

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

New two-acre science campus opens along the East River



Rockefeller's new facility, which extends over the FDR Drive, houses laboratories, offices, and spaces for collaboration.

Standing atop Rockefeller's new Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus, on a green roof overlooking the East River, it's easy to enjoy the views and the breeze, and forget the 22 laboratories—and a six-lane urban highway—just beneath your feet.

After nearly four years of construction, the first labs began to move onto Rockefeller's new campus in May, marking the completion of a project that has added two acres to Rockefeller's Upper East Side footprint. The new campus, which extends for four blocks above the

FDR Drive, houses bioscience laboratories, a new dining commons, offices for the dean and president, and a meeting facility.

"This space was designed to bring the community together and inspire creativity," said Rockefeller President Richard P. Lifton at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in May. "This spectacular campus will enable the 21st century's greatest discoveries, advancing human health in service to humanity."

The new campus provides over 160,000 square feet of interior space in several interlinked buildings. The centerpiece, the 750-foot long Marie Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, is designed to help foster collaboration between scientists and to be easily reconfigurable as needs change.

The university also repaired and refurbished the public East River Esplanade between 64th and 68th Streets.

Peggy Rockefeller series announces 2019–2020 concert season

Although Rockefeller is known for bioscience, it also fosters and appreciates the arts through programs such as the Peggy Rockefeller Concerts, which are open to the public.

The 2019–2020 season will feature a range of classical music artists, from up-and-coming violinist Alexi Kenney (right), to rising opera star Michelle Bradley, to the renowned Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet. Located in Rockefeller's iconic hemisphere-shaped Caspary Auditorium, the concert series offers six musical performances per year. Individual

tickets and subscriptions are now available at www.rockefeller.edu/peggy.

Richard Kogan, a concert pianist and psychiatrist at Weill Cornell Medicine will open the season. Fusing performance and lecture, he explores the mental, emotional, and physical states of famous composers.

Established in 1958, the Peggy Rockefeller series has always been organized by the university's faculty: First by Theodore Shedlovsky, a chemist; then by Gerald Edelman, a Nobel Prize-winning neuroscientist; and since 1990 by associate professor George N. Reeke Jr., a computational biologist.

"Science and music clearly have a unique partnership," says Reeke. "There is a longstanding culture here where both



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endeavors are treasured, and we are delighted to offer the Peggy Rockefeller Concerts and share the opportunity to appreciate great music with our community."



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