



PASADENA  
SHOWCASE  
HOUSE  
*for the Arts*

## Just in Showcase

April 2024



### **General Meeting/Punch & Lunch April 17, 2024**

**Suzanne Hart**  
President

### **President's Message** **Suzanne Hart**



We can see all the activity going on at record pace at the 59th Pasadena Showcase House of Design – the Potter Daniels Manor. It is truly a transformation inside and out! With our annual programs complete, our remaining energy is directed toward making our benefit fundraiser an extravaganza of artistic design not to be missed!

Please mark your calendars for Punch & Lunch on April 17 at 10am. With what has become a tradition, we will join with our Associate members for a luncheon at the House and the first official peek.

The Gifts & Grants Reception is set for May 2 at

**Matt McIntyre**  
First Vice President

**Dotty Ewing**  
Second Vice President  
Benefit

**Undine Schwarz**  
Third Vice President  
Finance

**Lisa Loeffler**  
Fourth Vice President  
Gifts & Grants

**Cindy Bengtson**

2:30pm at the House. Come meet our grant recipients and hear about their inspiring programs that we help to fund.

Our Premiere Night team is in high gear planning the opening celebration and public recognition of our dedicated designers, sponsors, and members to whom we are truly grateful. It will be held at the iconic Rose Bowl in their Court of Champions on April 19th at 4:30pm. It is a fitting venue given the work we do and feats we accomplish every year! “We are the Champions” as the rock group **Queen** describes in their classic hit song! Be sure to come to sparkle and shine with us on this special evening.

Let’s welcome potential new members at the Prospective Members Reception which will take place at the House on May 11 at 3:30pm. Our Membership Committee rocks!

Sign up for shifts at the house. Your help is needed and appreciated immensely.

See you at the House!

Membership

**Charlotte Lacey**

Secretary

**Vikki Sung**

Advisor /  
Parliamentarian

**Shari Domenghini**

Hospitality

**Colleen Robertson**

Instrumental  
Competition

**Marsha Seyffert**

Music Mobile™

**Stephanie Johnson**

Youth Concert

**Ani Manjikian**

Provisional

**Danielle Takata**

Public Relations /  
Marketing

**Cathy Hilton**

Publications

**Lani Moore**

Season Tickets

**Jenny Chiang**  
Treasurer

**Honorary Members**

**Debra Qurtman**  
Archivist / Historian

**Erin Dundee &  
Marybeth Rehman-  
Dittu**  
Associate  
Representatives

**2nd VP Benefit**

**Dotty Ewing**

*What a long strange trip it's been!*

– Robert Hunter, Grateful Dead

Our trek to opening day is not yet over.

The route has presented unforeseen twists that required co-operation, creative thinking and course corrections.



**But look...a snip of our journey's end!**



Core and More, and all on the Benefit Committee working towards our success, thank you for continually rising to our challenges.

***This will be amazing!***





**Click the image above to view the Member Invitation including links to purchase your Premiere Night tickets.**

## **4th VP Gifts & Grants**

**Lisa Loeffler**

**PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE FOR THE ARTS**

**2023-2024 Gifts & Grants Program Awards**

**Total Dollars Awarded: \$1,000,000    Total Organizations Funded: 88**

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023-2024 Gifts & Grants Program. Funding for this program comes directly from the efforts of all PSHA members, designers, patrons, vendors, and our visitors who participate in the Pasadena Showcase House of Design.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the Crescendo Foundation for its financial contribution to the G & G Program.

From kids to seniors, PSHA's grant dollars support other non-profit programs that enrich the community and provide opportunities for all ages. Our grant recipient's repertoire runs the gamut from operas to orchestras, musical theater to dance programs, jazz bands to marching bands, choral groups to concerts with special consideration given to youth programs and the underserved communities in our area.

