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Chefs lending their culinary talents for the evening include:
Chef and co-owner of Michelin Guide three-starred restaurant Le Bernardin, Eric Ripert; Chef Laurent Manrique from Cafe de la Presse, San Francisco; Chef Manish Mehrotra of Indian Accent; Chef Bernard Guillas of The Marine Room and Chef Thomas Raquel, Pastry Chef at Le Bernardin.

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

37 Years of Service to Tibetan community

The Tibet Fund's mission is to preserve the distinct cultural identity of the Tibetan people. Founded in 1981 under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Tibet Fund is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and strengthening Tibetan communities, both in exile and inside Tibet.

For thirty-seven years, we have funded programs that has made a positive impact on all aspects of the lives of Tibetans in exile, including rehabilitation services and health care; sponsorships for orphaned and poor Tibetan children, monks, nuns, and the elderly; vocational training and community development; and programs to preserve Tibetan cultural identity.

The Tibet Fund reaches out to almost entire Tibetan refugee community in exile through programs including health, education, refugee rehabilitation and cultural preservation. Health programs have contributed to substantial reductions in infant and child mortality rates, morbidity, and tuberculosis incidence. Education initiatives have raised literacy rates, provided schooling for thousands of children, equipped adult refugees with new livelihood skills, and provided scholarships to pursue higher studies in the US and many more to attend universities in India and Nepal.

The Tibet Fund is a 501©3 organization and as such your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions about our organization, please do not hesitate to call us at (212)213-5011 or write to us at info@tibetfund.org



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The 9th Annual Tibet Fund Gala

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ANN DOWN

A Philanthropist and Founder of The Good Works Institute

SHARON SALZBERG

Author and Meditation Teacher

and

EILEEN FISHER

A Philanthropist and Founder of Eileen Fisher Inc.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Reception at 6:30pm: Dinner at 7:30pm

LE BERNARDIN PRIVÉ

153 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10019

Hosted by Chef Eric Ripert *with*

Chef Laurent Manrique, Chef Manish Mehrotra,

Chef Bernard Guillas *and* Chef Thomas Raquel





ANN DOWN

For nearly twenty years, Ann Down has been working to preserve and protect the people and culture of Tibet. She began traveling in that country in 1999 by making the circumambulation of Mt. Kailash. Her experience with Tibetan nomads demonstrated to her their open-heartedness, generosity and resilience. Following that trip, she established a family foundation, the Good Works Institute, in Sun Valley, Idaho. It focuses on the health and welfare of children, along with the preservation and protection of the environment.

During four successive trips to Lhasa and Shigatze, Ann was determined to support projects in the TAR, particularly those involving children. She provided early funding for the Blind School of Lhasa, One Heart Worldwide and numerous other charities in that area. In 2005, she met and became friends with the current Kalon Tripa, Lobsang Sangay. He described his experience of attending a school for refugee children in Darjeeling and always being hungry.

Specifically, and with the assistance of the Tibet Fund, Ann has been funding supplemental nutrition for Tibetan refugee children in India, updating schools and orphanages in India and Ladakh, working with Friends of Delek to provide TB testing and medication for children in the Tibetan Children's Villages, in addition to monasteries and nunneries. She has been a longtime supporter of the work of Matthieu Ricard's Karuna Sechen for projects in Eastern Tibet.

Since that time, Ann has provided grants to various social profits in developing nations (Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Nepal, India and Bhutan) to provide corrective surgery for cleft lips and palates, prevent female circumcision, and provide educational opportunities for children.

Beginning in 2003, Ann became a major supporter of the Mind & Life Institute and the Center for Healthy Minds, where she has attended many meetings in Dharamsala, India, and Madison, Wisconsin with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



SHARON SALZBERG

Sharon Salzberg is a central figure in the field of meditation, a world-renowned teacher and NY Times bestselling author. She has played a crucial role in bringing meditation and mindfulness practices to the West and into mainstream culture since 1974, when she first began teaching.

She is the co-founder of the Insight Meditation Society in Barre, MA and the author of ten books including NY Times bestseller, *Real Happiness*, her seminal work, *Lovingkindness* and her latest release, *Real Love*. Acclaimed for her down-to-earth teaching style, Sharon offers a secular, modern approach to Buddhist teachings, making them instantly accessible. She is a regular columnist for *On Being*, a contributor to *Huffington Post*, and hosts her own podcast, *The Metta Hour*, with 70+ episodes.

Sharon has emerged as a featured speaker, panelist and meditation teacher at cutting edge events, such as the Skoll Foundation World Forum, TEDx, Mind and Life Institute's conferences with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the State of the World Forum; the Peacemakers Conference (sharing a plenary panel with Nobel Laureates the Dalai Lama and Jose Ramos Horta), Wisdom 2.0 Conference, and Jerry Brown's inauguration as mayor of Oakland. She has delivered keynotes at Tricycle's Buddhism in America event, Yoga Journal, Kripalu and Omega conferences, the Gethsemani encounter (a Buddhist-Christian dialogue including the Dalai Lama and various Christian dignitaries), and at Washington National Cathedral's Sacred Circles women's interfaith conference in DC.

Learn more at www.sharonsalzberg.com



EILEEN FISHER

Eileen Fisher is the Founder and Chairwoman of EILEEN FISHER, INC.

In 2016, the company became the largest women's fashion organization to be certified a B Corporation, having met high criteria for social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency. EILEEN FISHER is the largest B Corp in the state of New York. In 2015, the company announced VISION2020, a bold five-year plan that addresses sustainability and human rights. In keeping with Eileen's belief in collaboration, VISION2020 calls for co-leading with other brands to transform the fashion industry.

Given Eileen's commitment to the development and growth of the whole person, she launched LIFEWORK – a personal transformation initiative that invites participants to explore purpose, mindfulness and embodiment through a variety of online and in-person workshops and events. LIFEWORK programs are offered to company employees, business organizations and the public.

In 2017, Parsons New School of Design honored Eileen at their annual gala for her work in sustainability and the Garrison Institute awarded her the "Insight + Impact" Award. Eileen was selected to join the Steering Committee for New York State's Inaugural Council on Women and Girls. Launched by Governor Andrew Cuomo, the committee was formed to ensure that government policies and programs protect women's rights and equality advancement in the state. Eileen was presented the Force for Good Award by the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP) in February 2016. She is a 2012 inductee into the Social Venture Network Hall of Fame.

The 9th Annual Tibet Fund Gala

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Please reserve tickets for me as indicated below:

(Gonkar, Nam-tho-sey and Zambhala are the names of Buddhist bodhisattavas of wealth, prosperity, and abundance to whom Tibetans traditionally make offerings to dispel the sufferings of poverty)

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