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# SPRING BENEFIT & AUCTION



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**POORNA JAGANNATHAN  
VICTORIA LABALME  
STEPHEN POWERS**

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# Welcome to The Barrow Group's 2025 Spring Gala

Tonight, we gather to honor exceptional members of our community— Poorna Jagannathan, Stephen Powers, and Victoria Labalme— and to celebrate you. As you enjoy the evening, we invite you to stroll through our halls and experience the extraordinary space that serves as a creative home to so many artists.



*Seth Barrish, Robert Serrell, Lee Brock*

Each year, The Barrow Group serves more than 6,000 individuals, providing a nurturing, inspiring environment where people flourish in their pursuit of artistic expression. Within these walls, artists commit themselves to making the world a better place, one story at a time.

**Your generosity empowers artists and enriches our community. Thanks to you:**

**Students in financial need** gain access to life-changing training through our scholarship program.

**Artists collaborate and grow** through readings, workshops, and subsidized rehearsal studio rentals.

**Audiences experience new works** at solo show festivals, film festivals, and theatrical productions.

Your presence tonight reflects your deep appreciation for human connection. In turbulent times, your support shines as a beacon of hope—pointing the way towards the light.

On behalf of all the artists who call The Barrow Group home: thank you for being here. We wish you a truly wonderful evening!

Seth, Lee, and Robert

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## P R O G R A M

6:00pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

7:30pm Opening Remarks

Performance by Asi Wind

Seth Barrish, presenter

The Barrow Group Award: **Victoria Labalme**

Amy Lawrence, presenter

The Barrow Group Award: **Stephen Powers**

Jeremy Folmer, presenter

The Barrow Group Award: **Poorna Jagannathan**

Closing Remarks

9:00pm Desserts in the Lobby

*Congratulations  
and Heartfelt Thanks*

to

VICTORIA  
LABALME



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## VICTORIA LABALME

Wall Street Journal bestselling author and Hall of Fame Speaker Victoria Labalme is known for her Keynote Performances and workshops around the world. Founder of Risk Forward® and Rock The Room®, Victoria is also a trusted consultant to C-suite executives, entrepreneurs, and elite individuals, helping them knock their presentations out of the park—on stage, on video and in virtual environments. Her proprietary systems and strategies have been embraced by over 700 organizations, and her creative projects have received critical acclaim from The Hollywood Reporter, The New York Times, Variety, BBC, CBS, Los Angeles Times, and Good Morning America.

Victoria's association with TBG dates back to the late 1990s when she first studied with Lee Brock & Seth Barrish. TBG subsequently produced her one-woman show, ICEBERGS IN AFRICA...and almost 25 years later in 2022, her solo show, VICTORIA'S GRAPEFRUIT. Along the way, Victoria has taken classes, come to performances, and been an ardent supporter of TBG in every way she can.

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KIPP to social service providers such as Goodwill, Children's Aid, and Rising Ground, as well as cultural establishments like the National Museum of Mathematics. His innovative approach earned him a nomination for REBNY's Most Ingenious Deal of the Year award. Crain's New York Business honored Stephen in 2024 on its "Notable Leaders in Real Estate" list, and City & State NY included him on their Nonprofit Trailblazers list.

Recognized as a nonprofit real estate expert, Stephen has been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Post. He holds a bachelor's degree from Washington University's Olin School of Business and a master's in Real Estate Development from New York University's Schack Institute of Real Estate.

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AND ALL HONORED TONIGHT

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## POORNA JAGANNATHAN

Poorna Jagannathan currently can be seen starring as 'Lucky' in the Hulu/Onyx series **DELI BOYS**, which just premiered to critical acclaim. She is best known for her role of 'Nalini' in Netflix's #1 hit comedy series **NEVER HAVE I EVER**, which was produced by Mindy Kaling. She is currently in production for the DC/HBO series **LANTERNS** from Damon Lindelof and Chris Mundy – the series also stars Kyle Chandler and Aaron Pierre.

On the feature side, the actress starred opposite George Clooney and Brad Pitt in the Jon Watts' Apple feature, **WOLVES**. Additionally, she can be seen in the Happy Madison/Netflix comedy **THE OUT-LAWS** opposite Adam Devine, Pierce Brosnan, and Nina Dobrev; as well as the film adaptation of **TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN**, directed by Hannah Marks for New Line.

