

The 100 Most Influential People in Brooklyn Culture 2017

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BROOKLYN'S 100 CULTURAL INFLUENCERS

GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MOST IMPACTFUL ACTIVISM, BOOKS, MOVEMENTS, ART, BUSINESSES, MEDIA, POLITICS, MUSIC, AND EXPERIENCES IN BROOKLYN.

It might only be March, but it's been a hell of a year. When the values our community stands for are compromised, it is more important than ever to highlight those working to make us smarter, kinder, and more generous. In Brooklyn, these 100 individuals are mining their creative impulses and embracing their passion for activism and social justice to promote a more thoughtful and supportive future.

But in addition to social and political leaders, this is also a list of people who remind us of lighter things, provide us with a sense of calm, or just make us happy. These are actors, comedians, writers, filmmakers, artists, and entrepreneurs of innovative businesses, all of whom are working in their particular way to create something beautiful. All told, these voices are here to remind us that even when the present feels uncertain, the human spirit is a wellspring of hope.

BY THE EDITORS

Food



Will Elliott

Maison Premiere and Savage

It's hard to top a James Beard Award for Outstanding Bar Program, but after building a menu of absinthe-based libations at Maison Premiere, Will is introducing Americans to Europe's low ABV aperitifs at Savage.