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### **International Star Ricky Martin to Receive Trailblazer Award from NYC's LGBT Community Center Annual Center Dinner to Shine a Light on Community's Continuing Fight for LGBTQ Equality**

**What:** New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center (The Center) will honor actor and multiple Grammy winner, author and performer Ricky Martin on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at its annual Center Dinner at Cipriani Wall Street. Mr. Martin will receive The Center's Trailblazer Award in recognition of his steadfast championing of the LGBTQ community as well as his relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Martin also works extensively as a philanthropist to bring justice, education and protection to children around the world through the Ricky Martin Foundation. He is widely heralded as one of the most influential Latino voices on social media, using Twitter, Facebook and other platforms to maintain an often-daily conversation with more than nine million followers.

Mr. Martin will be honored along with Dame Anna Wintour, who will receive The Center's Visionary Award in recognition of her long-standing, unwavering support and encouragement of the LGBTQ community, within both the fashion and media industries. At a time when it matters more than ever, Ms. Wintour has encouraged Condé Nast's coverage and amplification of LGBTQ voices through the support of publications such as *Them*, as well as *Vogue's* in-depth features on Chelsea Manning and transgender children last fall. Ms. Wintour has held the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Vogue* since July 1988, and was named Artistic Director of Condé Nast in March 2013.

Each year, Center Dinner brings together over 800 influencers and tastemakers in the LGBTQ community to raise funds for The Center's programs and services, with a special emphasis on supporting youth programs. The Center is dedicated to empowering LGBTQ youth to become healthy, successful adults through substance use treatment and prevention, leadership and employment opportunities and HIV/AIDS prevention and education. The Center has long been the hub for LGBTQ community organizing, a catalyst for progressive social change and a provider of critical services for the community. For more information on Center Dinner, please visit [gaycenter.org/centerdinner](http://gaycenter.org/centerdinner).

**Who:** Honoring Ricky Martin with The Center's Trailblazer Award and Dame Anna Wintour with The Center's Visionary Award.

**Where:** Cipriani Wall Street  
55 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

**When:** Thursday, April 19, 2018  
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
7:30 p.m. Program

#### **About The Center**

Established in 1983, New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center empowers people to lead healthy, successful lives. The Center celebrates diversity and advocates for justice and opportunity. Each year, The Center welcomes more than 300,000 visits to our building in the West Village neighborhood of Manhattan from people who engage in our life-changing and life-saving activities. To learn more about our work, please visit [gaycenter.org](http://gaycenter.org).

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