EVENING PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Nataly Aukar

7 pm COCKTAILS

8 Pm DINNER

8:10 pm Welcoming Note
George Bitar, SEAL President
Norma Haddad, SEAL Executive Director

9:00 pm Nataly Aukar Comedy

9:15 pm Live Auction
SEAL Green Fund, Jennifer Wright, Christie's

9:30 pm SEAL 2019 Award Recipient
Lea Baroudi

9:45 pm Entertainment
Bouchra Hachem

NATALY AUKAR Master of Ceremonies
Nataly Aukar is a Lebanese born and raised stand-up comic based in New York City. She has been featured in TimeOutNY, has opened for Nimesh Patel (Saturday Night Live) and also featured for world-famous comedian Gad El Maleh as part of his World Tour in DC, Canada and the UAE. Nataly has most recently been opening for Mo Amer (Netflix, Fallon, Colbert) on his current tour. For more information: natalyaukar.com.

JENNIFER WRIGHT Auctioneer
Jennifer Wright is a Vice President in the Chairman’s Office at Christie’s, New York. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Georgetown University, a Master’s degree in Fine and Decorative Arts from Sotheby’s Institute, and a Master of Arts degree from New York University’s Institute of Fine Arts. In addition to many museum committee memberships, she is a member of the Georgetown College Board of Advisors, and the founder and chair of the patron group for the Georgetown de la Cruz Art Gallery.

BOUCHRA HACHEM Music Producer and Singer
Lebanese singer and producer Bouchra Hachem was born into a musical and artistic family who nurtured her love for the arts and music. In 2012, Bouchra joined Ziad Rahbani’s musical team. In 2014, she earned a Bachelor degree in Audio from SAE Institute in Sydney, Australia with a specialization in Music Production. She writes, records, engineers and produces her own music under the name “NAMASH”. Bouchra recently moved to New York where she sings world Jazz and performs with multiple choirs.

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SEAL is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, non-political organization founded in 1997 in New York City to take action against the social and economic problems facing post-war Lebanon. SEAL invests in underserved Lebanese communities irrespective of background, religion or political affiliations. It strives to support economic opportunities that bring social benefits while protecting the environment.
Lea Baroudi is a Lebanese citizen working to foster cultural and religious pluralism through peace-building activities that focus on art, culture and human rights. She is a founding Member and Director of MARCH, a Lebanese non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen civil rights, engender tolerance, foster diversity and social stability, and promote equality in Lebanon. Under her leadership, MARCH lobbied for laws to lift censorship and mobilized public support for freedom of expression. A certified professional mediator, Ms. Baroudi specializes in inter-faith and sectarian mediation and has initiated and worked actively on peace-building projects that use art, culture and economic development to resolve conflict and counter radicalization among youth in Lebanon.

In 2016, she was granted the Reagan-Fascell Fellowship at the National Endowment for Democracy during which she researched ways to develop unconventional methods in peace building and conflict resolution. She was recently awarded an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen for services to peace building and civic rights in Lebanon.
In response to the environmental and economic disaster Lebanon is currently facing, SEAL is excited to announce the launch of The Green Fund that will focus on helping communities tackle the ecological crisis by shifting to clean energy and environmental technologies.

Pollution is rampant, wildfires breaking out, burned and dumped trash is spoiling nature and contaminating water.

Tonight help us break the cycle and get Lebanon on track toward a more sustainable future!
SPECIAL THANKS FOR HIS PRESENCE
Honorable Majdi Ramadan
Consul General of Lebanon in New York

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