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The New York Women's Foundation Announces History-Making Honorees Ahead of the 2024 Celebrating Women® Breakfast

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Images: Honorees Fondation Chanel, New York Liberty, Andrea Arroyo, Cynthia Nixon, S. Mona Sinha, Toshi Reagon (Photo credits: NYWF)

Annual Event to Recognize Fondation CHANEL and New York Liberty for Their Advocacy of Advancing Gender, Economic, and Racial Equity

The New York Women's Foundation is proud to announce **Fondation CHANEL**, a foundation committed to creating a world where women and girls are free to shape their own destiny, as the recipient of this year's Vision Award at the 2024 Celebrating Women® Breakfast. Alongside Fondation CHANEL, The New York Women's Foundation will be honoring **Andrea Arroyo**, an award-winning Mexican-born artist, **Cynthia Nixon**, Emmy and Tony award winning actress, activist, and theater director, **New York Liberty**, an original WNBA team who embraces its role to elevate and embrace women while building community, **S. Mona Sinha**, Global Executive

Director of Equality Now, and **Toshi Reagon**, a singer song-writer who knows the power of song to unite and mobilize people for justice. The New York Women's Foundation's signature event will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at the New York Marriott Marquis, paying tribute to these extraordinary honorees and The Foundation's grantee partners who are advancing innovative and bold solutions to create an equitable and just future for women and families in the New York City metro area and beyond.

The Celebrating Women® Breakfast awards are presented to a woman, group, or organization whose achievements have created a positive impact and influenced the lives of and women and girls everywhere. Prominent past honorees of the Celebrating Women® Breakfast include Hillary Rodham Clinton (Century Award Honoree), Cyndi Lauper (Vision Award Honoree), Tarana Burke, Christiane Amanpour, Ana María Archila, Whoopi Goldberg, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Gloria Steinem, Queen Latifah and Dolores Huerta (Century Award Honoree).

2024 honorees include:

- **Andrea Arroyo**, an award-winning Mexican-born artist whose work has been exhibited extensively in various museums around the world. Some of her work is on permanent display in the New York City subway system and various museums. An art activist, her award-winning project “Unnatural Election, Artists Respond to the US Presidential Election”, brought together over 400 international artists.
- **Cynthia Ellen Nixon**, an Emmy and Tony award winning American actress, activist, and theater director, best known for her portrayal of Miranda Hobbes in the HBO series Sex and the City and her performance in Rabbit Hole. Nixon has been an advocate for LGBT rights in the United States and has received the Visibility Award from the Human Rights Campaign in 2018.
- **Fondation CHANEL**, a global corporate foundation committed to creating a more inclusive, equal world for women and girls. It works in close partnership with organisations supporting women and girls all over the world, providing multi-year grants and support driven by local expertise.
- **New York Liberty**, New York's professional women's basketball team with a social responsibility platform centered on growing youth basketball, embracing young girls and women, championing unity, advocating for underserved populations, and promoting Pride alongside the LGBTQ+ community.
- **S. Mona Sinha**, Global Executive Director of Equality Now, a global organization that campaigns for legal and systemic change to address violence and discrimination against women and girls. She has been described as “a powerful force who brings women and the world together.”
- **Toshi Reagon**, a multi-talented and versatile singer, composer, musician, with a profound ear for sonic Americana and the ability to use song as a means to unite and mobilize people for positive change.

“The Celebrating Women® Breakfast embodies the spirit of bringing together changemakers who are championing justice, equity, and empowerment,” said Ana L. Oliveira, President and

CEO of The New York Women's Foundation. "We gather to celebrate their collective achievements as we continue our work towards building the future; a future where all women, girls, and gender-expansive people live safe, dignified, and prosperous lives."

