

FFUB hosts annual Gala in New York City

Lord Foster of Thames Bank awarded "2004 Transatlantic Bridge Award"

Recently, I attended the Gala honoring Lord Foster of Thames Bank who was awarded with the 2004 Transatlantic Bridge Award by the Friends of Freie Universität Berlin (FFUB). The event was held at the prestigious Pierre Hotel in New York City close to Central Park.

(Financial Times) has built groundbreaking and visionary buildings all over the world including the Reichstag Dome in Berlin, the Millennium Bridge in London, the Great Court at the British Museum, Beijing Capital International Airport, Freie Universität Berlin's Philology Library and the Hearst Headquarters in New York City.

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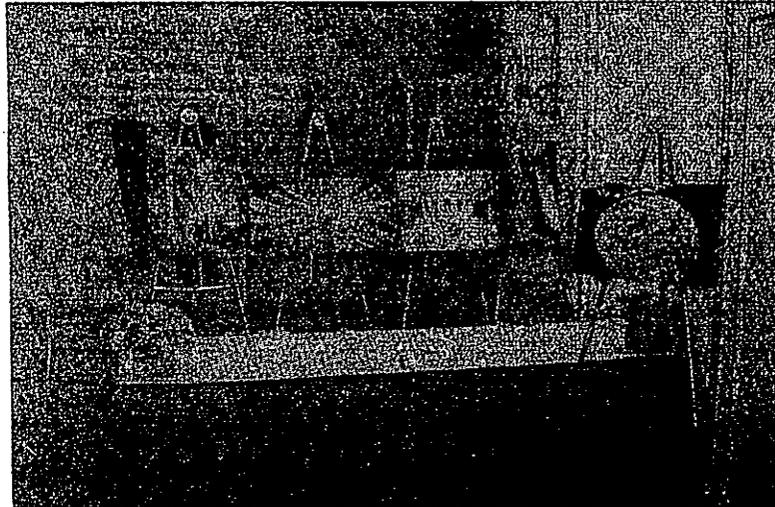
The Transatlantic Bridge Award is given to exceptional individuals who address global challenges through their visions and at the same time achieve significant contributions on both sides of the Atlantic.

About 330 hand-picked guests attended the evening celebrations, including representatives from business, government, the United Nat-

Foster and Partners has received more than 300 awards worldwide and won 60 national and international competitions. Norman Foster

This special evening was hosted by Mrs. Helene Sostarchich-Barsamian, Executive director of the FFUB. The dinner was accompanied by a message from Chancellor Schröder, read by Consul General Uwe-Karsten Heye, a welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Dieter Lenzen, President of Freie Universität Berlin, followed by René Reich-Graefe, -President of FFUB, salutations by Carsten Voigt, Coordinator for German American Cooperation, Lord Weidenfels, Master of Ceremonies and finally the acceptance speech of Lord Foster himself.

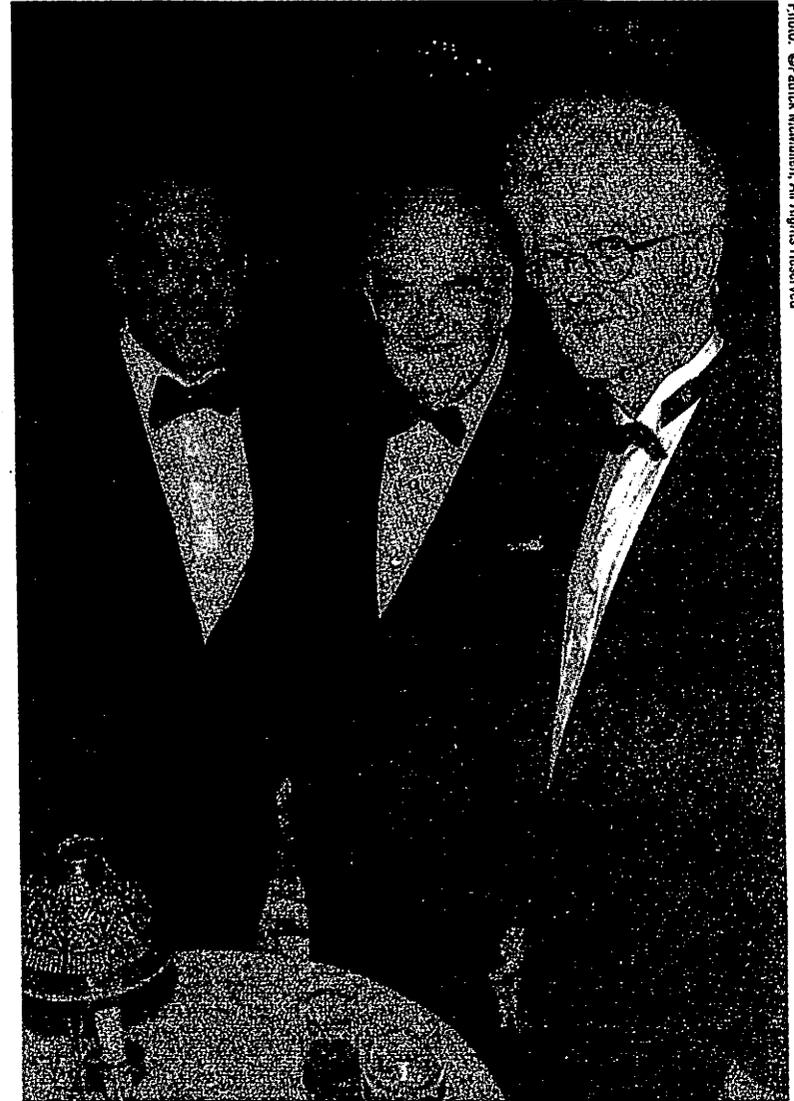
The gala also served to launch FFUB's \$2.5 million capital campaign for the Henry Ford Building on the FU Berlin campus. René Reich-Graefe, President of the Board of Directors, introduced the President of the Deutscher Verein, Kurt Leopold, as Chairman of the campaign. For the last 50 years, the Henry Ford Building has served as a symbol of the historic ties between America and Germany.



Display of the award-winning architectural creations designed by the architectural firm Foster and Partners

ions diplomatic core, the architectural community and from academia in general. Lord Foster, "Britain's most celebrated living architect"

was knighted in 1990, appointed by Her Majesty the Queen to the Order of Merit in 1997 and in 1999 was honored with a Life Peerage, taking



Lord Foster of Thames Bank, Lord Weidenfeld and Karsten D. Voigt

The evening certainly represented not only a highlight for the FFUB, but was also an exceptional evening for New York's academic life.

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For more information regarding FFUB's gala honoring Lord Foster of Thames Bank, visit: [HYPERLINK](http://www.ffub.us/AnnualGala.html)
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