Poorna first drew attention for her role in HBO's Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated series, **THE NIGHT OF**, opposite Riz Ahmed. Since then, she has had many memorable television roles in shows such as Hulu's Emmy-winning limited series **THE ACT**, HBO's **BIG LITTLE LIES**, Hulu's **RAMY**, and Apple's **DEFENDING JACOB**. Additional film credits include the A24 feature **SHARE** directed by Pippa Bianco, which was distributed by HBO after premiering at Cannes, as well as the Bollywood cult film **DEHLI BELLY**.



**2024/25**

TRIPTYCH by John Yearley

**2023/24**

LOST...FOUND by K. Lorrel Manning

**2019/20**

17 MINUTES by Scott Organ

ALL THE RAGE by Martin Moran

**2018/19**

PERP by Lyle Kessler

AWAKE by K. Lorrel Manning

THE TRICKY PART by Martin Moran

**2017/18**

A WALK IN THE WOODS by Lee Blessing

THE THING WITH FEATHERS by Scott Organ

MUSWELL HILL by Torben Betts

**2016/17**

EXPECTING ISABEL by Lisa Loomer

ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE by Seth Barrish  
& K. Lorrel Manning (*an adaptation of Henrik  
Ibsen's AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE*)

ABIGAIL'S PARTY by Mike Leigh

**2015/16**

THE UNREPEATABLE MOMENT by John Yearley

**2014/15**

THE PAVILION by Craig Wright



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**2013/14**

SHORT STUFF 7

ALL THE RAGE by Martin Moran

**2012/13**

SAVE ME by Stefanie Zdravec

**2011/12**

ART by Yasmine Reza

**2010/11**

DYING CITY by Christopher Shinn

**2009/10**

ORANGE FLOWER WATER by Craig Wright

**2008/09**

PHOENIX by Scott Organ

**2007/08**

GRAY AREA by John Ahlin

WHO YOU SEE HERE by Matt Overman

SHORT STUFF 5: PLAYS BY WOMEN

**2006/07**

LONNIE-JAKE by K. Lorrel Manning

SHORT STUFF 4: WAR AT HOME

**2005/06**

THE TIMEKEEPERS by Dan Clancy

GLASS JAW by Jane Shepard



**2004/05**

THE FEAR PROJECT

MEDAL OF HONOR RAG by Tom Cole

SPINE by Bill Davis

THE FAITHFUL by Scott Organ

**2003/04**

PENTECOST by David Edgar

GIRL TALK by Kelli Overbush

SHORT STUFF 3

BIRTH STORY by Hillary Baack

**2002/03**

INSIDE OUT by Kim Tobin

FIRST SIGHT AND AFTER by John Cariani

RELEASE by K. Lorrel Manning

SONNETS FOR AN OLD CENTURY by Jose Rivera



## 2001/02

LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC by Arlene Hutton  
SHORT STUFF 2  
OFF THE MAP by Joan Ackerman  
STOP KISS by Diana Son

## 2000/01

UNCLE VANYA by Anton Chekhov (adapted  
by Seth Barrish)  
SHORT STUFF 1  
FEET OF CLAY by John Spellos



## 1990's

THY KINGDOM'S COMING by Jeff Daniels  
WOMEN OF MANHATTAN by John Patrick Shanley  
GOOD by C.P. Taylor  
OLD WICKED SONGS by Jon Marans  
TRUST by Steven Dietz  
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LOW LEVEL PANIC by Claire McIntyre  
TALES FROM HOLLYWOOD by Christopher Hampton  
GOD'S COUNTRY by Steven Dietz  
WALKING THE BLONDE by Leigh Curran

## 1980's

THREE SISTERS by Anton Chekhov  
(translated by Lanford Wilson)  
BLUE WINDOW by Craig Lucas  
SERENADING LOUIE by Lanford Wilson  
WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK RED RIDER? by  
Mark Medoff  
ON THE WING by Joseph Pintauro  
SEVEN SHORT PLAYS by Joseph Pintauro



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## AWARDS

ALL THE RAGE, Lucille Lortell Award (2013)  
PENTECOST, Drama Desk Nomination (2005)  
Drama Desk Award for Off-Off-Broadway  
Excellence (1995)

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empower artists by providing resources they  
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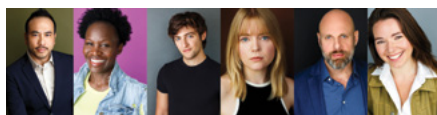
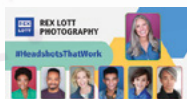
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