Tuesday, October 18th will be a signature and celebratory day for The Cooper Union and its community as the institution inaugurates its 12th president, Jamshed Bharucha, a cognitive neuroscientist and former Provost and Senior Vice President of Tufts University.

The festive ceremony, which begins with a procession of notable academics queuing up in their regalia to cross from the college’s LEED Platinum academic building at 41 Cooper Square to its landmarked Foundation Building at 7 East 7th Street, is scheduled to begin at 11:30 AM. At noon, opening remarks by Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, India, will, in a video, provide insight into the influence our global community has on education. Tharoor will be followed by Frances Fergusson, President Emeritus of Vassar College, James Wright, President Emeritus of Dartmouth College and Lawrence S. Bacow, President Emeritus of Tufts University. President Bharucha, an accomplished amateur violinist, will provide an inspiring musical interlude, joining violinist Andy Stein and other friends in a performance of selected movements from Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 and Mendelssohn's Octet. Vartan Gregorian, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, will close the ceremony, and a new era for the acclaimed institution and its new leader will begin.

Founded in 1859 by Peter Cooper, an inventor, industrialist and philanthropist, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art is a preeminent institution providing degrees in the disciplines of art, architecture and engineering as well as programs in Humanities and Social Sciences. Prior to coming to lead Cooper Union, Jamshed Bharucha served in academic leadership positions at Dartmouth College and Tufts University. He is a cognitive neuroscientist and classically trained violinist.


What: Inauguration of Jamshed Bharucha, 12th President of The Cooper Union (Photo-Op)
Cooper Union celebrates the installation of its 12th President, Jamshed Bharucha, marking a new era as the academic procession lines up at 41 Cooper Square. Highlights include opening remarks by Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, India (video) and a performance by President Bharucha and friends of works by Bach and Mendelssohn. Streamed live at http://bit.ly/Inaug_Live.

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2011
11:30 AM – Procession
12 PM (noon) - Inauguration Ceremony including performance

Where: The Cooper Union
Procession Line Up:
41 Cooper Square (entrance at 3rd Avenue and 6th Street)
Inauguration Ceremony:
Foundation Building, Great Hall, 7 East 7th Street b/w 3rd and 4th Avenues
New York, NY 10003

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