## **GIFTS**

Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra

San Marino Unified School District

## **GRANTS**

A Noise Within

Academy of Music for the Blind

Altadena Rotary Charities

Angelica Center for Art and Music

Arcadia Music Club

Artes Vocales

Assistance League of Los Angeles

Bethesda Repertory Theatre

Bloom Arts Foundation

Boston Court Pasadena

Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena

Brightwork Newmusic

Burbank Arts & Education Foundation

California State Summer School Arts - San Gabriel Valley Foundation

California State University Dominguez Hills

Philanthropic Foundation

Candelas Music And Arts Foundation

Center for the Arts Eagle Rock

Center Theatre Group of Los Angeles

Chicxs Rockerxs Southeast Los Angeles

Claremont High School Instrumental

Music Boosters

Classical California KUSC

Clazzical Notes

Clifton Band Boosters  
CoachArt  
Elemental Music  
Eliot Middle School  
Families Forward Learning Center  
Foothill Family  
GIVE-MENTOR-LOVE Foundation  
Glendale Youth Orchestra  
Global Arts Corporation  
Grand Vision Foundation  
Hathaway-Sycamores & Family Services  
Helix Collective  
Institute for the Redesign of Learning  
John Raitt Awards for Youth  
La Canada Flintridge Educational Foundation  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Los Angeles Children's Chorus  
LACHSA Foundation (Los Angeles County HS for the Arts)  
Los Angeles Master Chorale Association  
Los Angeles Music and Art School  
Los Angeles Opera Company  
Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (YOLA)  
Los Angeles Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Madison Project (BroadStage)  
Makoto Taiko  
Monrovia Wildcat Band Boosters  
MUSE/IQUE  
MUSYCA Children's Choir  
National Children's Chorus  
Neighborhood Music School Association  
Oakwood Brass  
Octavia E. Butler Magnet School  
Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services  
Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization  
Pacific Opera Project  
Pasadena Conservatory of Music  
Pasadena Master Chorale/The Pasadena Chorale  
Pasadena Senior Center

Pasadena Symphony Association  
Playhouse Village Foundation  
Ramon C. Cortines School of VAPA  
Salastina  
San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus  
San Gabriel Valley Music Theater  
Santa Cecilia Orchestra  
Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund  
Sound Of Children Cultural Program  
South Pasadena Educational Foundation  
South Pasadena Middle School Music Boosters  
Symphonic Jazz Orchestra  
The Colburn School  
The Ebell of Los Angeles  
The Harmony Project  
The Marianne Frostig Center for Educational Therapy  
The Music Center  
The Pasadena Community Orchestra Foundation  
The Sierra Madre Playhouse  
The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts  
Theatre Americana of Altadena Inc.  
Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind  
Verdugo Young Musicians Association  
Villa Esperanza Services  
VOX Femina Los Angeles  
Young Musicians Foundation

The 20+ Community Volunteer Organizations whose assistance staffing the 2024 Pasadena Showcase House of Design is invaluable.

Thank you, G & G Committee, and the entire PSHA Membership for your hard work!

**Appointed**

Lisa Loeffler  
Vikki Sung  
Matt McIntyre  
Christine Upton  
Jenny Chiang

**Serving 2nd Year**

Lynne Graves  
Cathy Hilton  
Charlotte Lacey  
Christina Louie



Suzanne Hart

### **Serving 1st Year**

Susan Barilich

Bee Campbell

Judy Carter

Judy Tsai

### **The Recruits**

Kathryn Hofgaarden

Lynne Mehl

Lani Moore

Gretchen McNally

Debra Qurtman

## **Membership**

### **Cindy Bengtson**

Our Membership Drive is officially underway! We're thrilled to invite prospective members to a special reception on May 11 at the Showcase House. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity to get to know us better and mingle with our current members.

Here's a little reminder: You're our greatest asset when it comes to bringing in new faces! If you have friends or colleagues who might be interested, we'd love to hear from you. Just shoot an email with their name, email, and phone number over to our Membership Chair, Cindy Bengtson, at [pshamembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:pshamembershipchair@gmail.com).

And guess what? This year, we're all about the motto "The more the merrier"! We're really encouraging folks to come on board with a friend or two – because everything's better with buddies, right?

## **Instrumental Competition**

### **Colleen Robertson**

The Annual Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts Instrumental Competition was held on March 3, 2024 at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music. Nine finalists performed before a panel of judges from the LA Philharmonic to compete for \$17,500 in prizes, generously underwritten by Kathryn and Charles Hofgaarden. From a pool of 29 applicants, nine finalists, ages 14 to 18, performed for an esteemed panel of judges, all members of the L.A. Philharmonic. The judges faced difficult decisions as they deliberated over the exceptional performances.

The Grand Prize for Exceptional Talent and Musicianship was awarded to Hanbo Xu, 16-year old clarinet player from The Webb Schools in Claremont, CA. Hanbo, whose teacher is Burt Hara, is principal clarinet in the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra. The judges cited his excellent control and technique throughout, with his Stravinsky a “terrific, compelling performance.”

Other awards went to Cheng-Yueh (Niccolo) Wu, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Strings; Chi-Chun (Aurora) Kuo, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Brass; Esme Arias-Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Strings; Vinay Sundar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Woodwinds, Jasper Kugler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Brass, Chloe Yoon, Honorable Mention, Strings; Henry Woodruff, Honorable Mention Strings; and Lilian Walker, our youngest competitor at 14, Honorable Mention Brass. We look forward to seeing many of these students participate again next year.

Over \$685,000 in prize money has been awarded since the Instrument Competition began in 1985. Many of our prizewinners enjoy distinguished careers in classical music. Two former winners are currently members of the L.A. Philharmonic and served as jurors this year – Brent Samuels and Head Judge, Michelle Tseng. The 2017 Grand Prize winner is now Principal Flutist with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Cellist Jonathan Karoly, 1996 winner is a member of the L.A. Philharmonic. Sheryl Staples, 1988 First Prize Strings winner, is Associate Concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic. Many thanks to our additional judges on our panel this year: Brent Samuel and Tianyun Jia, Strings; Christopher Still and Amy Jo Rhine, Brass; and Carolyn Hove and Taylor Eiffert, Woodwinds.