For more than 37 years, The Celebrating Women® Breakfast has been an expression of Radical Generosity, uniting and inspiring The New York Women's Foundation community, empowering women, and raising critical funds to support grantee partners leading the fight for gender, racial and economic justice. Add your spirit and strength to the power of our unstoppable community by reserving your tickets today and donating by visiting give.nywf.org/cwb2024

About: The New York Women's Foundation

The New York Women's Foundation creates an equitable and just future for women, girls, gender-expansive individuals and their families by investing in bold, community-led solutions to ignite action for gender, economic, and racial justice. Since 1987, The Foundation has invested \$125 million in 500+ organizations, creating a vibrant community of grantees, philanthropists, advocates, innovators, and change-makers. To learn more about The New York Women's Foundation's work to transform lives, families, and communities, please visit www.nywf.org

About: Andrea Arroyo

Andrea Arroyo is an award-winning Mexican-born artist whose work has been exhibited extensively in various museums around the world. Some of her work is on permanent display in the New York City subway system and various museums. An art activist, her award-winning project "Unnatural Election, Artists Respond to the US Presidential Election", brought together over 400 international artists. She has been published in numerous publications such as The New Yorker, The New York Times, and The Manhattan Times and her work has been exhibited extensively in various museums around the world. Arroyo was named the Official Artist of the 7th Annual Latin Grammy Awards. Among her other awards are the first prize in the Ranan Lurie International Prize for Political Cartooning of the United Nations and the Prize for "Political Satire" of the Biennial of Humor in Cuba. For more information, please visit <https://www.andreaarroyo.com>

About: Cynthia Ellen Nixon

Cynthia Ellen Nixon is an American actress, activist, and theater director. Nixon is best known for her portrayal of Miranda Hobbes in the HBO series Sex and the City (1998–2004), for which she won the 2004 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series. She has acted on Broadway, on television, and in film. Nixon has won a Tony for her performance in Rabbit Hole. Nixon has been an advocate for LGBT rights in the United States, particularly the right of same-sex marriage. She received the Visibility Award from the Human Rights Campaign in 2018.

About: Fondation CHANEL

Fondation CHANEL was founded by Chanel in 2011 and is dedicated entirely to gender

equality. The foundation supports more than 150 organisations worldwide, forming long-term partnerships that are imbued with deep respect for, and trust in, partner and movement leaders' expertise. Its work focuses on three critical areas: women's safety, women's economic autonomy and women-led climate resilience. For more information, please visit www.fondationchanel.org

About: New York Liberty

New York Liberty was founded on October 30, 1996 and is one of three original franchises remaining in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). The Liberty have made five WNBA Finals appearances in its 27-year history and won the 2023 WNBA Commissioner's Cup Championship. Owned by Joe and Clara Tsai, owners of the Brooklyn Nets, the Liberty play its home games at Brooklyn's Barclays Center. For more information, please visit www.liberty.wnba.com

About: S. Mona Sinha

A lifelong champion of gender justice, Mona Sinha is the Global Executive Director of Equality Now, a global organization that campaigns for legal and systemic change to address violence and discrimination against women and girls. Founder of the Asian Women's Leadership University project, Trustee Emerita of Smith College, 2024 Forbes 50 over 50:Impact, Executive Producer of Oscar nominated documentary To Kill A Tiger, 2023 Columbia Business School Horton Award for Excellence in Social Enterprise recipient, she has been described as "a powerful force who brings women and the world together. For more information, please visit www.equalitynow.org | Msinha@equalitynow.org | [@monanyhk](https://twitter.com/monanyhk)

About: Toshi Reagon

Toshi is a multi-talented and versatile singer, composer, musician, with a profound ear for sonic Americana—from folk to funk, from blues to rock. While her expansive career has landed her comfortably in residence at Carnegie Hall, the Paris Opera House and Madison Square Garden, you can just as easily find Toshi turning out a music festival, intimate venue or local club. She has been the recipient of a NYFA award for Music Composition, The Black Lily Music and Film Festival Award for Outstanding Performance. For more information, please visit www.toshireagon.com.

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