New York City Audubon and Jamaica Bay Lives to honor Heroes of Jamaica Bay on February 19, 2015

With Senator Charles E. Schumer, special guest speaker

NEW YORK (February 11, 2015) New York City Audubon and the documentary film project Jamaica Bay Lives will honor three Heroes of Jamaica Bay at a benefit reception hosted by The Durst Organization on February 19, 2015 at 1 Bryan Park, New York City. The Honorable Charles E. Schumer will be the evening’s special guest speaker.

Jamaica Bay is New York’s largest open space and a key stop for birds along the Atlantic Migratory Flyway. Credentialed members of the media are invited to join us as our guests at this special fundraiser to support our work protecting the Bay’s ecosystem and educating New Yorkers about this natural treasure.

We are proud to honor:

- **Aviator Sports & Events**, which plays a key role in introducing New Yorkers to Jamaica Bay. Aviator also helped residents living near the Bay bounce back after Hurricane Sandy, by housing a local nursery school and serving as a food and clothing drive center.

- **Sadhana**, a Queens-based community coalition and Tidal Connections partner. A coalition of Progressive Hindus, Sadhana is a three-year-old grassroots organization committed to upholding the social justice principles at the heart of the Hindu faith tradition. Sadhana means “faith in action.”

- **Ronald Bourque**, past president of NYC Audubon and longtime advocate for wildlife in Jamaica Bay.

Support of this event will advance NYC Audubon’s ongoing efforts to:

- Advocate for restoration of critical freshwater habitat at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge’s West Pond.
- Complete and present Jamaica Bay Lives, the first-ever, feature-length documentary film about Jamaica Bay.
- Educate and collaborate with Jamaica Bay area students and residents via our Tidal Connections Program.
- Clean up the Bay’s beaches and marshes for horseshoe crabs and shorebirds with volunteer events.

Media coverage is invited. Please contact Kellye Rosenheim at krosenheim@nycaudubon.org or 646-502-9611 to register. The public is invited to purchase tickets at www.nycaudubon.org/Heroes_of_Jamaica_Bay.

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