Also, special thanks go to our volunteers, who gave up their Sunday to make the event a success:

Cindy Bengston, Kassie Douglass, Susan Miali, Jessica Harrison, Britta Piotrowski, Mia Dunn, Wanda Sullivan, Vikki Sung, Susy Woo, Patty Jasper, Cathy Hilton, Karen Jones, and Suzanne Hart. And a special thanks to our P.R. Duo Michele Lembo and Danielle Takata (in absentia), as well as Peter Valli, our photographer, for memorializing this special day for our Finalists and our organization.







*Photos by Peter Valli*

## **Youth Concert**

### **Stephanie Johnson**

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Symphonies for Schools concert “*Swan Lake: Reimagined*” took place February 27 at Disney Hall. Thank you to the 30 members who participated.

Matt McIntyre reports that the Green Foundation has asked PSHA to apply for funding again this year. We appreciate their ongoing support of the Youth Concert over many years.

Thanks to Danielle Takata and Michel Lembo for their publicity of *Symphonies for Schools*.

Judy Carter will be the Chair of the 2025 Youth Concert project. She will do a great job, and we all look forward to participating in the next event.

## **Provisionals**

### **Ani Manjikian**



So happy to have hosted a wonderful event at Tufenkian Fine Arts. The amazing “class of 2024” provisionals have jumped right in and are ready for the house to open. Thank you to all who showed up for a lovely evening of wine, food, learning, mingling, and art!



## Public Relations

### Danielle Takata

It's all falling into place! Streetpole banners are now proudly displayed in prime Pasadena locations. Additionally, we're excited to be printing and sending out 50,000 postcards, digital advertising campaigns are underway, and print ads will be featured in Outlook, Pasadena Magazine, California Homes Magazine,

and other publications. Keep an ear out for our radio spots on KPCC and KJAZZ, set to launch next month. LA Times Today has begun documenting our progress at the Showcase House, with ongoing coverage leading up to a 6-minute feature. Our dedicated committee has been diligently preparing for Media Week, Media Mondays, and our upcoming Social Influencer Breakfast, complete with a light breakfast and mimosas on April 18. We're honored to have California Homes Magazine as our sponsor for this event, with Editor Susan McFadden moderating a panel of select designers which also includes Megan Reilly from WestEdge Design Fair. Excitingly, we're also collaborating with Steve Solis, the film/video production teacher at John Muir High School, to develop a plan for his top student to come and capture photos and videos in exchange for school credit once the house is complete!

## Publications

### Cathy Hilton

You'll find some new and updated information on the Menu of the Member section of our website:

- **Member Tickets** - Purchase [Premiere Night Tickets](#) and [Member Tickets](#) using the updated links (All Members)
- **Products** - Pay your [2024/25 Membership Dues](#) and purchase optional [LA Phil WDCH Tickets](#) (All Members)
- **Benefit Information & Forms** - Use the [Complimentary Ticket Request form](#) to request comp tickets for special contacts who have helped make this House a success. (Benefit Committee Chairs only)
- **Products** - [Associate Spring Fling Tickets](#) (Associate Members only)

## Associates

### Erin Dundee & Marybeth Rehman-Dittu

***Please mark your Calendar and Join Us for Associates Spring Fling!  
Saturday, April 13.***

A day of fun and friendship – we will meet at Descanso Gardens for a walk to see the spring blooms then a Mimosa Brunch at Marybeth Rehman Dittu's home.

A fun-filled day! The cost for the event is \$41 per person including the Walk, Brunch, and Entrance Ticket to Descanso Gardens. Already a member of Descanso? Then purchase a ticket for the Walk and Brunch only for \$30.

Look for the invitation in your email or **view it here now.**

## Important Dates

**Tuesday, April 2 at 9am** - Lydia's Lacy Park Walk

**Saturday, April 13** - Associates Spring Fling

**Wednesday, April 17 at 10am** - General Meeting and Punch & Lunch

**Friday, April 19** - Premiere Night

**Sunday, April 21** - Pasadena Showcase House of Design Opening Day



04/01 Cindy Kelly  
04/02 Dana Marevich  
04/02 Joy Sullivan  
04/02 Kathy Martin  
04/03 Claire Slaught  
04/07 Gohar Ohanian  
04/08 Linda Chang  
04/09 Cynthia Legato

04/12 Jennifer Higginbotham  
04/12 Mona Mapel  
04/18 Louise Crawford  
04/18 Rebecca Mikkelsen  
04/18 Anne Rothenberg  
04/19 Karen Cooper-Mathews

04/11 Susan Dachel

04/12 Roberta Cope

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