

Festival Napa Valley Raises Record \$5 Million at 2025 Arts for All Gala

NAPA, Calif. - Festival Napa Valley's Arts for All Gala raised a record-breaking \$5 million on Sunday, July 13, further cementing its place as one of the nation's leading fundraisers for education and the arts.

Held at Nickel & Nickel, part of the House of Far Niente, the sold-out gala featured a stirring performance by seven-time Grammy and Oscar winner Jon Batiste, a high energy live auction led by celebrated auctioneer and author Lydia Fenet, and an elegant dinner curated by James Beard Award-winning chef Rogelio Garcia of Four Seasons Resort and Residences Napa Valley, paired with exceptional House of Far Niente wines.

Notable attendees included Marchese Piero Antinori, Robin and Michelle Baggett, Athena and Timothy Blackburn, Gina Gallo and Jean-Charles Boisset, Steph and Tim Busch, Tatiana and Gerret Copeland, Suzanne Deal Booth, Tracy and Darryl Curry, Olivia Decker, Leslie and Rich Frank, Kathryn and Craig Hall, Jane and Bert Inch, Arlene Inch, Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi, Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Monica Mancini and Gregg Field, Maryam and Oran Muduroglu, Merle Mullin, Kathleen and Jose Luis Nazar, Kenneth and Deborah Novack, Maggie and Stephen Oetgen, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi and Paul Pelosi, Mary Beth and David Shimmon, Maria Manetti Shrem, Ramirra and Jerry Stackhouse, Claire and Steven Stull, and Bob and Maria Torres.

Other top lots included a journey to Cabo and Milan with Pomellato, Milan Fashion Week with Dolce & Gabbana, and a Napa Valley automotive adventure with exotic cars and a rare wine dinner. Jean-Charles Boisset and Kathryn Walt Hall doubled the exclusive Parisian lot at \$170,000 each during a heated bidding war. Buy A Spot experiences were equally in demand, including a luncheon at Trefethen Family Vineyards with a performance by Monica Mancini, a magnum party honoring vintners and philanthropists Robin and Michelle Baggett, and an evening at Darioush Winery with opera star Angel Blue and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

The evening culminated in a Fund A Need moment to support music and education programs that empower youth and the Festival's new Music and Wellness initiative. Bouchaine Vineyards proprietors Tatiana and Gerret Copeland kicked off the Fund A Need with a \$1 million donation, inspiring an outpouring of support from fellow guests.

Over the past year, Festival Napa Valley awarded over \$1 million in scholarships, engaged 250 artists, supported 90 emerging musicians through tuition-free summer academies, presented 30 masterclasses, and promoted 125 local wineries, restaurants, hotels, and culinary businesses. The Festival presented 70 concerts in Napa Valley, San Francisco, and nationwide that brought music to more than 25,000 attendees, including over 8,500 children, seniors, and veterans at admission-free events, reaching all Napa County public schools and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Festival Napa Valley's 2025 Summer Season presenting sponsor was J.P. Morgan. Premier sponsors included Audi Napa Valley, Bouchaine Vineyards, Kaiser Permanente, Opus One, Pomellato, and The

Meritage Resort and Spa.

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