



Attending the Minty Awards Dinner Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield, on Thursday were honoree Richie Byrne, center, his mom, Johanna, and family members. *Carol Ann Benanti, Staten Island Advance photos*

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Minty Organization hosts annual gala

The Minty Organization for the Performing Arts, a nonprofit organization which oversees the Minty Awards, held its sixth annual Minty Awards Dinner Gala on Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Honored were Edward Morand, who received the Carl William Lesch Memorial Award for Educator of the Arts; Richie Byrne, who was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award; Drs. Richard and Carin Guarasci, who received the Community Enrichment Award, and the St. John Villa Academy 1989 production of “The King and I,” which received the Outstanding Show Award. In addition, Francesca Compagno, a student at Moore Catholic High School, and Annabella Gordon and Nicole Sutherland of Notre Dame Academy, received the Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi Memorial Prize, named in honor of the late chaplain of The Minty Organization. —*Carol Ann Benanti*



The honorees, from left, were Richard and Carin Guarasci, Michael Pinto, Richie Byrne and Edward Morand. For more photos of the event, visit SILive.com.



Luanne Sorrentino, left, Rose Cugno, Doreen Cugno and Eric Petillo attended the event.



Charlie Siedenburg, left, Lillian Lagazzo, and Deputy Borough President Ed Burke were among the guests.