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Craig Peterson Named Director of the ABRONS ARTS CENTER



Meet Craig Peterson, the new Artistic Director and Deputy Program Officer for Henry Street's Abrons Arts Center/Visual and Performing Arts division. Craig, who has worked in the arts for 25 years, joined the Settlement in September.

Most recently, Craig was Director of Programs and Presentation at Gibney Dance in New York, where he built an array of arts programs and helped facilitate the creation of nearly 100 new works that have been presented on stages across the city. He previously was Director of the Philly Fringe Festival and the Live Arts Brewery, and spent ten years at Dance Theater Workshop, rising from Director of Artist Services to Co-Artistic Director and Senior Producer.

"We're thrilled to bring Craig's leadership and talent to Henry Street to help write the next incredible chapter for the Abrons and the constellation of artists, audiences and community stakeholders that engage in our work," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street. "Our future in the arts deserves to be as rich and exciting as our past and we're confident Craig can contribute to our efforts to make that happen."

"The Settlement has a long history of making art and artists a central component of its valuable work in communities," said Craig. "I am thrilled to be part of this organization's incredible legacy of social change."

Craig, a native of New Hampshire, received a bachelor's degree in theater/choreography and psychology from Bard College. He is a member of the Bessies Committee and a board member of the Alliance of Artist Communities and Big Dance Theatre.

He lives in Brooklyn with his husband and their two daughters.

HENRY STREET'S Youngest Clients

Henry Street opens doors of opportunity for New Yorkers, even for those who can only crawl or toddle through the door! Four of our programs offer services for the youngest generation – ages 0 to 5.



Education

The Early Childhood Center offers a challenging, nurturing and inventive curriculum for children ages two to four years old. The Center's environment is designed to support the natural curiosity and creativity of children, and teachers provide age appropriate support for social-emotional, physical, cognitive and language development. Universal Pre-Kindergarten for four-year-olds is also offered. The Center is ACS Early Learn funded. For information, please call 212.253.1595.

Performing and Visual Arts

The Abrons Arts Center has foundation classes in visual arts, music and dance for three and four year olds. These classes give young children — and in some cases, their parents! — a chance to learn and play in areas such as sculpture, percussion and movement. Five-year-olds can study ballet and "more advanced" music and visual art. In addition, family-friendly performances are offered throughout the year. For information, call 212.598.0400.



Parent Center

The Parent Center offers a variety of programs for family members and caregivers, including Toddler Tuesdays, for parents/caregivers and their children; Parenting Journey, a 12-week class; the Ackerman Institute for the Family's Bright Beginnings group for expectant mothers and those with babies; six-week parenting groups for parents of children and teens; and other one-time workshops. Some groups are offered in Spanish and Mandarin. For information, call 212.962.0834.



Transitional & Supportive Housing

For families with young children living in the Settlement shelters, Henry Street provides parenting classes and drop-in childcare. Staff members also connect families to full-time day care so that parents can work and/or attend school or job training programs.

HENRY STREET happenings

Henry Street Settlement opens doors of opportunity for Lower East Side residents and all New Yorkers through innovative social service, arts and health care programs. Here's a snapshot of some latest news:



People of all ages enjoyed the array of activities at the Community Advisory Board's Community Day in July.



SUMMER in the CITY

Music, games, dancing and more filled Sol Lain Playground on July 30, 2016 as Henry Street's Community Advisory Board (CAB) hosted a day of summer fun for Lower East Siders. People of all ages enjoyed free food, Bingo, yoga classes, raffles and learning more about Henry Street's programs.

"We are thrilled with the great event hosted by our CAB and our staff," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street. "The CAB ensures that the Settlement maintains 'an ear to the ground,' and is connected to the neighborhood."

Launched in 2015, the CAB reflects the agency's commitment to community engagement and resident-driven advocacy work. Its members include Lower East Side residents and Henry Street clients of diverse backgrounds, ages, and ethnicities.

A NEW LOOK for henrystreet.org & abronsartscenter.org

When you've logged online recently, you may have noticed something a little different! Henry Street Settlement and Abrons Arts Center's websites have been relaunched with modern, clean and accessible designs.

Both sites are now mobile-friendly—important, considering nearly one third of the agency's web traffic comes from phones or tablets.

Additional features include capabilities for contacting staff directly, as well as peer-to-peer fundraising. Supporters can easily fundraise on behalf of Henry Street or the Abrons for birthdays, wedding registries, or any occasion at all.

