

CHRISTODORA

125 YEARS

nature • learning • leadership

ONWARD



Thursday, September 29, 2022

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Loeb Boathouse, Central Park, New York City



Leading the way for 125 years, Christodora has helped young New Yorkers grow and thrive as they form deep connections with the natural world and each other.

Our early community based work has blossomed into our current network of “nature, learning, leadership” environmental science and youth development programs – in NYC classrooms, in city parks, and in wilderness settings.

Learn more at www.christodora.org.



Student Learning Stations: Visit Them All!

Nature: Christodora’s Ecosystem of Programs
& Elliman Scholar Experience: Hurricane Island Outward Bound

Learning: Spotted Lanternfly & Invasive Species Quiz

Leadership: Raccoon Circles as a Leadership Tool

Welcome Remarks

Sin Senh and George Davison, Gala Co-Chairs

Spirit of Christodora Award

*Introduction by Tatiana Pouschine, Christodora Board Chair
Honoree Judith F. Rivkin, Christodora Executive Director*

Christodora Alumni Circle

*Special Video/Introduction by Stephen Payne
Reflections on Christodora’s Impact: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*

Special Messages

Silent Auction Continues

*Until Friday, September 30 at 9 pm – place your “max bids”
and make your Fund-a-Need selections!*

Honoree



JUDITH F. RIVKIN **Spirit of Christodora Award Recipient**

Judith Rivkin joined Christodora as Executive Director in 2011. A native New Yorker, her love of nature was fostered by her access to the American Museum of Natural History and Central Park. Her passion for the outdoors was cemented when she

spent a college summer working in Yellowstone Park. She has carried the lesson of the transformative power of deep experiences in nature throughout her life. After many years, she was introduced to Christodora, and given the chance to help connect thousands of NYC students with these opportunities. From Day 1 as Executive Director, she has considered her role to be more than a job but a personal commitment to the mission and people of Christodora.

Judy's previous nonprofit leadership positions have included the Times Square Alliance and Friends of Governors Island as well as various strategic program planning assignments as an independent consultant. Her corporate career included 15 years at HBO. Judy holds a BA in History with a focus on city planning from Yale and an MBA in Finance and Marketing from Columbia.

Judy is grateful for the privilege of carrying on Christodora's traditions and also helping to forge new paths. Most importantly, she has treasured the time spent with all of Christodora's students, staff, teachers, board members, program partners, and alumni – with new opportunities to learn and explore, each and every day.

Alumni Circle

To launch the year-long celebration of our 125th anniversary, we reached out to Christodora alumni leaders and previous gala Alumni Honorees. They are at the core of our new Alumni Circle, which will re-engage our broad community of alumni in service to Christodora students past, present, and future.

Tonight's Alumni Circle members have participated in the full range of Christodora's programs over many years: city classrooms, class field trips and summer camp sessions at the Manice Education Center, field research at Great Mountain Forest, and Elliman Scholars at advanced programs around the country. Most have also served as Christodora staff members and mentors to younger students. We thank them for their ongoing commitment and leadership.

Alumni Circle

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Nathaly Agosto Filion

NJ Dept of Environmental Protection: Deputy Climate Resilience Officer; previously Chief Sustainability Officer of Newark, NJ.

Aaliyah Bell

Smith College School for Social work: Completing last year of degree work, supporting predominately Black undergraduate students while volunteering at Soul Fire Farm.

Kathleen Castillo

NYC District 7: Early Childhood Educator.

Adrian Castro

Wellesley College: Assistant Professor of Geosciences, researching the geologic history of NYC and New England.

Dieynabou Diallo

PowerSwitch Action: Climate justice organizer working with grassroots organizations around the nation fighting for climate policy that centers racial justice.

Yarniece Hamlett

Excellence Community Schools: Science & Math Teacher; trainer for effective use of technology in classrooms.

David Hidalgo

Walgreens Pharmacy: Operations Manager.

Robert Michelin

Gotham Professional Arts Academy (Brooklyn): Head of School and Teacher. Christodora Board member.

Stephen Payne

Security firm supervisor; current New Youth Conservationists staff.

Madison Payton

Eagle Academy For Young Men Network: Network instructional coach.

Celines Pinto

Neighborhood Charter Schools (Bronx and Harlem): Math Coordinator, writing curriculum and observing lessons.

Xatziri Ponce

Manager of family baking business, Alexamoto, Inc.: recent Christodora outdoor educator staff.

Sin Senh

Roux Associates Inc: CEO; Hydrogeologist working in the field of environmental consulting. Christodora Board member.

Renel Saint Jour

Bee University: Nonprofit Co-founder and Director of Operations; previously at City Growers.

Alyssa Strykers

Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School: Director of Academic Intervention Services; dedicated to working in education with mission for equity.

Tenzin Wangmo

Human Rights Watch: General Counsel's Office; planning career in public interest law.

Christodora Campfire

Gala and Silent Auction

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125 Years of Milestones

1897–1898

FOUNDING

Young Women's Settlement founded; renamed Christodora ("Gift of Love") in 1898 with enlarged scope, at 147 Ave B. Provided nonsectarian support for immigrant families through vocational training, community gathering, art and music schools; hosted George Gershwin's first public recital in 1914.

1908

CAMPING BEGINS

Camp Northover, in New Jersey, opened as a summer refuge for outdoor recreation and healthy living. Harry Hopkins joined as a young camp counselor and then lived and worked at the Settlement on Ave B; informed his later work as architect of the New Deal.

1927–1948

CHRISTODORA HOUSE

Expanded programs at new, 16-story Christodora House on Tompkins Square. Pioneered model in which residents shared their skills with the community. The Poets' Guild, including Robert Frost, published the Unbound Anthology to make poetry accessible to all.

1948–

FOCUS ON NATURE

Board refocused mission on nature-based programs, while providing community services with NYC partners including Riis Houses. In the 1970's, launched backwoods excursion and ecology education programs in Harriman State Park and the Adirondacks, and in NYC at the American Museum of Natural History.

1981–

MANICE EDUCATION CENTER

New wilderness camp program in the Berkshires replaced Camp Northover, to enhance opportunities for developing outdoor and leadership skills. Summer sessions and school-year field trips serve almost 1,000 NYC students per year. Students return year after year and develop into staff members and role models.

1980s–

CLASSROOMS and AFTERSCHOOL in NYC

Christodora educators bring hands-on ecology into public school classrooms, sparking students' interest in science and nature. Students can stay involved throughout the year by participating in weekend stewardship and field ecology programs in city parks and beyond.



125th Anniversary Events

Stay tuned for a year of fun with 125th anniversary and alumni events!
...including historic presentations, family and friend picnics, and more!

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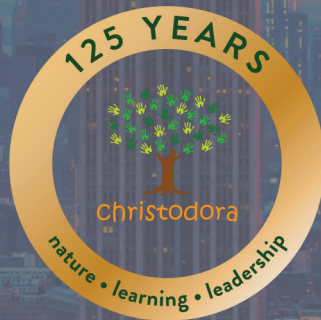
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- George

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*by Cemental Grayson, student,
August 1989*

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Brown trees.

Also, the greatest counselors ever.

Slugs, and Bugs and Spiders accompanied
by rats, and rabbits and birds and any
others I may have forgotten.

These things will stay in my heart.

Not just in my memories of the past but
carried along always. A love like mine
will forever last. What a spell over me
Manice has cast.

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