A Gourmet Paradise: Food & Wine Classic X

Benefit event on June 2 will be an evening of superb gastronomy, viniculture, and philanthropy at Montalvo

SARATOGA, Calif. – Foodies rejoice! The most delicious day of the year in Silicon Valley will fall on Sunday, June 2 when Montalvo Arts Center will host its tenth-annual Food & Wine Classic. Over twenty of the Bay Area’s most acclaimed chefs and over twenty of Northern California’s finest wineries will participate, treating attendees to a luxurious evening of haute cuisine and wine tasting. The event will run from 5:30 to 8:30pm, preceded by a special reception for VIP ticket buyers at 4:30pm. Tickets start at $225 per person. Funds generated from Food & Wine will support Montalvo’s arts and education outreach programs.

Participating restaurants will include Ahwahnee Dining Room, Yosemite; Farallon, San Francisco; Kokkari Estiatorio, San Francisco; Le Papillon, San Jose; Madera Restaurant, Menlo Park; Manresa, Los Gatos; Osteria Coppa, San Mateo; Parallel 37, San Francisco; The Plumed Horse, Saratoga; and Restaurant Sent Sovi, Saratoga, among others. Participating wineries will include: Grgich Hills Estate, Napa Valley; J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, Santa Clara Valley; Kathryn Kennedy Winery, Santa Cruz Mountains; Ridge Vineyards, Santa Cruz Mountains; Rombauer Vineyards, Napa Valley; Silver Oak, Napa Valley; and Talbott Vineyards, Santa Lucia Highlands, among others.
A non-profit organization dedicated to the arts, Montalvo Arts Center serves the community with a variety of programs designed to celebrate and grow the creative spirit. As a major part of this endeavor, Montalvo organizes arts-based education programs for youth at K-12 levels. With camps, workshops, and its world-class Family Performing Arts series, Montalvo serves over 15,000 Bay Area children annually. Another major mechanism of Montalvo’s art outreach efforts is the Sally and Don Lucas Artists Residency Program—the oldest residency program of its kind west of the Mississippi—which brings more than 60 artists from all over the world to the Bay Area every year. During their tenure, Artists-in-Residence directly engage with the public by mounting free presentations and discussions, leading Master Classes in local schools, or creating outdoor sculpture and installation art on the grounds of Montalvo. Food & Wine X will be Montalvo’s only major fundraising benefit in 2013, and proceeds will benefit these programs.

Attendees can help further support Montalvo while adding extra enjoyment to their Food & Wine experience by purchasing VIP tickets, which providing access to premier parking and an exclusive reception in the Italianate Garden beginning at 4:30pm. Sponsorship packages are also available at a variety of levels.

For more information, please call Anne Holmes, Development Director, at (408) 961-5806.

Additional funding will be raised through a luxury raffle and live and silent auctions featuring items such as rare and limited-edition wines, deluxe dining and travel packages, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Attendees will also have the option to “fund a need,” making contributions to sponsor tuition for a child in need to attend a Montalvo arts camp or help sponsor the creation of an original work of art for the 2013 Art on the Grounds program.

TENTH ANNUAL FOOD & WINE CLASSIC

What: Fine wine and cuisine tasting event to raise money for Montalvo’s arts and education outreach programs.

When: Sunday, June 2. VIP reception from 4:30-5:30pm; event from 5:30-8:30pm.

Where: The Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga, CA

Admission: Tickets start at $225 ($175 for Montalvo members at the Griffin Level or above; $350 for special VIP tickets; sponsorship packages available). To purchase, please call Chris Wilcox at (408) 961-5849 or visit www.montalvoarts.org/foodwine/.

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Montalvo Arts Center is an oasis of culture and nature whose mission is to create and present arts of all types, nurture artists, and use our historic Villa, buildings, and grounds in innovative ways that engage people in the creative process. Located in Silicon Valley's Saratoga hills, Montalvo occupies a Mediterranean-style Villa, built in 1912 by Senator James Duval Phelan, surrounded by 175 stunning acres, including the campus of our international Lucas Artists Residency Program. Senator Phelan bequeathed the villa and grounds to the people of California for the encouragement of art, music, literature and architecture, a mandate that Montalvo has carried forward ever since its founding. For more information about Montalvo Arts Center, call (408) 961-5800 or visit www.montalvoarts.org.