

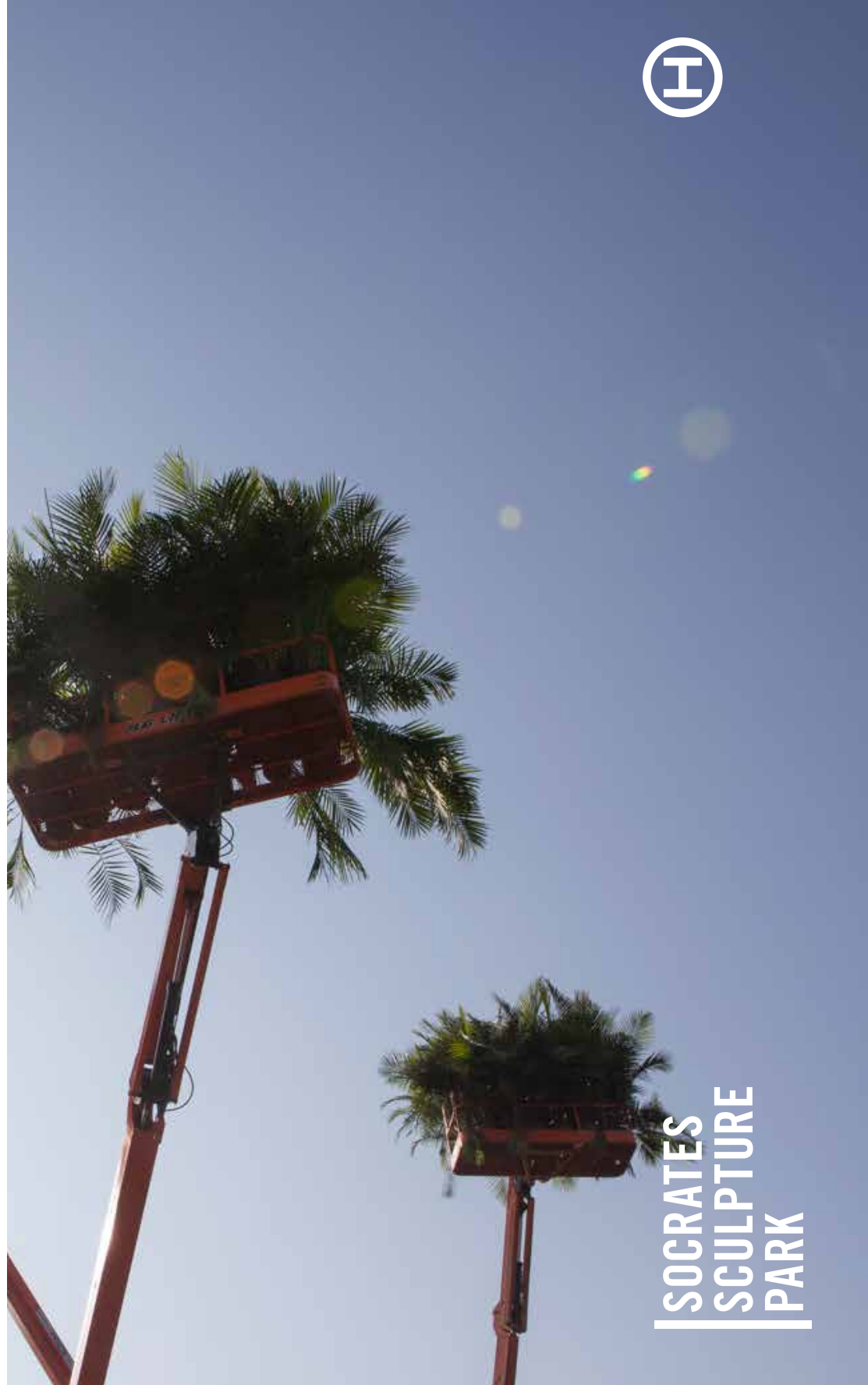
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HONORING
**Patricia E. Harris
& Christo**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014
6:30–9:30PM**

Sunset cocktails, live music, asian cuisine, and boat rides at Mark di Suvero's waterfront studio in Long Island City

FESTIVE ATTIRE

PROGRAM

6:30pm Cocktails
7:00pm Welcome Remarks
8:30pm Honoree Tributes
9:30pm Exhibition Tour

Benefit sale of a new edition, *Elephant Lamp* by Jeffry Mitchell

Boat rides every half hour, courtesy of Veso Buntic

Hors d'oeuvres, sushi, and dinner buffet prepared by Executive Chef Kert Eggers of RCanoe Events

Libations provided by Van Brunt Stillhouse and Rockaway Brewing Company

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LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

**Mark di Suvero's Studio
Spacetime C.C.
30-40 Vernon Boulevard**
(between 30th Road & 30th Drive)
Long Island City, Queens, New York

Complimentary parking available

Complimentary shuttle service available from and returning to midtown Manhattan:

**Lever House
390 Park Avenue at 54th Street**
(southwest corner)

For additional information or to reserve a seat on the shuttle contact
gala@socratessculpturepark.org

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PATRICIA E. HARRIS

Patricia E. Harris is the CEO of Bloomberg Philanthropies, a data-driven foundation that encompasses all of founder Michael R. Bloomberg's charitable giving. As CEO, Harris works across five program areas – arts, education, environment, government innovation, and public health – to help ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. Previously, Harris served as the First Deputy Mayor of the City of New York. Under her leadership, the Bloomberg Administration was a champion of arts and culture. She incorporated the arts into the City's economic development plan, instituted a quality-based standard for municipal design, and brought groundbreaking public art exhibitions to New York City. Harris began her career in public service with Mayor Edward I. Koch, serving first as Assistant to the Mayor, and then rising to Executive Director of the City's Art Commission (now the Public Design Commission).

CHRISTO

Over the last five decades, Christo has created some of the most spectacular large-scale artworks in the public realm, transforming buildings, bridges, rivers, and entire landscapes with his evocative creations. Working with his wife and creative partner, Jeanne-Claude, his works have included wrapping the Reichstag building in Berlin (1995) and the Pont Neuf bridge in Paris (1985), and installing a 24 1/2 mile fabric fence across Northern California (1976). Here in New York City, he is widely known for *The Gates*, traversing 23 miles of Central Park with 7,503 saffron archways (2005). He is world renowned as one of the most influential and inspiring artists of his generation.

SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION

Jeffry Mitchell
Elephant Lamp, 2014
Glazed earthenware ceramic, socket, light bulb, and electrical wire

Commissioned by Socrates Sculpture Park for the 2014 Benefit Gala
Courtesy of the Artist and Ambach & Rice, Los Angeles, California

Jeffry Mitchell, Socrates alumni and west coast artist, is known for his deeply beautiful yet subtly subversive ceramic sculptures, drawings, and installations. As recently described by the *Los Angeles Times*, his work "...complicates and challenges in its mix of the cute and the carnal, its conflation of the human and humane." (July 2014) For this year's gala, Mitchell has created a special ceramic edition entitled *Elephant Lamp*. Each unique sculpture is a delightful portrait of blind wisdom, desire, and vulnerability.

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