

The New West Symphony League

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The Pleasure of Your Company

A Series of Events
June 2 – September 23, 2017

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THE NEW WEST SYMPHONY LEAGUE

presents the award-winning

The Pleasure of Your Company 2017

The **New West Symphony League** is pleased to present its eleventh showcase of delightful events. These 11 exciting gatherings, taking place between June 2 and September 23, offer the best of dining, special programs and music.

Five years ago, the New West Symphony League received a very prestigious national award, the Gold Book Award of Excellence from the League of American Orchestras for its fundraiser, *The Pleasure of Your Company*. POYC was honored in this national competition for several reasons:

- Expenses are underwritten by donors so admission receipts go directly to support the Symphony.
- Non-symphony guests attend and learn about the New West Symphony.
- POYC reaches out and integrates members of the community who speak, perform and lend their homes for events.
- POYC attempts to provide a broad variety of events that appeal to as many people as possible.

Choose as many of these unique experiences as you like, fill out the response card found on the last page and mail it early or you can order online at newwestsymphony.org. Parties will be booked on a “first come, first served” basis, and will sell out quickly. Welcome to the latest *Pleasure of Your Company* summer series!

Leslie Luciani, *President*
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The Pleasure of Your Company 2017

June 2 - September 23, 2017

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*All proceeds go directly to support the New West Symphony
and its education programs.*

Event # 1

Paramount Ranch Picnic

Enjoy a fascinating tour of the nostalgic Paramount Ranch, home of many of the classic films we have come to love. Our guide, retired Park Ranger and Movie Historian Mike Malone, will take us on a mild hike of the stunning canyon landscape and educate us about Old Hollywood in the Golden Age of Films at the Paramount Ranch studios.

Our easy hike will be followed by a delectable box lunch in a shaded picnic area. Bring a hat, comfy shoes and sunscreen!

Hosted by Dr. Denise Danne and Ernestine Stansbery

Friday, June 2, 2017

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Limited to 25 guests

\$50 per person

June 2

Event #2

The Best of Opera and Broadway with Lee Poulis, Baritone

*Piano Accompaniment by
Grace Berman and Tim Rantung*

Lee Poulis is “virile and heroic in both appearance and vocalism” (*Opera News*) and has been praised for his “commanding presence” and his “dark baritone, rich in color,” calling it a voice “of power and beauty.” Twice named Best Young Singer by *Die Welt*, Lee Poulis has performed at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden of Berlin, Teatro Real of Madrid, the Opera of Bilbao, Teatro Municipal of Santiago, and with the Beethoven Orchestra of Bonn. He performed the title role in the national premieres of *Doctor Atomic* in Germany and at the Finnish National Opera, a production which was nominated for one of Europe’s top theater prizes, *Der Faust*.

Join us for an evening of beautiful music, great food and great company at a lovely private home in the Santa Rosa Valley!

Hosted by Cindy and Paul Idell and
Marie and Steve Smith

(Entry to the home requires the ability to climb six steps.)

Saturday, June 3, 2017

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Limited to 40 guests

\$60 per person

June 3

Event #3

A Glass Act II

Treat yourself to an afternoon of discovery, beauty, incredible art and enticingly tasty food. Frances Elson, acclaimed fusion glass artist, is well known in Ventura County for her unique fused glass creations incorporating a wide variety of techniques. She has offered her stunning home and studio in the hills above Somis to demonstrate her unique talents. The afternoon will include: "How do you do that?" an audio-visual presentation and demonstration of the method and techniques used in Fused Glass Art, a private gallery and studio tour, a delicious lunch and a custom-designed art piece for each guest to take home!

The artist will kindly give a donation to the New West Symphony for each piece of art that is purchased at the event.

Hosted by Frances Elson, Dr. Denise Danne and
Linda Hamilton

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Limited to 30 guests
\$65 per person

June 7

Event #4

Classical Music Is Everywhere

David Ravetch has been a teacher, storyteller and classroom entertainer for over 30 years. He has a passion for music, playing the piano, guitar and clarinet and has written and performed numerous musicals for both children and – oddly enough – the accounting profession. New West Symphony has had the pleasure of his pre-concert lectures, delivered with his classic wit, energy and enthusiasm for the music he loves.

