Innovator Educator Jamshed Bharucha Inaugurated
As 12th President of The Cooper Union

New York - The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art ushered in a new era for the esteemed 152-year-old institution with the inauguration of its 12th president, cognitive neuroscientist **Jamshed Bharucha**. The ceremony took place in the historic Great Hall on October 18, 2011.

The academic procession crossed from the institution’s LEED Platinum academic building at 41 Cooper Square to its landmarked Foundation Building. **Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament, India offered video congratulations and provided insight into the influence of our global community on education. **Frances Fergusson**, President Emerita of Vassar College, **James Wright**, President Emeritus of Dartmouth College and **Lawrence S. Bacow**, President Emeritus of Tufts University offered their impressions of President Bharucha, lauding his intellectual curiosity, capacity for innovation and ability to lead.

Drawing inspiration from the genius of founder Peter Cooper, President Bharucha, standing at the lectern where candidate Lincoln spoke in 1860, pointed to “four areas that stand out as academic challenges and opportunities: fostering innovation, promoting access, serving the public good and embracing a global perspective – while maintaining the highest standards.”

President Bharucha, a classically trained violinist, joined violinist **Andy Stein** and other friends to perform selected movements from Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3* and Mendelssohn's *Octet*. The award-winning Gallim Dance company also performed.

**Mark L. Epstein**, President of the Board of Trustees, formally invested the new president. **Vartan Gregorian**, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and President Emeritus, Brown University closed by offering his congratulations.

**Fareed Zakaria of CNN, TIME and The Washington Post** led a pre-inaugural colloquium on October 17.

Dr. Bharucha has been a pioneer in studying how the brain responds to music. Prior to joining The Cooper Union, he was Provost and Senior Vice President of Tufts University. Before joining Tufts, Dr. Bharucha spent his academic career at Dartmouth College. He also served as a Trustee of Vassar College.

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 courses in Humanities and Social Sciences.

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