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Two Stoltzmans will 'headline' the Community Music Center's annual spring gala

At the end of this month, *A Salute to the Joy of Making Music*, the annual spring gala of the Community Center, will feature a rather unique father-and-son duo. Clarinetist Richard Stoltzman will be the special guest performer, and his piano accompanist will be his son Peter. This year's event will honor Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston, Stewards of the Shenson Foundation, which provides support for many of the high-quality concerts we have come to enjoy here in San Francisco. Once **again** the Master of Ceremonies will be KDFC radio personality Dianne Nicolini.



This year's event will be held in the Venetian Room at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel. Cocktails, wine, and an abundance of elegant hors d'oeuvres will be served; and there will be a silent auction. The Stoltzman duo will perform two of Dave Brubeck's best known compositions, "In Your Own Sweet Way" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk," as well as selections from both George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* and Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*. Also, the program will feature the 2015 recipient of the CMC Faculty Shenson Award, flamenco and **jazz** pianist Alex Conde. In addition the CMC Faculty Jazz Trio of Harvey Robb on saxophone, Randy Craig on piano, and Richard Saunders on bass will perform with Young Musicians Program Student Aaron Bierman on guitar. Finally, Beth Vilmurt will lead a performance by the CMC Children's Chorus. A live auction will follow the performances.

The main event will be preceded by a special reception for VIP ticket holders. This will be held in the Cirque Room of the Fairmont. The Stoltzmans will be featured guests, and music will be provided by Tangonero, the 2011 recipient of the CMC Faculty Shenson Award.

This event will take place on Wednesday, April 29, at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel at 950 Mason Street on Nob Hill. The VIP reception begins at 6 p.m., and the general event will take place between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. The general admission ticket is \$250; and VIP tickets are \$450. Tickets may be purchased online through a VerticalResponse **Web page**. Tickets may also be purchased by calling Tamara Bock at 415-647-6015 or by sending electronic mail to rsvp@sfcmc.org.

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