

television reporters and personalities singing, dancing and generally trying to trip the light fantastic for a good cause.

[Ernie Anastos](#), [Marvin Scott](#), [Kaity Tong](#), [Howard Thompson](#), Mr. G., [Sukanya Krishnan](#), [Dr. Sapna Parikh](#), and Linda Church are just a few of the personalities scheduled to perform at the 2 p.m. show — following a 1 p.m. reception — at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, 1 E. 91st St. in Manhattan.

Hickey, who will mark 30 years as a television reporter in the New York market in December, took up singing two years ago in tribute to her late mother, [Jean Hogan Hickey](#), an actress and singer who died in 2007.

“My mother always loved singing and the great American song book,” Hickey said. “I had always had a fear of singing even though I’m a newscaster and was always on TV and had acted in college and high school.”

So Hickey signed up for a cabaret singing class at the 92nd Street Y and considered it a divine sign when two of her six classmates turned out to be women who had sung in the [St. Vincent Ferrer](#) Catholic Church choir with her mother for 25 years.

A colleague caught the graduation performance and suggested Hickey develop an act she could use to fund-raise. Hickey’s cabaret class teacher, [Colette Black](#), is directing the April 14th show.

Lawrence Hickey, who made a living in construction and real estate, was “a great father, a great husband, a great son, a great nephew,” who didn’t even start volunteering until he was 57 years old, after all of his kids had left their Upper East Side home.

At various times he served as parish council president at St. Vincent Ferrer Church and board president at the Convent of the Sacred Heart School. Lawrence Hickey also headed the “Save the Armory Committee” which successfully fought a planned commercial conversion of the the armory at 66th St. and Lexington Ave.

In 1977 Lawrence Hickey helped nuns at the Kennedy Child Study Center, a school for developmentally delayed and special needs children associated with Catholic Charities, repair a hole in a wall. He would later serve on their Board of Directors. Magee Hickey will emcee a May 3 benefit for that group.

So when Astor Children’s Services was looking to expand they asked Lawrence Hickey to find them a building. He found one on Dyre Ave. in the Bronx, and when it opened in 1991 Astor in gratitude named it after him.

Tickets are \$50, \$150 and \$500 and are available via email at dvaldez@astorservices.org, at astorservices.org, or by calling [Dana Valdez](#) at (845)871-1171.

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