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San Francisco Community Music Center Honors Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston, Stewards of The Shenson Foundation, at Annual Gala April 29

***“A Salute to the Joy of Making Music” Gala to benefit student scholarships;
Event begins at 6:30 p.m. at The Fairmont San Francisco Hotel***

***Two-time Grammy Award-winning clarinetist, Richard Stoltzman, and his son,
pianist Peter Stoltzman, to perform at event***

SAN FRANCISCO – March 3, 2015 – [Community Music Center](http://www.communitymusiccenter.org), San Francisco’s oldest community arts organization that offers quality music accessible to all people, honors Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston of The Shenson Foundation at its annual fundraising event. *A Salute to the Joy of Making Music*, which benefits scholarships at Community Music Center, begins with a VIP reception at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 in the Venetian Room at The Fairmont San Francisco.

The event, hosted by KDFC-FM’s Dianne Nicolini and sponsored by Nob Hill Gazette, features two-time Grammy Award-winning clarinetist, Richard Stoltzman, and his son, pianist Peter Stoltzman, as well as Community Music Center students and faculty. A VIP reception offering cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and special entertainment by a Shenson Foundation Grantee kicks off the evening at 6 p.m. The main event at 6:30 p.m. includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction with live auction and performances to follow. Silent auction items feature concert tickets, wines and certificates to fine local restaurants. Live auction items include a three-night stay in Sonoma’s popular Sea Ranch among other trips and packages. The event is cocktail attire and catered by the Fairmont San Francisco. Tickets, starting at \$250, are on sale. Contact Tamara Bock at (415) 647-6015 x78 or rsvp@sfcmc.org. For more information, click [here](#).



Honorees Nancy Livingston and Fred Levin Photo by Alain McLaughlin

The event supports scholarships for students. Sixty-eight percent of 2,400 current students at Community Music Center depend on financial aid for their musical study and many participate in free programs such as Community Music Center’s Mission District Young Musicians Program and Older Adult Choir Program.

“We are longtime supporters of the arts in the Bay Area and we’re thrilled to support the Community Music Center,” said gala honoree, Fred Levin. “Each year, The Shenson Foundation sponsors concerts at Community Music Center through Shenson scholarships and a Shenson legacy fund, so the community can experience quality art for free. The service CMC provides Bay Area residents is needed today more than ever, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to keep the music flowing for years to come.”

About Community Music Center

Community Music Center (CMC) is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization founded in 1921 with the mission of making high quality music accessible to all people, regardless of their financial status. 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. During the 2013-2014 school year, 2,400 students of all ages, ethnicities and income levels enrolled in CMC programs and more than 19,500 people enjoyed musical performances at no or low cost. Sixty-eight percent of 2,400 current students at Community Music Center depend on financial aid for their musical study and many participate in free programs such as Community Music Center's Mission District Young Musicians Program and Older Adult Choir Program. Learn more at www.sfcmc.org.



CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Community Music Center honors Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston at *A Salute to the Joy of Making Music*, its annual gala April 29 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. KDFC-FM's Dianne Nicolini will serve as Master of Ceremonies. A VIP reception kicks off the evening at 6 p.m.; the main event, commencing at 6:30 p.m., includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction – performances and live auction will follow.

What: Community Music Center gala: *A Salute to the Joy of Making Music*, benefitting scholarships at Community Music Center

When: 6 p.m. for VIPs; 6:30 p.m. general admission Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Where: The Venetian Room at The Fairmont San Francisco

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

Honorees: Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston, Stewards of The Shenson Foundation

Admission: Ticket Prices: \$250 general admission or \$450 VIP. To purchase tickets, contact Tamara Bock at (415) 647-6015 x78 or rsvp@sfcmc.org. For more information, click [here](#).

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