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JULY 14

ARTS FOR ALL: SEAL SINGS THE STANDARDS

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Kathryn Walt Hall and Craig Hall hosted Festival Napa Valley’s annual Arts for All gala at their namesake winery in St. Helena. It’s one of the hot tickets of the summer, and if your name was on the list, you were in good company: This year, Seal took the stage to perform jazzy standards from the Great American songbook in the grand tradition of top-tier headliners including Bill Murray and Kristin Chenoweth. (And, yes, he also sang “Kiss From a Rose.”) The event, which included an auction offering exotic trips all over the world and VIP status at the Venice Film Festival, raised \$2.6 million to support public school art education programs in Napa County and fund scholarships for promising musicians as well as free and affordable access to once-in-a-lifetime musical performances featuring the best of the best.

Against a backdrop of idyllic, high-summer vineyard views, guests noshed on high-end cuisine from Meadowood Napa Valley paired with excellent wines from Hall, Walt and Domaine Carneros. For dessert: homemade Oreos, chocolate-dipped churros and Cow-girl Creamery’s Mt. Tam with persimmon and pine nuts.

Spotted in the crowd: Nancy Pelosi, Rick Walker, Leslie Frank, Robert Horry, Sophia Bacelar, Gregg Field, Monica Mancini, Tatiana Copeland, Pam and Dick Kramlich, Helen and Stanley Cheng, Lorna Meyer Calas, Robert Tellis, Shane Jacoby, Kathleen McIntosh and Michael Covarrubia, Kim and Dan Johnson, Carolina Centola, Athena and Timothy Blackburn, Shahpar and Darioush Khaledi, Tammy Prust, Dave Bee-man, Kacy Shaw, Judy and Jin Chang and amusing, high-energy auctioneer Fritz Hatton. Until next year, Kathryn and Craig!



SEAL



RICK WALKER WITH LESLIE AND RICH FRANK AND SONIA TOLBERT



DEREK SMITH AND SHABNAM BHASKARAN



TATIANA COPELAND, DARIOUSH KHALEDI AND SHELLEY REID



KATHRYN AND CRAIG HALL



TIMOTHY AND ATHENA BLACKBURN



DENNIS CALAS AND LORNA MEYER CALAS



ALTON IRBY AND DARU KAWALKOWSKI



JULY 15

AN EVENING WITH PATTI LUPONE AT CALISTOGA RANCH

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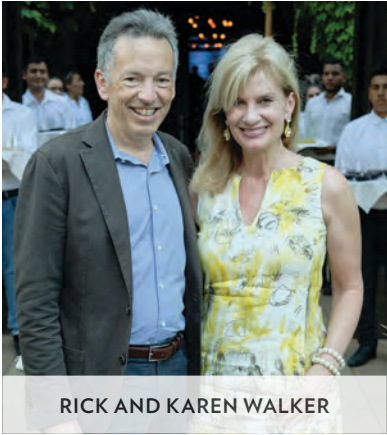
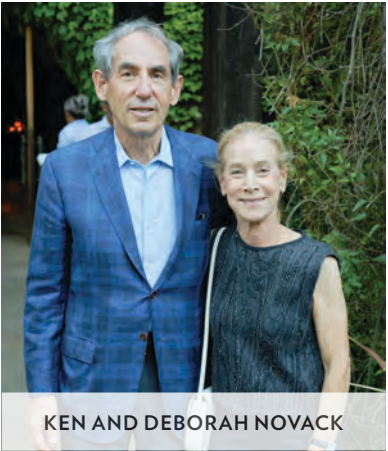
Festival Napa Valley’s mission to bring the arts to life went all out this year. Just look at the numbers: 200 international artists performed; 6,000 concert tickets were given away; 1,600 students attended Concert for Kids; 1,400 students participated in the Arts for All summer camps, and 95 musicians studied and performed at the tuition-free summer music academy. Forty-one concerts, galas and other delicious events were programmed over 11 wine-and-music-filled days.

How to thank the donors who made it all happen? Enter **Patti LuPone**, Tony-winning Broadway legend and inimitable force of nature, who was invited to give a private concert in the intimate wine cave of one of

the world’s most luxurious resorts — Calistoga Ranch. On July 15, LuPone performed for a well-heeled crowd as part of **Jan Shrem** and **Maria Manetti Shrem**’s Vocal Arts Series. She brandished a top hat filled with her most beloved songs, walking down the aisle to allow heavy-hitting donors such as **Gordon** and **Ann Getty** choose the tunes.

The concert included perhaps the most memorable song from LuPone’s repertoire — “Don’t Cry for Me Argentina” — and was followed by an alfresco dinner amid acres of ancient oaks. By then, it was all “Moon River”...

— *Annie Shaw*



JUNE 27

HONORING JERRY BROWN’S ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

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At San Francisco City Hall, the Wilderness Society bestowed former California Governor **Jerry Brown** with its Ansel Adams Award for his “exceptional commitment to the cause of conservation and the fostering of an American land ethic” — which in Brown’s case, translates to helping make California a leader in fighting climate change. The honor is named after its iconic inaugural recipient, **Ansel Adams**, who received it in 1980. Past recipients include **Diane Feinstein** in 2016 and **Jimmy Carter** in 1981. But this year, Brown was the star, and VIP supporters showed up to applaud him. Naturally, his wife, **Anne Gust Brown**, was in attendance, along with a myriad of politicians and businesspeople such as **Richard Blum**, **David Bonderman**, **Ted Roosevelt IV**, **Julie Chavez Rodriguez**, **Michael Mantell**, **Rue Mapp**, **Steve Lockhart**, **Bill Cronon**, **Dan Springer** and **Crandall Close Bowles**, among others.