Come see, hear and enjoy David's tour of music that is everywhere. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. followed by presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Kathy Todd
University Village of Thousand Oaks

Saturday, June 24, 2017
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Limited to 50 guests
\$50 per person

June 24

Event #5

Cool Cars, Cool Music, “Cool” Food - 50’s and 60’s Style

Michael and Donna, husband and wife, have shared years of enjoyment of their classic car collections in both California and Pennsylvania. They have agreed to open their private collection of automobiles and other collectibles for our enjoyment, presented in an elegant, updated warehouse space located in Burbank’s industrial/artists district. This is the perfect backdrop to showcase a very special collection of mostly 50’s and 60’s cars, American and foreign, representing a time capsule of automobile styles and quirkiness.

A bus will depart from Agoura Hills to shuttle us to and from Burbank. Heavy hors d’oeuvres, wine and music will accompany your tour of this captivating car collection.

Hosted by Saralee Baldwin and Leslie Luciani

Saturday, July 8, 2017

2:00 – 5:00 pm

(1:00 – 6:00 pm if taking bus)

Limited to 40 guests

\$100 per person

July 8

Event #6

Apply Your Ingenuity

with Dr. Ed Rockey

“Oh, I’m not the creative type.” So many people say this, often with a sigh or a moan. Actually, we all have a capacity to discover and apply our potential for ingenuity. That was a vital theme in the Tom Hanks film, “Cast Away.” Marooned on an island, an ordinary person had to improvise to have tools, water, food and shelter. Life itself sometimes prods us to be ingenious. During Dr. Ed Rockey’s presentation, learn how products you use almost every day were invented when people applied their imagination.

Dr. Ed Rockey developed and taught a course on “Creativity and Innovation” for adult students at Pepperdine University’s Business School. Dr. Rockey is also a popular presenter on Applied Creativity for various organizations and companies, including Amgen and local Rotary clubs. He and his wife Molly are League members and we are delighted to have Ed with us. His audience will enjoy a most interesting interactive program as well as delectable refreshments. Don’t miss this special opportunity to get those creative juices going!!!

Hosted by Barbara Fink and Pat Croner
California Lutheran University
Ullman Commons, Rooms 100 - 101

Thursday, July 13, 2017
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Limited to 50 Guests
\$50 per person

July 13

Event #7

A Chocolate-Making Party at TIFA Chocolate & Gelato

TIFA Chocolate & Gelato is a unique experience in a dessert café setting and from the moment you enter, you are greeted with a homey feeling that's instantly welcoming. TIFA is a family-owned business that started in 2007 as a retail online chocolate company. Their first products were educational international chocolate tasting kits and in September of 2007 they test-marketed artisan chocolate bars. They found that customers were receptive to the idea of artisan chocolate bars from around the world and opened their first full-scale Chocolate & Gelato store on Kanan Road in Agoura Hills in April of 2008.

We will have the whole store to ourselves as Head Chocolatier Shawn Orr takes us step by step through the fascinating process of making our very own custom-flavored gourmet chocolates. We will nibble on delectable fruit, nuts, and cheese and sip our wine as we wait for our chocolate to cure. You'll become an expert on artisan chocolate from around the world and you'll leave with your own hand-made custom confections!

Hosted by Sandee Kane, Leslie Luciani and Dr. Denise Danne

Monday, July 17, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Limited to 30 guests

\$50 per person

July 17

Event #8

Tuba Soirée

The surprising versatility of the tuba will be featured at the stunning home of our hosts, Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Julia Cattano. You'll be tempted to focus on the panoramic view or art collection, but you won't be able to tear yourself away from the fascinating fun of Blake Cooper (tuba) and Bryan Pezzone (piano) as they educate us on the under-estimated capabilities of one of the orchestra's most misunderstood instruments.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will make this delightful event complete!