SYEP: A Summer of SUCCESS

Henry Street Settlement — one of the city's oldest and largest partners of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) — was the site of a press conference in July 2016, called by Mayor Bill de Blasio to celebrate the record-breaking SYEP summer. He was joined by NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Bill Chong, U.S. Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, as well as NYC Council Members Margaret Chin, Julissa Ferreras-Copeland and Mathieu Eugene.

Henry Street SYEP participant Kenneth Rivera told the crowd that the program gave him skills and work experience he needs for his future. "Being part of SYEP has changed me for the better," he said. Fellow participant Frankie Mayoral said, "Knowing that I don't have to become another statistic takes a lot of weight off my shoulders."

SYEP partners like Henry Street place youth between the ages of 14 and 24 in six weeks of summer employment and provide workshops on finances, health, college and careers, and work readiness skills. Henry Street Settlement has been involved since the program's inception in the 1960s. The New York City SYEP remains the largest summer youth employment initiative in the country. Some 60,000 youth were employed through the program this summer.



▲ Mayor Bill de Blasio — flanked by elected officials, Henry Street Executive Director David Garza and Henry Street SYEP participants — speaks during the press conference at the Settlement.

Lillian Wald Symposium: Can We END HOMELESSNESS?

On a balmy night in May, Henry Street's historic dining room was filled to capacity for the Settlement's first annual Lillian Wald Symposium entitled "Can We End Homelessness?"

Panelists included Steven Banks, Commissioner, New York City Department of Social Services; NYC Council Member Stephen Levin, Chair of the General Welfare Committee; Christine Quinn, President and CEO of Women in Need; and Ethan Sribnick, Ph.D., an author and historian specializing in poverty. The final answer count after a passionate discussion about the symposium's question was three for yes and one for no.

The social justice spirit of Lillian Wald was present during the evening, with Henry Street Executive Director explaining, "We are here today because of our founder Lillian Wald's vision and ability to impact lives — a legacy that we carry out every day. She wrote '...it seems that certain conditions were allowed because people did not know...that, if people knew things, such

horrors would cease to exist.' The horror we want to cease to exist is homelessness."



◀ Symposium speakers from left are Stephen Levin, Ethan Sribnick, Steven Banks, David Garza and Christine Quinn.



AD 65 CANDIDATES Forum Packs the Playhouse

The six candidates vying for former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's seat in Assembly District 65 squared off on August 23, 2016, at a forum held at the Abrons Arts Center. It was standing-room-only as the candidates answered questions from moderator N.J. Burkett, WABC-TV correspondent, as well as those posed by local residents including two Henry Street youth clients.

The forum was sponsored by Henry Street, the Women's Political Caucus-NYC and WABC-TV, which live streamed the event on its website.

The candidates — Alice Cancel, Don Lee, Gigi Li, Paul Newell, Yuh-Line Niou and Jenifer Rajkumar — agreed that the most pressing issue in the district is the need for affordable housing. Other issues discussed were small business survival, gentrification and police-community relations.

When Burkett asked the question of the night: "What is Sheldon Silver's legacy and how would your tenure differ?" all candidates, not surprisingly, vowed to fight corruption in Albany. Silver was convicted last year on federal corruption laws.

"Henry Street was thrilled to host this forum; the Settlement has a venerable history of participation in the political process and this election is very important to the Lower East Side," said David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street Settlement, who welcomed audience members, as did Lolita Ferrin, Political Director of the Women's Political Caucus-NYC.

Panelists on stage who posed questions were Alyssa de la Cruz and Gabriella Marrero, both Henry Street College Success program participants, and Lower East Side residents Christina Zang and Marc Richardson.

Henry Street's "RISING STAR"

Kelly Lennon-Martucci, LCSW, Director of School Based Mental Health Clinics at Henry Street Settlement, was named a "40 Under 40 New York Nonprofit Rising Star" in July by NewYorkNonprofit Media.

Kelly, who joined Henry Street in 2012, successfully turned around three failing school based mental health clinics that the Settlement had taken over from another agency. Today, she oversees mental health clinics in nine public schools. Kelly and her staff of four social workers, and numerous social work interns, have helped more than 170 children and families through more than 3,700 sessions just in the past year.



A NEW APP For Senior Health

Henry Street's Senior Services division is piloting a unique new smartphone application to improve access to social services and health care for seniors living in the Settlement's Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in the Vladeck Houses.

