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# Bronx Chamber of Commerce Announces 2025 Annual Gala: *Illuminating Success*

Star-Studded Entertainment Lineup Unveiled; Tickets Now Available

**Bronx, NY** — The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its highly anticipated 2025 Annual Gala, *Illuminating Success*, to be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2025**, at the elegant waterfront venue Marina del Rey in the Bronx.

As the Chamber's premier annual celebration, the Gala honors the businesses, leaders, and changemakers who are driving growth, innovation, and resilience across the borough. Each year, more than 600 executives, elected officials, entrepreneurs, and community leaders attend for an evening of recognition, relationship-building, and celebration of Bronx excellence.

The evening will include the presentation of four prestigious awards: Champion in Government, Business of the Year, Developer of the Year, and The Joseph P. Kelleher Award presented in memory of longtime Chamber Board Chair.

"Our Gala is where Bronx business and civic communities come together to celebrate impact, leadership, and progress," said **Lisa Sorin**, President of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. "This year's theme, *Illuminating Success*, speaks to the bold vision and vibrant energy that define the Bronx."

Guests will enjoy an exciting lineup of entertainment, including **Steve Maglio** performing Frank Sinatra favorites, **Tara Cannistraci**, acclaimed comedian, as Mistress of Ceremonies, and a performance by the legendary **Brenda K. Starr**.

### **Steve Maglio – A Night of Sinatra**

Opening the evening with timeless flair, renowned crooner Steve Maglio will perform beloved Frank Sinatra classics. A staple of the New York cabaret scene and a longtime headliner of The Carnegie Club's signature Saturday show, the longest-running nightclub act in New York City, Maglio brings unmatched vocal charm and Rat Pack charisma to every performance. According to *The New York Daily News*, "If Sinatra saw Steven's show, he would have chosen him to continue singing his songs."

### **Tara Cannistraci – Laughs from the Bronx, for the Bronx**

Serving as the evening's Mistress of Ceremonies is Bronx-born comedian, actress and writer Tara Cannistraci, known for her sharp wit and authentic New York storytelling. A proud Pelham Parkway native and rising national star, Cannistraci brings both comedy and heart to every stage she steps on.

Cannistraci draws much of her material from growing up in the Bronx. She has written for and appeared on SportsNet New York's Emmy Award-winning series *Oh Yeah* and recently launched her solo podcast *Cawfee Tawk*, bringing her unique voice to a growing national audience. Her deep Bronx roots and unapologetic charisma make her the perfect host for an event that celebrates the borough's unique spirit and unmatched energy.

### **Brenda K. Starr – A Star-Powered Finale**

Grammy-nominated singer and Latin pop icon Brenda K. Starr will close out the evening with a powerful performance sure to turn the Gala into a full-blown celebration. Known for her chart-topping hits such as "I Still Believe" and her dynamic crossover from Pop Music Icon to Salsa, she continues to wow audiences and embodies the Bronx's rich cultural tapestry and musical legacy.

Her debut Spanish-language album *Te Sigo Esperando* went Gold and Platinum and catapulted her into the Latin music mainstream. Her 2002 album *Temptation* earned her two Billboard Latin Music Awards, cementing her reputation as one of the most dynamic crossover artists of her time. Born and raised in New York City, Starr's show-stopping vocals and magnetic presence promise to make this year's Gala an unforgettable experience.

Tickets are now on sale, and limited sponsorship opportunities remain. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, visit [www.bronxchamber.org](http://www.bronxchamber.org).

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### **About The Bronx Chamber of Commerce**

Established in 1894, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is one of New York City's most influential business organizations. The Chamber champions economic development, workforce development, and public policy advocacy, representing a diverse membership that includes Fortune 500 corporations, renowned cultural institutions, nonprofits, hospitals, educational institutions, and small businesses. Through a wide range of services, programs, and events, the Chamber works to foster prosperity, attract investment, and create jobs across the Bronx. Visit [www.bronxchamber.org](http://www.bronxchamber.org) to learn more.

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