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MEDIA ADVISORY

chashama's Annual Pirate Party Pig Roast At Water Taxi Beach To Honor Rockefeller Brothers Fund's Ben Rodriguez-Cubeñas

Promises To be A Night of Art, Boisterous Entertainment, Shipwrecks and Pork

What: chashama's Annual Pirate Party Pig Roast to honor **Ben Rodriguez-Cubeñas, Program Director at Rockefeller Brothers Fund** for his dedication to New York City's art and culture community. Rodriguez-Cubeñas is an important advocate for New York City artists and arts groups. His keen understanding of the organizational needs of artistic pursuits and how to meet these needs through philanthropy have made him an "ambassador for the arts."

"The Pirate Party Pig Roast is an event for artists, art patrons and New York families to relax and have a great time while supporting chashama programs," said **Anita Durst, Founder and Principal of chashama**. "During these times of recession, chashama is proud to bring an affordable, safe and fun event to our beloved city."

Hula hoop artists, jugglers, fire-breathers, acrobats, face-painters and vaudeville buskers provide for a rowdy evening of eating, drinking, laughing and dancing at chashama's Pirate Party Pig Roast. In the fantastic ambiance of Long Island City's own beachhead, guests can watch the sunset on Manhattan's skyline, dance under the stars with mash up DJ Party Ben from San Francisco, and eat their fill of bar-b-que or vegan delights with our run-away pirate crew on our fantasy island. And there will be plenty to toast, matey, swaggering up to our continuous open bar while other marooned guys and gals bid on items ranging from restaurant certificates to high fashion bounty during our silent auction. In addition to the festivities, \$100 prizes will be awarded to the top "Best Pirate Costume" in the children, male and female categories, making this year the ultimate family summer party.

Please visit www.chashama.org/pirateparty2009 for ticket prices, sponsorships and event details.

About chashama

chashama cultivates and supports thriving art communities in New York City by transforming temporarily vacant properties into spaces that inspire and promote art. By recycling and repurposing buildings in transition, chashama reinvents

neighborhoods, fosters local artists and ultimately sustains the importance of creativity and culture. Anita Durst founded chashama in 1995 with the central purpose of keeping artists in New York. She recognized that by giving artists the valuable commodity of space to create, the diverse and provocative cultural environment of New York City would be preserved.

Where: The Water Taxi Beach, 2 Borden Avenue. Long Island City, NY

When: Monday, June 22nd 2009, 6:30pm-10:00pm

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