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DONALD ROLAND, M.D., FACS

BOARD-CERTIFIED PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGEON

CHAIRPERSON OF DOWNTOWN MAGAZINE'S ADVISORY BOARD

As 2011 comes to a close, it's easy to look back with fond memories here at DOWNTOWNNYC Magazine at what we experienced as a member of the Downtown community and as a publication. Downtowners watched skyscrapers rise into the clouds again this year, and our magazine completed its first full calendar year of quarterly printing. Going forward, I'm excited to wish our community—and DOWNTOWNNYC Magazine—continues to grow and flourish. Happy New Year Downtown, you deserve it!

DREW ALEXANDER

HEADMASTER, LEMAN MANHATTAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Regardless of whether you call the New Year many miles or two thousand miles, it has a magical sound. I look forward to that magic accompanying the year's events, especially in the continued growth of community spirit and optimism in Downtown. As an educator, I look forward to advocating for all students in all schools, as they may benefit from the life experiences that accompany a well-rounded, student-centered education.

MELISSA ANDREEV

PRESIDENT OF THE FIDI ASSOCIATION AND MANAGER AT LA MAISON DU CHOCOLATE, WALL STREET

The Downtown area is developing at such a fast pace, I am very excited to see what 2012 has in store for us. There is one place in particular that I am really looking forward to and will be frequenting quite often. My friend, local resident and Top Chef All Star competitor Stephen Argento will be launching the prototype for his new wine-centric trattoria concept named PocoVinoVino (PVV) at 31 Wall Street. It will feature upscale-grilled Roman-style pizzas and exceptional value-driven wines from around the world. If I am not at my work, you'll know where to find me!

ERIC BONNETAIN

GENERAL MANAGER, CIPRIANI WALL STREET

Living in the Financial District for more than four years and as a strong supporter, I would like to see an increase in diverse businesses that would bring more foot traffic at night. This is the missing part of our growing neighborhood, but it's getting better every day.

**CHRISTO****INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HAIRSTYLIST**

I am looking forward to the New Year bringing new inspiration to Downtown! I hope to see additional designers opening stores and having their shows Downtown to attract more people who will fall in love with the energy of the community. As a hair designer who has been doing fashion shows for over 10 years in New York City, I will work to make this happen.

**AARON DWORKIN****FOUNDER OF THE SPHINX ORGANIZATION AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

This year marks the 15th anniversary celebration of the Sphinx Organization's programming (spix.org). One of the highlights was the Carnegie Hall performances on October 12, featuring the Sphinx Virtuosi and Catalyst Quartet as part of their national tour. I'm looking forward to following the acclaimed New York-based Catalyst Quartet, a premier Sphinx ensemble (catalystquartet.org), as they appear in venues throughout New York and elsewhere. The organization is working to change the face of classical music by advocating for diversity, access and equity in the arts.

**ALBERT M. LEFKOVITS, M.D., PC****ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY AT MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Let us all hope that 2012 will see an end to terrorist attacks, which have changed our lifespans so much. Domestically, it would be fabulous if the president and Congress put aside their political differences and came to agreement on economy, creating an improved employment atmosphere. Medically, we can expect continuation of research in many fields, especially in the treatment of cancer and neurodegenerative disease.

**JULIE MEENAN****CHAIRPERSON OF COMMUNITY BOARD 1, SERVING LOWER MANHATTAN**

On a personal note, I am most looking forward to watching my three boys grow and thrive and learn. I look forward to playing with them at Pier 25, watching their games at Dominican Soccer and walking up on Sunday mornings and reading with them. On the community front, I am looking forward to the opening of the Battery Park City community center, starting construction on the Puck Slip School, continuing work on the redevelopment of the East River waterfront and working to build more affordable housing for our neighborhood.

**JEFFREY MENICES****PRESIDENT AND CEO, DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL**

On September 10th, I had the honor and privilege of "joining hands" with many Downtown residents, community leaders and hospital colleagues in an embrace of our Lower Manhattan community. In the coming year, I look forward to the continued healing of memories and our hospital's continued provision of high-quality medical services to meet the health-care needs of our rapidly growing community.

**DREW NIEPORENT****CHAIRPERSON OF THE MYRIAD RESTAURANT GROUP**

I am looking forward to seeing the transformation of my beloved Madison Square Garden, home of the New York Rangers, New York Knicks and home to many concerts and shows.

**LIORA ROSASHANCA****PRINCIPAL AND FOUNDER OF ROSASHANCA & ASSOCIATES, PLLC**

According to Ben Franklin: "Be at war with your vices, in peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man." I will accept this as axiomatic, but with the humble knowledge that some vices are good virtues, neighbors tend to move from time to time and most women have a monopoly on finding faults. Franklin also had an affinity for French wines.

**JEFF SIMMONS****VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS, DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE**

Lower Manhattan will continue to show globally with enhanced programs at the World Trade Center site and the addition of a diverse group of new restaurants, retailers and amenities that will improve everything from transportation services to our cultural offerings. Personally, I am also excited about the 2012 River to River Festival, which should continue to showcase the best in music, art and culture in less than one square mile.

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