Hosted by Kathy Todd, and
Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Julia Cattano

Sunday, July 23, 2017
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Limited to 30 guests
\$65 per person

July 23

Event #9

New Ventura Art Scene

The Museum of Ventura County first opened in 1913 in the newly built Ventura County Courthouse (now Ventura City Hall). Soon known as the Pioneer Museum, its collections of artifacts and curios were the legacy of Dr. Cephas Bard, a Pennsylvania doctor who came to Ventura after the Civil War. A compassionate man with wide-ranging interests, Dr. Bard accepted historical objects in lieu of cash payment for his services. Priceless Chumash, Spanish and Mexican-American objects from his collection are on display in the galleries today.

In 1977, the Museum moved to its 15,000 square foot building on Ventura's Main Street, near historic Mission San Buenaventura. In 1978, it became an independent non-profit, no longer receiving operating support from the County of Ventura. The Museum of Ventura County has recently undergone a complete renovation and if you haven't been there lately, you haven't been there!

A docent-led tour will be followed by a delicious lunch at a beautiful hill-top home nearby.

Hosted by Ernestine Stansbery, Helen La Monte,
Doris Cowart and Betsy Chess

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Limited to 30 guests

\$50 per person

August 1

Event # 10

Gilded Age to Broadway Stage

“From the Gilded Age to the Broadway Stage” is a short (40 minute) mini musical presented by the Channel Islands Maritime Museum. Listen in as actors portraying Nadia Boulanger (first woman conductor) and Carrie Jacobs-Bond (first woman to sell one million copies of a hit song) have a mythical conversation about popular music from the 1890’s to the 1950’s, sharing juicy anecdotes, humor, and songs by composers such as Scott Joplin, the Gershwins, and Cole Porter. After the performance, we’ll enjoy a gourmet boxed lunch overlooking the harbor and guests can wander throughout this outstanding museum.

Located in the beautiful Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard, the Channel Islands Maritime Museum permanent exhibits include a seascape gallery of rare and beautiful maritime paintings dating back to the 1600’s and more than sixty world-class models of historic ships.

Hosted by Helen La Monte, Adele McGinnis and Leslie Luciani

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Limited to 30 guests

\$60 per person

August 30

Event #11

Artists Across Borders

Studio Channel Islands Art Center in Old Town Camarillo is the site for our final exciting event of the summer. Studio Channel Islands is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the creative life of Old Town Camarillo and the communities within Ventura County, fostering connections between artists and visitors, and celebrating the cultural identity of our community.

Today's speaker is respected American artist Linda Vallejo, who consolidates multiple international influences gained from a life of study and travel throughout Europe, the U.S. and Mexico into works that investigate contemporary cultural, spiritual and political issues. In addition to the lecture by Linda Vallejo, guests can view the "LA/Landscapes: Real and Imagined Artists Across Borders" exhibit and visit artist studios. Our event and the 2017 POYC season comes to a delightful close with delicious refreshments by Money Pancho and a thrilling performance by the Harmony Project students.

Hosted by Linda Hamilton, Pat Richards Dodds,
Jorge Zambrano, Money Pancho, and Studio Channel Islands

Saturday, September 23, 2017

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Limited to 70 guests

\$65 per person

September 23

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FOR *The Pleasure of Your Company* EVENTS

1. Reservations may be made by mail using the order form on this facing page. Your reservations will be confirmed by mail, accompanied by event locations and driving directions. If an event is sold out and registration is closed, your name will be placed on a waiting list and you will be notified if a vacancy occurs. **Mail reservations to: Ernestine Stansbery, 735 County Square Drive #38, Ventura, CA 93003**

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Cancellations: Refunds will be given if cancellation is made more than 14 days prior to event. If less than 14 days, refunds will be given if vacancy can be filled from an existing wait list.

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CC#: _____ Exp. date: _____

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A portion of your ticket price may be tax deductible.

More details will be sent with directions/confirmation of your reservation.

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