



*During V-Day Celebration Showcase,
Brooklyn Rising presents the
V-Day Woman of the Year 2022 Award
to the Honorable Kathy Hochul,
Governor of the State of New York*

*Monday, February 14, 2022, 6pm to 10pm
at Tropical Breeze in Brooklyn, NY, USA*



Brooklyn Rising is an artistic activist movement that inspires and celebrates young women of Brooklyn and expresses Solidarity with One Billion Rising, Youth Rising, and V-Day to end violence against women and girls worldwide through activism and artistic expressions—dance, song, spoken word, poems, performance arts, monologues, Double Dutch, and music created in conjunction with talented and visionary young women in Brooklyn USA.

RSVP by February 4, 2022 at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fucvv2v>.

The *Honorable Kathy Hochul*
is the 57th Governor of New York.

As governor, she has brought a fresh and collaborative approach to governing to get results for New Yorkers.

Throughout Kathy's life, she has committed to empowering women. She joined her mother and aunt in establishing the Kathleen Mary House in 2006, a transitional home for victims of domestic violence. Kathy has spent her entire career fighting to protect abortion and contraception access for women.

In addition, as the State's first female governor, she has reaffirmed abortion rights in New York in the wake of Texas passing strict, anti-abortion laws, so that abortion access is always safe and available in New York. These actions have earned her the endorsement of groups like EMILY's List, who have recognized her devotion to advancing women's rights.

Since taking office, Kathy has taken action to make New York a national leader in tackling the COVID crisis by enforcing the vaccine mandate for healthcare workers and calling for universal masking in schools.

Kathy has also fought for families trying to make ends meet. In some of her earliest actions as governor, Kathy passed an eviction moratorium, accelerated rental assistance, and released \$200 million for food assistance. She is dedicated to keeping businesses afloat and families secure, all while growing New York's economy as our State comes back stronger than ever before.

A lifelong New Yorker, Kathy was born and raised in a blue-collar Irish Catholic family in Buffalo that instilled in her a deep passion for public service. Kathy watched her mother raise six children, all while engaged in social and racial justice movements. And she watched her dad dream big for his family—working in a steel plant by day and getting an education by night.

She took those lessons of courage, risk-taking, and her own fighting spirit to become a student organizer and activist at Syracuse University, and then a young attorney and a legislative assistant to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Kathy has had the privilege of serving New Yorkers as a member of the Hamburg Town Board, Erie County Clerk, member of Congress, lieutenant governor, and now as the 57th governor of our great State.

In 2011, she ran for Congress as a proud Democrat in Western New York, and always focused on what was best for families. Speaking out against the radical Republican agenda to defund Medicare, she emerged victoriously in the reddest district in the State.

Kathy has always stood up for the underdog. As governor, she has prioritized keeping families in their homes, growing the State's economy, and keeping our State healthy.

Kathy is married to her husband, Bill, and they have two children, Will and Katie. She holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a JD from Catholic University.

PROGRAM

Reception
6pm to 7pm

WELCOME ADDRESS BY
THE HON. DARLENE MEALY, HONORARY DINNER CHAIR
[MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER]

Dinner Served
7pm to 8pm



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER RODNEYSE BICHOTTE, IS THE FIRST HAITIAN AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE FIRST WOMAN TO CHAIR THE BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. RODNEYSE IS A MEMBER OF THE NYS ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS; THE TASK FORCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES; THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND THE MAYOR'S NYC ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MINORITY AND WOMEN.

*Presentation of the V-Day
Woman of the Year 2022 Award*
8pm to 8:30pm

Acknowledgments

Entertainment
8:30pm to 10pm



DANCE AND SPOKEN WORD
PRESENTATION BY KEOMI TARVER,
DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER OF
ABUNDANCE WITH KEO



MUSIC PRESENTATION BY
PRIYA DEBERRY,
VIOLINIST



THE “V” IN V-DAY STANDS FOR
VOICES, VICTORY, VALENTINE, AND VAGINA.

V-Day is an organized response against violence toward all women and girls.

V-Day is a day. **We proclaim Valentine’s Day as V-Day**, to celebrate women and end the violence.

Every February, **We RISE—in 200 countries across the world**—to show our local communities and the world what one billion looks like and shine a light on the rampant impunity and injustice that survivors most often face.

The campaign, which launched on **Valentine’s Day 2012**, began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women across the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than **ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS**.

