



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to join the High School of Art and Design in welcoming everyone to its Alumni Show 2017.

The arts have the power to transform our lives, helping us develop our minds and inspiring us to interact with the world in new ways. All New Yorkers deserve the opportunity to be part of the creative energy that defines our city, and through CreateNYC – our city’s first comprehensive roadmap to lifting up arts and culture across the five boroughs – we are working to ensure that every resident, in every neighborhood has the same access to cultural opportunities and programming. The High School of Art and Design has been a leader in this mission since 1936, providing outstanding arts education to New York City students. Its alumni, many of whom are being featured at this year’s exhibition, attest to the exemplary education it provides, and its innovative curriculum continues to prepare students for success in undergraduate study and a host of career paths. I am proud to join in applauding this institution for its efforts to empower the next generation of artists to rise.

On behalf of the City of New York, I offer my best wishes for a wonderful exhibition and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor