

Mel King celebrates 90 years with benefit for Tech Center

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

On Saturday night, October 20, the atrium of the Harriet Tubman House at United South End Settlements was filled with music and well-wishers gathered to help community activist, educator, author, former elected official and visionary Mel King celebrate his 90th birthday, simultaneously supporting one of his many contributions to



The King family. Photos by Michele D. Maniscalco.

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Guest Opinion

Take Action To Support Artists

Rally Against Artist Studio Evictions

BY CITY LIFE/VIDA URBANA

On Friday, October 26, at 2 pm at the Piano Factory Building, 791 Tremont Street, Boston,

City Life/Vida Urbana, a JP-based advocacy group will be joining artists facing displacement from their studios at the Piano Factory, along with more artists who have been displaced from across the city. All community supporters are invited to attend.

For over 40 years, visual artists

at the Piano Craft Guild building—commonly known as the Piano Factory—have contributed to the artistic and commercial value of this building and the surrounding neighborhood. In November of 2017, these artists were informed that

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Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 27, 2:00 PM

Join the Haunted Graveyard Tour if you dare!

South End Burying Ground
Washington Street between W. Newton and W. Concord St.

Have you ever walked by and

wondered about the old, locked graveyard on Washington Street? Here is your chance to explore and learn about the beautiful and mysterious old burying ground that dates back to the beginning of the South End neighborhood.

South End News writer Michele D.

Maniscalco will offer the history of the burying ground as well as a few macabre stories from actual South End history.

Admission is free and the tour is open to all ages.

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Rahul and Jo Swani. Photo by Matt West

\$2.1 million raised for pediatric care and research

SUBMITTED BY THE MOXIE AGENCY

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHHC) raised over \$2.1 million in its 19th year of supporting pediatric health via its premier annual

event, Storybook Ball. Jennifer & Mark Dolins and Sonja Kelly & Steve Tordone co-chaired the event, which showcased the work of the Division of Child and Adolescent

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Obituary

Lyn Elizabeth Ackerly

BY ROBERT NESTI

Blackstone Park "citizen" and South End neighborhood spirit Lyn Elizabeth Ackerly passed away on Monday, October 1 at her home in the South End at the age of 57. She was surrounded by friends and family.

She was loved by all on her street, on surrounding streets, in clubs, bars, restaurants, bookstores, and if she did observe a religion it



Lyn Ackerly

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Ackerly

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was with a book in her hand at the Boston Public Library, Copley branch, where she worked for years, tirelessly saving great, arcane books from being deaccessioned by those with lesser literary tastes.

She was a connoisseur of people, places, pets, poetics, politics, portraits, "pissiness", plants, peanuts, and really crappy beer.

She loved all book genres—highbrow and lowbrow, Balzac parlor dramas to Highsmith crime sprees, secret histories and political gimmickry, from the great artists to the doo-

dlers, and was equally taken in by prose both poetic and plain.

Last book read was "Hangover Square" by Patrick Hamilton, one of her favorites.

She had a great memory for the Latin names of her garden plants.

And she loved her pets, which over the years were numerous:

Cats: Vivian, Monkey, PePe, Huckleberry, Alice, Dino, and Percy.

Dogs: Pancho (aka The Pickle), Pip, Moby, Maggie...and many more.

Even while lost to us, she is loved by us all, and will be forever remembered.

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their studio spaces would be converted into luxury residential units and they would need to move out by January of 2019.

The Piano Factory artists are among many longstanding artist communities and workspaces currently being dismantled in Boston by increasing real estate development and policies that refuse to prioritize the arts. This rally is intended to call attention to this wrongful pattern of displacing and evicting

artists throughout the city, and to advocate for this to change.

A group will assemble at the back parking lot of the Piano Factory in front of the neon sign windows, and will then deliver 500 petition signatures to the building's management office to urge The Shoreline Corporation and building owner Simeon Bruner to agree to negotiate fair settlements with the Piano Factory's remaining visual artists who have made the building what it is today.

More information and petition at www.clyu.org/piano_factory_petition

Halloween

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Saturday, October 27, 6-9PM

BCYF Curtis Hall Teen Halloween Party

Join us for a fun evening, including a DJ and pizza!

You must be 15 - 18 years old.

You must have a high school ID

Doors close at 8:30 p.m.

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King

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the community, the South End Technology Center at Tent City.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh; 9th Suffolk District state representative Byron Rushing and his wife, longtime community activist and former USES executive director Frieda Garcia; District 7 city councilor Kim Janey as well as her predecessor, Tito Jackson; South End Emporium owner Al Desta; and Jazz-Boston board president, Pauline Bilsky and board member, Don Carlson were among the well-wishers who numbered over 100, including four generations of the King family. Guests were treated to a buffet with various entrees, roasted vegetables, fried potatoes with onions and a beautifully decorated chocolate cake, the buffet prepared by student chefs from the culinary program at Madison Park Vocational High School and the cake created by a Madison Park culinary program alumnus.

The party had a warm, family atmosphere, with daughter Pamela King acting as emcee and King's youngest son, Jomo, also known as DJ Plush, set a lively tone for the party with upbeat '70s and '80s hits including The Pointer Sisters' "We Are Family", Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" and Manu Dibango's "Soul Makossa".

