

22nd Annual
Iris Foundation
Awards
Luncheon



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22nd Annual Iris Foundation Awards Luncheon

*Celebrating Outstanding
Contributions to the Decorative Arts*

Honoring

John C. Waddell

Dr. Aileen Ribeiro

Dr. Jason Sun

Benoist F. Drut

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Noon until Two-Thirty

Colony Club

564 Park Avenue

New York City

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018



The Iris Foundation Awards were created in 1997 to recognize scholars, patrons, and professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the study and appreciation of the decorative arts and thereby help to sustain the cultural heritage of our world. The Awards are named for Bard Graduate Center Founder and Director Susan Weber's mother, Iris Weber. Proceeds from the Iris Foundation Awards Luncheon fund graduate student scholarships and fellowships.

Since its founding in 1993, Bard Graduate Center has become the leading institute for the study of decorative arts, design history, and material culture through graduate training, exhibitions, and research. A member of the Association of Research Institutes in Art History (ARIAH), Bard Graduate Center is an academic unit of Bard College.

2018 Iris Foundation Award Recipients



John C. Waddell
Outstanding Patron

For the past forty years, John C. Waddell has formed collections exploring the advent of modernism. In 1989 his collection of early modernist photographs was donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and exhibited as *The New Vision: Photography Between the World Wars*. His first collection of modern design and decorative arts, donated to the Met in 2000, was exhibited as *American Modern, 1925–1940: Design for a New Age*. In 2011, he donated a second design collection, focusing on the earliest examples of American modern design and decorative arts, to the Yale University Art Gallery. It is featured in Yale's catalogue *A Modern World: American Design from the Yale University Art Gallery, 1920–1950*. Waddell resides in New York City.



Dr. Aileen Ribeiro
Lifetime Achievement in Scholarship

Dr. Aileen Ribeiro is specialist in fashion and costume history who has shared her knowledge in lecture appearances throughout Great Britain, Europe, and North America. She holds a degree in history from King's College, an MA and PhD from the Courtauld Institute of Art, and has been on the faculty of the Courtauld as well as the University of London. Ribeiro has published many books and articles the most recent include: *A Portrait of Fashion: Six Centuries of Dress at the National Portrait Gallery* (2015), and *Clothing Art: The Visual Culture of Fashion 1600–1914* (2017); and recent essays on dress in the work of Liotard in *Jean-Etienne Liotard* (National Gallery of Scotland and the Royal Academy of Arts 2015), and on clothing in Renoir's *Luncheon of the Boating Party* (Phillips Collection, Washington 2017).



Dr. Jason Sun
Outstanding Mid-Career Scholar

Jason Sun is the Brooke Russell Astor Curator of Chinese Art in the Department of Asian Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He received his PhD in Chinese Art and Archaeology from Princeton University and was the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Curator of East Asian Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art before joining the Metropolitan in 1999. Dr. Sun has curated *The Bishop Jades, Excellence and Elegance: Decorative Art of the Eighteenth Century Qing Court, Small Delight: Chinese Snuff Bottles, Colors of the Universe: Chinese Hardstone Carvings*, and the 2017 landmark exhibition *Age of Empires: Chinese Art of the Qin and Dynasties (221 BC–AD 220)*. He worked with James Watt, former chairman of the Asian Art Department, on two seminal exhibitions: *China: Dawn of a Golden Age*, and *The World of Khubilai Khan: Chinese Art in the Yuan Dynasty*. Sun has lectured and published widely on a variety of subjects including Chinese jade carving, metalwork, calligraphy, archaeology, and museum studies.



Benoist F. Drut
Outstanding Dealer

Benoist F. Drut developed an interest in collecting early on in his native France. At fifteen, he met acclaimed dealer Thierry Millerand who advised him on how to become a successful dealer. After finishing his law degree in Paris, Drut moved to New York, taking a job with eighteenth-century furniture collector, Roger Prigent. A chance meeting with Gerard Widdershoven brought him to Maison Gerard where he became his business partner. Today, Drut, as sole owner, continues to preserve the welcoming character Widdershoven fostered in the seventies, “the gallery is not merely a place for design, but a place where design lives; not only where the old and new coexist seamlessly, but where it is easy to feel at home amongst the beauty of both.”

Award Recipients 1997–2017

1997

Harold M. Williams
Sir Geoffrey
de Bellaigue*

1998

Jayne Wrightsman
Graham Flood
Pamela Robertson

1999

Lord Rothschild
Peter Thornton*
Ellen Lupton

2000

James Biddle*
Anne L. Poulet
Edward S. Cooke, Jr.

2001

The Dowager
Duchess
of Devonshire*
Jules David Prown
Craig Chumas

2002

James R. Houghton
Geoffrey Beard*
Valerie Steele

2003

Hélène David-Weill
Simon Jervis
Thomas P. Campbell

2004

Lily Safra
Hugh Honour*
Paola Antonelli

2005

Mitchell Wolfson, Jr.
Jane C. Nylander
Evelyn Welch

2006

John H. Bryan
Jonathan Fairbanks
Dianne Harris
The Fine Art Society

2007

Liliane M. Stewart*
Henry Hawley
Barry Bergdoll
Eric N. Shrubsole*

2008

Phyllis Lambert
Robert Hillenbrand
David Crowley
Philippe
de Montebello

2009

Dr. Mortimer
Sackler* and
Dame Theresa
Sackler
Sir Hugh Roberts
Daniel Miller
Alexis Kugel and
Nicolas Kugel

2010

Patricia Phelps
de Cisneros
Neil Harris
John Styles

2011

Shelley and
Donald Rubin
John Harris
Juliet Kinchin
Bernard Dragesco

2012

The Koç Family
Hans Ottomeyer
Alisa LaGamma
Mark McDonald

2013

Richard Jenrette
Morrison H.
Heckscher
Glenn Adamson
Adrian Sassoon

2014

Iris Cantor
Dame Rosalind J.
Savill
Finbarr Barry Flood
Martin Levy

2015

Barbro S. Osher
Sir Mark Jones
Nicholas Thomas
Deedee Wigmore

2016

Sir Paul Ruddock
Harold Koda
Giorgio Riello
Michele Beiny
Harkins

2017

Sir Nicholas Goodison
Marie-Louise B. Nosch
Alvar González-Palacios
Titi Halle

*Deceased

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