



THE WHITE HOUSE
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**Al Roker, Ken Burns, Renée Fleming, Michael Feinstein, and
Patti LaBelle**
**Headlined The White House Historical Association Gala held at
The Metropolitan Museum of Art**

Philanthropists and supporters of the Association's non-partisan, non-profit mission gathered to celebrate its impact and to announce the \$150 million comprehensive America 250 Campaign to secure the next 250 years of White House history education.

November 7, 2025 (New York, NY) – The White House Historical Association held its biennial Gala at The Temple of Dendur in The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on Thursday, November 6. At the event, the Association publicly launched its America 250 Campaign with a goal of raising \$150 million to fund White House history and civics education curriculum, content, student access, teacher programs, and digital storytelling. More than \$115 million has already been secured towards this ambitious goal, which included the opening of *The People's House: A White House Experience* at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. The comprehensive America 250 Campaign will scale the Association's reach nationwide beyond July 4, 2026.

[View images from the 2025 White House Historical Association's Gala](#)

During this special evening, the 150 year history of State Dinners at the White House was honored through food, entertainment, and inspiring remarks. The evening was hosted by American television weather anchor, journalist, and author Al Roker.

During the evening, Ken Burns was recognized as the recipient of the White House History Honors, recognizing his extraordinary leadership in making history accessible and engaging for all, inspiring civic learning and education across all generations, and advancing public storytelling that connects our past to the present.

Entertainment throughout the evening featured American five-time Grammy award-winning soprano, actress, author, National Medal of Arts recipient, and Goodwill Ambassador for Arts and Health, Renée Fleming; American multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer and music conservationist Michael Feinstein; and American multi-Grammy Award winning singer, actress, author, and entrepreneur, Patti LaBelle, known as the "Godmother of Soul" for her powerful soprano vocals and over 50 million records sold.

The Gala is the premier fundraising event in support of the White House Historical Association, the non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization with a mission to enhance the understanding and

appreciation of the Executive Mansion. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy founded the organization in 1961 to protect, preserve, and provide public access to the rich history of the White House.

The Gala's theme celebrating 150 years of State Dinners at the White House, takes inspiration from the Association's [Official 2025 White House Christmas Ornament](#), which features a design reflecting two State China Services from the White House State China collection and can be purchased at shop.whitehousehistory.org.

To learn more about the America 250 Campaign and philanthropic support for The White House Historical Association, please contact a250@whha.org or 202-737-8292 ext. 346.

About The White House Historical Association

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion's legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association's mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit www.whitehousehistory.org and www.thepeopleshouse.org.

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