Henry Street and AgeWell Global, the app's developer, were one of 11 provider/innovator pairs to be awarded a grant from the Digital Health Marketplace to pilot the innovative health care technology in New York.

Seniors (called AgeWells), who are trained to use the app, visit their clients — some 30 Vladeck NORC seniors. During home visits, AgeWells conduct smartphone-based health screening that can trigger referrals to NORC case managers and other health care providers, as well as provide companionship to their senior clients.

The goal is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by reducing preventable hospital visits, ultimately lowering medical costs, and increasing the use of preventive health care among seniors.



▲ A group of newly trained AgeWells with their diplomas. They make home visits to seniors to conduct health screenings using the new app.



Join FRIENDS with BENEFITS!

Are you passionate about ending poverty in New York? Want to do it in style with exclusive invites to The Art Show and other events? Do you want to become a part of an historic organization with an amazing legacy of service?

If so, Friends with Benefits is meant for you. It's a leadership group made up of young people who are passionate about ending poverty in NYC.

Starting at just \$1 a day, you can make a real difference and help Henry Street provide vital social services, health care and arts programs to 60,000 New Yorkers a year. Benefits include Young Collector tickets to The Art Show Gala Preview, the FwB Annual Cocktail Party, special invitations to Abrons Arts Center events and volunteer activities with Henry Street clients.

Buy a Brick. BUILD A FUTURE.

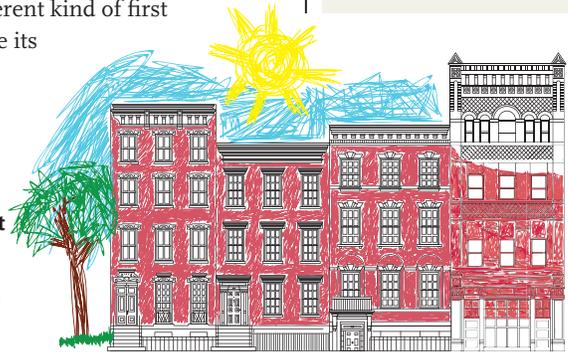
Name a brick in a 133-year-old firehouse and leave a lasting impact on the future of our city.

Henry Street is purchasing the vacant firehouse next door to our headquarters to transform it into a new "front door" that New Yorkers in need can open to access our Neighborhood Resource Center and our Parent Center among other resources.

We're nearly ready to break ground, but we need your help raising the last round of funds to renovate the building. Starting with a donation of \$500, you can become a part of the brick and mortar of the building with a personalized brick inside the firehouse.

The fire station had been a first responder in our neighborhood for 133 years — help us transform it into a different kind of first responder and continue its legacy of service.

For information about buying a brick or joining Friends with Benefits, please contact Ellen Schneiderman at 212.766.9200 x260 or write eschneiderman@henrystreet.org.



2017 ART SHOW

The Art Show, one of the foremost art fairs in the nation, will be held March 1-5, 2017, at the Park Avenue Armory. The Gala Preview is February 28.

Established in 1989 to benefit Henry Street Settlement, the show — the nation's longest running fine art fair — is organized by the Art Dealers Association of America and features thoughtfully curated solo, two-person and thematic exhibitions by 72 of the nation's leading art dealers.

For more information, please call 212.766.9200 x247 or visit henrystreet.org/artshow.

Like What We Do? SUPPORT OUR WORK!

Henry Street Settlement relies on the generous support of individuals to help us provide vital social service, arts and health care programs to 60,000 individuals each year. When you support the Settlement, you can be confident your money goes where it is most needed: 86 cents of every dollar donated goes directly towards helping our clients.



GIVE A GIFT: Your donation to our general operating fund, to support a specific program, to honor an individual or life event, can make a difference today. Ask about our planned giving program to create a lasting legacy.

ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT: The Art Show and other events allow you to enjoy arts, social and cultural events while directly supporting our programs.

VOLUNTEER: Donate your time and expertise (help job seekers prepare resumes, paint a day care classroom, etc.) to have meaningful impact on Henry Street's programs, clients and facilities.

DONATE GOODS AND SERVICES: Your donation of items (bicycles, art supplies, toys, books and office furniture) or services (photography, printing, etc.) allows us to better meet our clients' needs.

For more information on ways to support Henry Street, please contact the Development and External Relations Department at 212.766.9200 or visit henrystreet.org/donate.

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