In acknowledgment of his achievements as the driving force behind the establishment of affordable housing at Tent City; a former state legislator and candidate for mayor of Boston; an MIT lecturer; and the founder and continuing head of the South End Technology

Center, King was honored in word and in song.

In his remarks, Walsh lauded King for his leadership in housing and in inclusivity, and Janey said she was "blessed" to have known King all of her life, because her great grandmother was a neighbor of the Kings. She said that King's run for mayor of Boston, for which she volunteered as a young girl, taught her lessons for her own electoral career. Janey said it was inspiring to see a "strong, beautiful black man" running for the city's top office. Singer Danielle Ruffen serenaded King with one of his own poems, "I Want You to Sing My Song," which she set to music, and artist/vocalist Veronique-Anne Epiter saluted King with an emotional rendition of "You Raise Me Up," made popular by Josh Groban.

When King took the mic, he described the Melvin H. King Fab Lab at Madison Park, a fabrication studio that teaches students to operate "machines that create machines," such as 3-D printers, and praised the mayor for helping to obtain \$250,000 for the program. At the end of his remarks, King led guests in chanting "Teamwork makes the dream work" and "Love is the question and the answer," the latter the title of his 2003 book of poetry.

At \$90 per ticket, the benefit raised over \$10,000, and according to Pamela King, Eastern Bank provided a \$10,000 grant to the Tech Center. Fundraising will continue toward a goal of \$90,000 for the technology center's operations and programming.

For more information on the South End Technology Center, please visit <http://www.tech-center-enlightentcity.tv/>.



(Left) Singer Danielle Ruffen serenades King. (Top Right) Danielle Ruffen. (Right Center) King blows out the birthday candles. (Bottom Right) Mayor Walsh, Pamela King, Kim Janey. Photos by Michele Maniscalco

MGH

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Psychiatry at MGHFC.

In the theme "101 Dalmatians," Rafanelli Events transformed Back Bay's Castle into the iconic streets of London and brought to life a story of community through black and white visuals inspired by the beloved puppies.

Co-Chairs Sonja Kelly and Jennifer Dolins kicked off the speaking program, which also featured Peter L. Slavin, MD, President, Massachusetts General Hospital, Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, Physician-in-Chief, MGHFC,

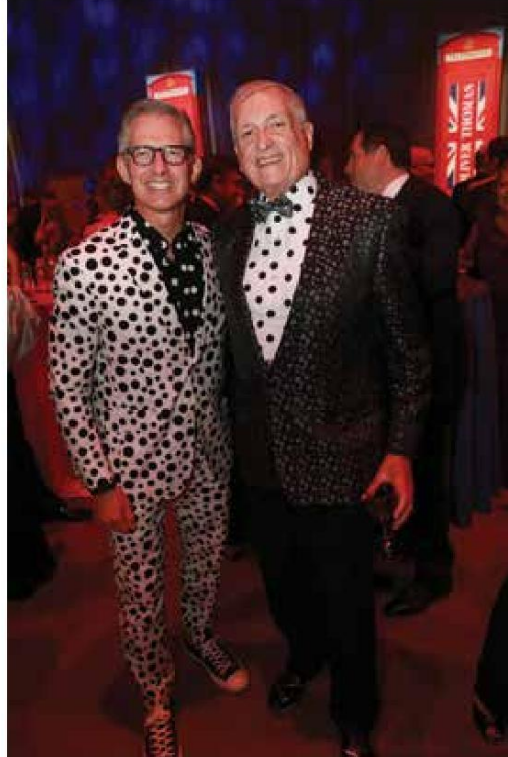
Timothy E. Willens, MD, Chief, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Allan M. Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, MGHFC.

On-hand to share their story was the Rehm family, whose son Jett (11) has been receiving treatment and guidance at the MGHFC Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry since he was diagnosed at age four with bipolar disorder.

The evening with about 500 black-tie guests included dinner, a live auction, dancing with DJ Chris Roxx and games, where winners took home prizes from luxury brands like Blank Label, bloomingdale's, Boston

Symphony Orchestra, Mereville, North River Outfitter, Oliver Thomas, PUMA, Rue La La, Shreve, Crump & Low and Tuscan Kitchen.

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(Top Left) Christopher and Aliya Page (Top Right) Bryan Rafanelli and Gerard Riveron (Bottom Left) Martha and Dr Ronald Kleinman (Bottom Right) Annette Goubeaux. Photos by Matt West

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whose lives were transformed by Rosie's Place, introduced by local anchorwomen Jadiann Thompson, Kate Merrill, Vanessa Welch and Latoya Edwards. Award-winning Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat was the featured speaker. The proceeds from the event benefit the 12,000 poor and homeless women Rosie's Place help each year.



(Top) Jadiann Thompson (WHDH), Kate Merrill (WBZ), Edwidge Danticat, Susan Wornick, Rosie's Place President Sue Marsh, Karen Holmes Ward (WCVB), Vanessa Welch (Boston25) and Latoya Edwards (NBC10) (Bottom) Award-winning Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat

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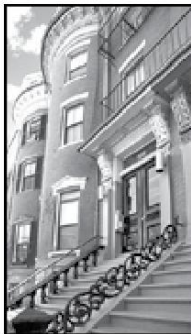
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