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***Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation to Honor
David Adjaye and Phyllis Lambert
at Fall Benefit Gala in New York***

New York, NY — Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation of the United States will present Soane Foundation Honors to architect *David Adjaye* and museum founder, author, and architect *Phyllis Lambert* on *Monday, September 29, 2014*. A special guest at the benefit gala in New York will be Abraham Thomas, the new director of Sir John Soane's Museum, the creation of the 18th century British architect Sir John Soane and one of the most celebrated museums in London today.

"We see the achievements of these two honorees as embodying the highest value in the practice of architecture: that is, architecture placed in the service of civic life," notes Tom Kligerman, President of the Soane Foundation, a non-profit organization based in New York.

The distinguished roster of previous Soane Honorees includes Lord Norman Foster, The Frank Lloyd Wright Archives Partnership, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, Robert A. M. Stern and the author and illustrator David Macaulay, among others.

THE HONOREES

David Adjaye OBE is a London-based architect whose eponymous firm is currently on the global stage for its design of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington D.C. David Adjaye Associates is also greatly admired for two neighborhood libraries in Washington D.C. (2012); The Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo (2005); and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver (2007), among an array of civic, commercial and residential commissions around the world. Mr. Adjaye has an affordable housing complex under construction in the Sugar Hill section of Harlem / New York City, due for completion in June 2014, as well as his first line of furniture for Knoll. For further information on Mr. Adjaye and his firm: www.adjaye.com

Phyllis Lambert, CC, FRAIC, Hon. FRIBA, has been a driving force in architecture since the 1950s when, as Director of Planning for the Seagram Building, she chose the pioneering modern master Ludwig Mies van der Rohe as architect for the project. Lambert, an author, urban activist, and licensed architect, is Founding Director Emeritus of the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) in Montreal. She received the RAIC Gold Medal (1991) and most recently won the 2013 American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) in the Architecture & Urban Planning category, as well as the New York City Book Award for *Building Seagram* (Yale University Press), and is the subject of the 2007 documentary film *Citizen Lambert: Joan of Architecture*. For further information on the CCA, please visit: www.cca.qc.ca/en

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THE SOANE BENEFIT GALA

Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation's benefit dinner will take place in the newly reopened landmark, The Rainbow Room at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, the GE Building, 65th Floor on Monday, September 29, 2014. Reception is at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. The Soane is proud to be the first architecturally focused organization to be welcomed back into this landmark space, which first opened October 3, 1934 – 80 years ago.

The evening is black tie, with dance music provided by the Alex Donner Orchestra. Seating is limited.

For ticket reservations or for further information, the public may contact Chas Miller at 212 223 2012 or chas@soanefoundation.com.

For images on our past Gala dinners, please visit: www.soanefoundation.com/gala.html

SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM FOUNDATION

For more information on the Soane Foundation, which presents public programs on architecture, design, and the decorative arts throughout the U.S. and helps support Sir John Soane's Museum in London, the public may visit www.soanefoundation.com.

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