipient of the Humanitarian Award, Jim MacClaren, reminded guests of the limits of medical science compared with the indomitable human spirit. Mr. MacClaren has devoted himself to rehabilitation after two serious injuries. In his 20s, he was hit by a New York City tax-

icab and lost his left leg below the knee. He became a record-winning Ironman athlete and an actor. In his 30s, during a trilateral, a collision with a van left him a quadriplegic, but he has stubbornly pursued physical therapy and developed a one-man show. Because Mr. MacClaren could not attend the event, Mr. MacClaren's football coach at Yale, Carm Cozza, accepted the award on his behalf. The hospital made two announcements: The inventor of a spinal disc replacement system, honoree Dr. Thierry Markey, will be joining the faculty next year, and Donald Trump's daughter-in-law, Vanessa Trump, has plans to decorate a room at the Center for Children, NYU-purple tablecloths honored the hospital's merging with the New York University Medical Center in January. [nyuortho.nyu.edu](http://nyuortho.nyu.edu)



GORDON & NORMA SMITH with GAIL & DAVID RUDNICK



SUSAN & ALEC CHAPRO with DANNY SAMUELS



DR. PARTHA DESAI, KIRIT DESAI & MANALI SHAH



AUBREY DANIEL



DIANE WADE & RICHARD BERHAN

#### SOCIETY DESK

**BULLISH AT THE LIBRARY** Dinner at the New York Public Library's fall gala on Monday will be served in the historic reading room, at the very tables used by world-class scholars and writers, covered with moss green velvet tablecloths. The move upstairs from the Celeste Baros Forum is a sign of how much the party has caught on since event designer David Menn and library trustee Gayfryd Steinberg began planning it three years ago. "But it's not about a great party," Mr. Menn said. "It's about more and more people understanding and appreciating how much the library improves the everyday life of New Yorkers, and wanting to support that." The change in venue was necessary to accommodate an additional 200 guests, meaning 600 people will be dining in the reading room, including new co-chairmen Richard and Kathy Fuld and this year's Library Lion medal recipients, Oprah Winfrey, Elle Wiesel, and Nobel Prize winners Gao Xingjian, Ohmni Panik, and James Watson. The public can see the first touches of party decor when the reading room is open during its regularly scheduled hours on Sunday. —A.L. Gordon

**THE GIVING SEASON** "It doesn't matter where you come from," 11-year-old Florence "Flojo" Ngala said. "You can go wherever you want to, if only you work hard." A child of Nigerian immigrants, Miss Ngala receives figure skating lessons and mentoring from the nonprofit Figure Skating in Harlem, one of 10 local, youth-oriented charities featured in the latest Catalog for Giving of New York City. The nonprofit catalog, mailed to 5,000 New Yorkers and available for download at [www.catalogforgiving.org](http://www.catalogforgiving.org), helps connect potential donors to small nonprofits that are often overlooked. The pages contain photographs and narratives as well as a toll-free number to make a gift. "We're allowing these organizations to do what they do best," the catalog's executive director, Susan Wyant, said. Since expenses for producing the catalog are covered entirely by the board, 100% of donations go straight to the organizations. In addition to Figure Skating in Harlem, this season's catalog includes organizations like Added Value & Urban Solutions, which provides fresh produce to residents of Red Hook, Brooklyn; iMentor, which provides "e-mail mentors" to impoverished students; City Squash; Free Arts NYC; Global Action Project; Leave Out Violence USA; Urban Dove, and the Youth Advocacy Center. —Elisa Mah