



The Board of Directors of THE TIBET FUND  
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*8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tibet Fund Gala*

Honoring  
**BARRY HERSHEY**  
a Filmmaker and Philanthropist  
and  
**NITA ING**  
a Business Woman and Philanthropist

**RICHARD GERE**  
Chair, Benefit Committee

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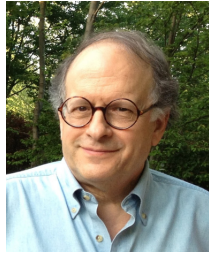
Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
Reception at 6:30pm: Dinner at 7:30pm  
LE BERNARDIN PRIVÉ  
153 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10019

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Hosted by Chef Eric Ripert  
with Chef Laurent Manrique, Chef Manish Mehrotra,  
Chef Lauren DeSteno and Chef Thomas Raquel

*Musical Performances and Auction of distinguished art and photography,  
and special adventures will be held during the Reception and Dinner.*





## Barry Hershey

For nearly 30 years, Barry Hershey has been involved with the Mind & Life Institute and joined its board in 2012. Its founding mission was to organize meetings between His Holiness the Dalai Lama - who cofounded the organization in 1987 - and Western scientists and scholars. A recent meeting, September 2016 in Brussels, was entitled "Power & Care." An August 2017 meeting in Botswana, the first in Africa, explored the topic "Botho/Ubuntu: A Dialogue on Spirituality, Science and Humanity." Hershey has been a key supporter of these meetings as well as other MLI activities.

Hershey's philanthropic efforts, through the Hershey Family Foundation, have long included assistance to the Tibetan people and its culture as well as promoting the spread of Buddhism in the West. He was the founding benefactor of the Institute of Tibetan Classics. He has sponsored the publication of books through Wisdom Publications, the Lama Yeshe Archive and 84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha. He has been a long-time supporter of Matthieu Ricard's Karuna-Shechen, the Tibetan Nuns Project and education and health projects of the Tibetan Government. He endowed the Buddhist chair at the Harvard Divinity School.

Hershey is a filmmaker who has directed eight films. His first feature, *The Empty Mirror*, premiered at the Cannes International Film Festival. The Tibetan musician, Nawang Khechog, is featured in his film *Sound of Peace*. His most recent work, *Leading To War*, was described as "a staggering film" by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. He is currently working on a fiction script, *Moving Still*. He is executive producer for a film about His Holiness to be released in June 2018.

Hershey is a Visiting Fellow on the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. He is a director emeritus of the board of the MIT Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values.





## Nita Ing

Nita Ing is the Chairman of Continental Holdings Corporation, a listed company in Taiwan, and Continental Engineering Corporation, one of Taiwan's leading construction companies. She previously served as Chairman of Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation, a BOT project company, from 1998 to 2009. Ms. Nita Ing was the Chairman of TSRC from 1994 to 2002, a publicly listed company in Taiwan. She is presently Vice Chairman. Ms. Ing also serves on the Board of American Bridge Holding Corporation, a US construction company.

Nita Ing is known for her dedicated philanthropic works. She served as Chairman of "921 Earthquake Relief Foundation" from 2000 to 2008. The Foundation's focus was to relieve and reconstruct the most devastated areas affected from a 7.7 magnitude earthquake in central Taiwan in 1999.

Nita is the Chairman of Hao Ran Foundation since 1997. The Foundation supports initiatives on education and social welfare. In 2013, she joined the Board of Global Fund for Women.



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