HISTORIC New england

Contact: Leo Ruiz <u>Iruiz@denterlein.com</u> Laura Sullivan LSullivan@HistoricNewEngland.org

Historic New England Announces 2024 Medal Recipients, Celebrating a Lifetime of Cultural and Preservation Philanthropy

Ann and Graham Gund, Kristin and Roger Servison Honored for Commitment to Preservation and Extraordinary Philanthropic Leadership

Boston, MA March 11, 2024 -- Historic New England is proud to announce the recipients of the Historic New England Medal: Ann and Graham Gund and Kristin and Roger Servison. The Medal presentation will take place on **Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., hosted at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Boston.**

The Historic New England Medal is the organization's most prestigious annual award, established to honor individuals whose philanthropic and civic leadership, along with their unparalleled generosity, have left an indelible mark on preserving and sharing our rich history. This year's recipients, Ann and Graham Gund and Kristin and Roger Servison, are being recognized for their lifetime of exceptional commitment to preservation and extraordinary philanthropic and civic leadership.

The presentation will highlight the recipients' unwavering commitment to historic preservation, emphasizing their vital role in saving and sharing our history. "Ann, Graham, Kristin, and Roger have made an immeasurable impact on preservation and cultural life in the region and beyond," said Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England. "The work they've dedicated their lives to is nothing short of transformative, leaving an enduring legacy in our shared history. This prestigious award reflects not only their generosity but also their profound civic leadership."

Ann and Graham Gund are dedicated patrons of the arts who are active in New England's cultural and architectural communities. Ann is a noted advocate for the arts and serves on various boards, including the Museum of Fine Arts, GBH, and American Repertory Theater, and three decades of service to The George Gund Foundation. Graham, an architect with a celebrated career, founded GUND Partnerships in 1971 and has since won more than 125 awards for design excellence.

Graham served as a Historic New England Trustee and Council member, sharing his knowledge and passion for preservation and architecture for more than two decades.

Kristin and Roger Servison share their passions for historic preservation and the arts in Boston and throughout New England, as well as their connoisseurship of American art and antiques. They have been dedicated and involved philanthropists for numerous organizations, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Tenacity, and Pioneer Institute. Roger joined Fidelity Investments in 1976 helping build the company into a mutual fund giant. He served as a Trustee at Historic New England for more than thirty years. Kristin, who has a background in equity research and portfolio management, currently serves as a Historic New England Trustee and chairs the Collections Committee.

Join us Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 P.M. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza for an unforgettable evening as we applaud and express gratitude to these individuals who have advanced the importance of historic preservation through their outstanding contributions. The event promises to be a meaningful occasion filled with camaraderie, appreciation, and a shared commitment to safeguarding our heritage.

For more information and to reserve your seat, please visit Historic New England's website.

* * *

ABOUT HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND

Historic New England – founded as the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in 1910 – is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive independent preservation organization in the United States. Historic New England welcomes the public to thirty-eight exceptional museums and landscapes, including several coastal farms. The organization operates a major collections and archives center in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and has the world's largest collection of New England artifacts, comprising more than 125,000 decorative arts and objects and 1.5 million archival documents including photographs, architectural drawings, manuscripts, and ephemera. Engaging education programs for youth, adults, and preservation professionals, and award-winning exhibitions and publications are offered in person and virtually. The Historic New England Preservation Easement program is a national leader and protects 125 privately owned historic properties throughout the region.