

BELOVED PALM BEACH RESIDENT AND BALTIMORE NATIVE SIMON BENSON OFFIT TURNS 90.

What do you get for a man who has everything on his

90th Birthday? If you ask **Simon Benson Offit**, he would say a gift to the **Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation**.

In honor of Offit's 90th Birthday, friends and family have made generous gifts to the *Simon Benson Offit Musical Theatre Scholarship*.

The scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of

the Arts theatre department who will be pursuing their college degree in musical theatre. Simon's birthday wish has been met with over 175 contributions from friends and family from all over the world.

Offit graduated from Loyola College, studied at Johns Hopkins University, and worked in his family's business, the Aetna Shirt Corp., a menswear manufacturer. He became the firm's head of sales, publicity, and promotion in New York.

Retiring in 1988, Offit moved to Palm Beach. He was a founding benefactor of the Kravis Center and was the School of the Arts Foundation Board Chairman for over 20 years. With dear friend **Dorothy Lappin**, the "Dynamic Duo" raised over \$1 million, heading up the monthly luncheons at Dreyfoos for the past 20 years. Simon was also past president of the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, Co-Chair of the Men's Committee of the Elizabeth Norton Society of the Norton Museum, and past chairman of the Palm Beach Division of the Guild for the Blind.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made at: <https://soafi.org/donate/simon> or via check payable to "Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation" and mailed to P.O. Box 552 West Palm Beach, FL 33402.



Simon Benson Offit