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DISRUPT THROUGH ART

Gala

A LOVE LETTER TO NEW YORK CITY “22 NEIGHBORHOODS, ONE SHARED STORY”

2026 Sponsorship Kit



Building The City We Deserve
through art, youth, and civic action.

Not the city we inherited,
but the city we build.

New York City has always been built by people bold enough to imagine what does not yet exist.

Artists. Educators. Families. Organizers. Entrepreneurs. Young People.

At Dorill Initiative, we believe the future of our city depends on whether the Next Generation of DoERs has the resources to develop the artistry, imagination, critical consciousness, relationships, and civic agency to shape it.

On **October 29, 2026**, we invite *YOU* to invest in that future.

The Disrupt Through Art Gala: A Love Letter to New York City "22 Neighborhoods, One Shared Story" brings together leaders across business, philanthropy, arts and culture, education, government, and community for an evening celebrating the people and possibilities that make New York City extraordinary.

It is an investment in the city we are choosing to build together.

A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & CEO, *TAREAKE DORILL RAMOS*



When I founded the Dorill Initiative in 2018, I wasn't simply creating another arts organization. I was responding to a question that has stayed with me my entire life:

What becomes possible when every young person has the opportunity to imagine, create, belong, and lead?

Eight years later, I've watched hundreds of Young Citizen Artists answer that question. They have developed their artistry, discovered new dimensions of themselves, challenged inequity, built meaningful relationships, and used their creativity to imagine what their communities - and our city - could become.

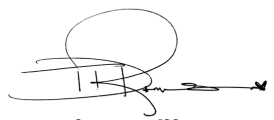
It requires artists and educators. It requires trusted adults, brave and safe spaces, materials, meals, experiences, and an institution capable of showing up consistently for young people and families. And as the cost of living, working, and creating in New York City continues to rise, sustaining that infrastructure requires people willing to invest alongside us.

That is why your partnership matters to Dorill.

This year's theme, represents the future we are working toward - a Dorill presence reaching At-Promise Youth and Families across 22 neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs and connecting those communities through art, storytelling, and civic action.

Whether you invest \$2,500 or stand alongside us as our \$100,000 Presenting Sponsor, you are doing more than sponsoring one evening.

You are building what comes next.



Tareake Dorill Ramos
Founder & CEO
Dorill Initiative

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR EMCEE, *MALIK YOBA*

New York has always belonged to people bold enough to imagine what could come next.

Our artists give this city its voice. Our neighborhoods give it its character. And our young people will determine what kind of city it becomes.

That's why I'm proud to serve as a Trustee of Dorill Initiative and as Emcee of the 2026 Disrupt Through Art Gala.

I've seen what Dorill is building.

This is an organization that understands that investing in young people means investing in more than programs. It means investing in the artists, educators, relationships, experiences, and creative spaces that allow young people to develop their craft, discover who they are, tell their stories, and recognize their ability to shape the world around them.



And that work needs partners. *I'm inviting you to become one of them.*

When your company or organization sponsors Disrupt Through Art, you're not simply putting your name behind an event. You're putting your name behind a vision for New York City - one where young people across our neighborhoods have meaningful opportunities to create, lead, belong, and contribute to the future of this city.

I hope you'll join us - not simply as a guest, but as a partner.

Sponsor a table. Bring your colleagues. Introduce Dorill to your network. Invest in this work. And come experience what we're building together.

Malik Yoba 
Trustee, Dorill Initiative
2026 Emcee

ABOUT THE GALA

**DATE:**

Thursday, October 29, 2026

LOCATION:

The Rooftop at Manny Cantor Center
197 East Broadway,
New York, NY 10002

ATTENDANCE:

150+ Guests

EVENING EXPERIENCE:

Cocktail Reception
Dinner & Program
Live Performances
After Party

*Art is not an
extracurricular
luxury. Creativity
is not reserved
for those who
can afford to
access it. And
young people
should not have
to leave their
neighborhoods
to encounter
creative
opportunities.*

OUR HONOREES



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*TONY and ACADEMY-
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WHY DOES DORILL MATTER?



OUR VISION

We envision a New York City where every young person, regardless of zip code, has access to transformative arts experiences, trusted mentors, and opportunities to lead.

OUR MISSION

Dorill Initiative is a grassroots civic arts institution cultivating At-Promise Youth and Families through rigorous arts education, intentional self-awareness, academic inquiry, and civic action.

THE VISION

22 NEIGHBORHOODS, ONE SHARED STORY

From every corner of the five boroughs, 22 neighborhoods come together through art to share our stories, amplify our voices, and shape a better future - together.



22
Neighborhoods



1
Shared Story



1
Stronger City



1
Collective Future

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



800+

Families & Young
Citizen Artists Served



7

NYC Public Schools
Partnered



6

Leaders of
Color



22

Neighborhoods
by 2030



2k+

Hours Of
Instruction



8+

Years of
Programming

WHY SPONSOR?



CORPORATE PARTNERS RECIEVE:

- ✓ High-Visibility Brand Recognition
- ✓ VIP Hospitality for Employees, Clients, and Leaders
- ✓ Employee and Community Engagement Opportunities
- ✓ Recognition Before an Audience of Stakeholders
- ✓ Opportunities to Engage with Young Citizen Artists
- ✓ Demonstrated Investment in Arts Education, Youth and Families, Creative Equity, and Neighborhood Vitality

“ Your investment drives real impact and lasting change across New York City's 22 neighborhoods.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Neighborhood Sponsor

\$2,500



Community Sponsor

\$5,000



Borough Sponsor

\$10,000



City Sponsor

\$25,000



Movement Sponsor

\$50,000



Presenting Sponsor

\$100,000

SPONSOR BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

BENEFITS	Neighborhood \$2,500	Community \$5,000	Borough \$10,000	City \$25,000	Movement \$50,000	Presenting \$100,000
Brand Visibility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Engagement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employee Volunteer Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Youth Engagement Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Demonstrated Social Impact	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Event Recognition			✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP Access			✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition Level	4 premier seats + Social Media Thank You	6 premier seats + Logo On Website + Screen At Event	1 VIP table (8 seats) + Featured in Press + Event Materials	1 VIP table (8 seats) + Program Recognition	2 VIP tables (16 seats) + Stage Remarks	4 VIP tables (24 seats) + Logo Everywhere

WHAT YOUR SUPPORTING



ARTS EDUCATION

High-quality arts programs that uplift youth to discover and develop their creative voice.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Leadership development and civic engagement opportunities that prepare youth to lead.



COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Investing in neighborhood-led initiatives that spark pride, belonging, and lasting change.



EQUITY & ACCESS

Removing barriers and creating access to arts and opportunities for all young people.



Your partnership helps young people thrive and build stronger, more vibrant communities for all

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BECOME PART OF THE REVOLUTION

*Not the city we inherited,
but the city we build.*

Join us in disrupting inequity and reimagining what is possible through art. Together, we can build The City We Deserve where every young person has the freedom to create, lead, and belong.



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