PRESERVATION LONG ISLAND Celebrates Modernism Restored:

A Special Access Tour of the TWA FLIGHT CENTER With Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners Saturday November 6, 2021, 6:00–8:30 pm

The Trans World Airline Flight Center (now the TWA Hotel) at John F. Kennedy International Airport is an icon of mid-century modern architecture and an inspiration for successful large-scale historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects. Opened in 1962, it was designed for TWA's then-owner, Howard Hughes, by world-renowned architect, Eero Saarinen, who employed a daring use of high-tech construction to evoke the spirit of flight in the jet age.

By the late 1990s, the terminal was all but abandoned when advocates from across New York City and beyond began to rally for its preservation. In 2002, the Port Authority commissioned Beyer Blinder Bell Architects and Planners to guide the building's restoration. In 2014, MCR/Morse Development took the restored Flight Center to the next level, making it the center of a state-of-the-art hotel and event complex.

Opened in 2019, the award-winning TWA Hotel is now a destination in itself. Preservation Long Island's special insider event will include a 2.5-hour cocktail party with passed hors d'oeuvres in the high-style mezzanine-level Ambassador's Lounge and tours focused on the building's restoration and curated exhibition installations led by TWA Project Architect, Richard Southwick and MCR/Morse Development project designers.

Additionally, Preservation Long Island's guests are free to enjoy several TWA Hotel attractions after the party including drinks in the re-purposed Lockheed Constellation "Connie" L-1649A and discounted room rates.

Located at the airport's Terminal 5, the TWA Hotel is easily accessed by the Air Train via clearly marked directions at the Jamaica Long Island Rail Road Station. Those who choose to drive may take advantage of Hotel valet parking.







