

SOCIAL CALENDAR By SHARA HALL

29 *Community Music Center* honors Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston at A Salute to the Joy of Making Music, its annual gala at the Fairmont San Francisco. The event, which benefits student scholarships, features two-time Grammy Award-winning clarinetist Richard Stoltzman and his son, pianist Peter Stoltzman, as well as Community Music Center students and faculty. Tickets start at \$250; call 415-647-6015 ext. 78 or visit sfcmc.givezooks.com/events/gala-2015 for tickets and info.

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THE JOY of MAKING MUSIC
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 at COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
 6:30PM to 9:00PM
 THE VENETIAN ROOM
 at THE FAIRMONT
 SAN FRANCISCO

featuring
 Clarinetist Richard Stoltzman
 & his son, pianist Peter Stoltzman,
 as well as Community Music Center
 students and faculty

Honoring Fred Levin & Nancy Livingston
 Stewards of The Shenson Foundation

KDFC-FM's Diana Nicolini
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\$250 General Admission
 \$450 VIP Admission

*VIP cocktail reception featuring Tangonero
 in the Cirque Room at 6:00PM*

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THE JOY OF MUSIC

The Fairmont Hotel's legendary Venetian Room, where **Tony Bennett** first sang *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, and where Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Nat King Cole frequently performed, is the setting for SF Community Music Center's April 29 gala, A Salute to the Joy of Making Music.

The evening's beginning, middle and end will be musical. Guests will be serenaded by a guitar "minstrel" while partaking of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction heavy on musical opportunities, and an "instrument petting zoo," where one can bow a violin, play the viola, or try out the cello alongside students and faculty from the Young Musician Program.

A multicourse dinner and live auction will follow, as will performances by CMC friends: two-time Grammy Award-winning clarinetist **Richard Stoltzman** and his son, pianist **Peter Stoltzman**, in league with CMC faculty members, Tangonero, the Argentine Tango ensemble, and



Maynard Dixon murals adorn the Mark Hopkins (far left); a gala at the Fairmont honors Nancy Livingston and Fred Levin.

jazz/flamenco pianist and recording artist **Alex Conde**.

The evening honors San Francisco's **Fred Levin** and **Nancy Livingston**, stewards of the Shenson Foundation, which was founded by music philanthropists Drs. Ben and A. Jess Shenson. The foundation sponsors a scholarship at CMC and a legacy fund, as well as an annual faculty series of free performances open to the community. KDFC-FM's **Dianne Nicolini** will emcee the festivities.

Says honoree Levin, "Each year, the Shenson Foundation sponsors CMC on several levels, so the community can experience quality art for free. We look forward to continuing our efforts to keep the music flowing for years to come."

CMC is the Bay Area's oldest community arts organization and San Francisco's largest provider of free and low-cost music classes and concerts. The majority of CMC's 2,400 students depend on financial aid for their musical studies. "A Salute" will help provide that aid.

SF Community Music Center Gala, April 29, 6 p.m., Venetian Room, Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason St. Tickets from \$250; call 415-647-6015 ext. 78 or write rsvp@sfcmc.org for details.