

Nurturing Socially  
Engaged Art

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## A BLADE OF GRASS

### A Blade of Grass Announces 2017 Annual Benefit Gala, *Night of Alchemy*

**A Blade of Grass (ABOG)**, the first arts organization dedicated exclusively to socially engaged art, will host their third annual benefit gala, **Night of Alchemy**, on **November 7, 2017**.

Taking place at **The Prince George Ballroom**, the benefit gala will be hosted by distinguished Co-chairs **Annette Blum**, **Michael Quattrone**, and **Shelley Frost Rubin**, and will include a specialty cocktails hour, dinner, and award ceremony recognizing leaders in the field of socially engaged art, led by artist **Shaun Leonardo** as Master of Ceremonies.

This year A Blade of Grass will honor **Ross Bleckner**, Artist and Past President of **Community Research Initiative on AIDS**; **Anne Pasternak**; Shelby White and Leon Levy Director of the **Brooklyn Museum**; and **Risë Wilson**, Founder, **The Laundromat Project** and Director of Philanthropy, **Robert Rauschenberg Foundation**; for their longstanding commitments to social justice and groundbreaking work at the intersection of art and social change.

The evening will also feature a unique solo performance by ABOG Fellowship artist alumna, **Rulan Tangen**, Founding Artistic Director and Choreographer of Indigenous dance ensemble **Dancing Earth**. Tangen describes her performance as: “the dancework of Dancing Earth: involving hearts and minds, planting seeds and dancing into being an Indigenous-centered futurity, of relationships between and beyond humans.”

Tables and tickets for **Night of Alchemy** are available for purchase here: <http://bit.ly/2f3WBhW>

#### About A Blade of Grass

A Blade of Grass nurtures socially engaged art. We provide resources to artists who demonstrate artistic excellence and serve as innovative conduits for social change. We evaluate the quality of work in this evolving field by fostering an inclusive, practical discourse about the aesthetics, function, ethics and meaning of socially engaged art that resonates within and outside the contemporary art dialogue.

To learn more about A Blade of Grass and the artists we partner with, please visit: [www.abladeofgrass.org](http://www.abladeofgrass.org)

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ABOG Fellow Rulan Tangen performing in *seeds: ReGeneration*, September 2016  
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