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auction items must be received by Dec. 1. Tickets start at \$750 and sponsorship opportunities are available. To learn more about supporting the season, email Drew Halford at dhalford@choralarts.org. **HIGHLIGHT:** Includes "O Night Divine! Christmas Music Concert" with the Choral Arts Chorus and Orchestra in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, a silent auction, gourmet dinner and dancing on the Roof Terrace.

JANUARY 2024 12-14 WASHINGTON WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW

EVENT CHAIRWOMEN: Suzanne Duvall Stelljes and Katherine M. Prendergast. **HONORARY DIPLOMATIC CHAIRWOMAN:** British Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce. **U.S. ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:** Josh Young. **DETAILS:** Held at The Katzen Arts Center at American University. Ticket and sponsorship packages available. For more information, visit washingtonwintershow.org/2024-show. **HIGHLIGHT:** The event will offer a range of exquisite antiques and fine arts from more than 40 dealers as well as celebrity guests, dealer talks, special panels, a jazz night and other special events.

FEBRUARY 2024

1 SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY: ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE: CELEBRATING THE U.S./U.K. RELATIONSHIP

HONORARY CHAIRS: British Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce and Sir Charles Roxburgh. **EVENT CO-CHAIRS:** Melissa Moss and Michael Paese. **THE CAUSE:** This year's gala celebrates the centuries-old friendship between the U.S. and U.K. and continues the tradition of raising funds for the company's artistic, education and community programs. **DETAILS:** The Anthem, 901 Wharf Street SW, Washington, D.C.; black-tie. Sponsorships range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. **HIGHLIGHT:** The evening includes a cocktail reception, a seated dinner and performances by internationally acclaimed artists from the U.S. and U.K. The Shakespeare Theatre will present the 2024 William Shakespeare Award for Classical Acting and the Sidney Harman Award for Philanthropy in the Arts.

WLF 7 24TH ANNUAL ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER D.C. GALA BENEFIT

EVENT CO-CHAIRMEN: Lyndon K. Boozer, Sela Thompson Collins, Lisa Warner Wardell and Yelberton R. Watkins. **VICE CHAIRMEN:** Joyce Brayboy, Lawrence Duncan III, Anthony A. Lewis, Tanya Leah Lombard, Nicole Venable and Katharine Weymouth. **CORPORATE CHAIRMAN:** Chris Womack. **THE CAUSE:** Proceeds support development of new works, arts-in-education activities and scholarships to talented young dance students in the Washington, D.C. area to attend The Ailey School in New York. **DETAILS:** The event returns again to the Kennedy Center with a performance in the Kennedy Center Opera House at 7:30 p.m. followed by an evening soirée in the Nations Gallery. More details to follow.

9 76TH ANNUAL AFFAIR OF THE HEART LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

EVENT CO-CHAIRWOMEN: Norah Gourlay and Kristi Brayn. **THE CAUSE:** An Affair of the Heart Luncheon and Fashion Show is a highly anticipated Washington event, spanning over seven decades. Hosted by the Women's Board of the American Heart Association, the event raises funds aimed at reducing heart disease and stroke. **DETAILS:** Marriott Marquis; 11 a.m.; Contact Emily A. Cooper at (703) 248-1744 or Emily.A.Cooper@heart.org for sponsorship inquiries. Visit affairoftheheartdc.com/

24 WISH BALL

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Katherine and Benjamin Berman; Sophie and Stephen LaMontagne; Laura Szlavins Niamien and Joel Niamien. **THE CAUSE:** Celebration and dancing to amplify Make a Wish's efforts to bring healing beyond medicine to children in the Mid-Atlantic region. **DETAILS:** Waldorf Astoria. Black Tie. Tickets available for \$500.00, and sponsorships start at \$5,000. Visit wishballmidatlantic.org. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Features a seated dinner, entertainment presented by Lucy Black Entertainment, silent and live auctions. Auctioneer Lucas Hunt.

MARCH 2024

2 GREATER WASHINGTON HEART BALL

THE CAUSE: The Heart Ball raises critical funds to advance the mission of the American Heart Association and increase awareness of the heart-mind-body connection. **DETAILS:** Held at Waldorf Astoria Washington D.C., 6:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Contact Emily Cooper at Emily.Cooper@heart.org for inquiries. **HIGHLIGHT:** Includes a social reception, silent auction, live auction and Open Your Heart moment celebrating life-saving experiences.

2 A VINTAGE AFFAIR

EVENT DIRECTORS: Heather Guay Yoo, Suzi Henderson and Nyla Beth Gavel. **THE CAUSE:** Marking its 25th year, proceeds from the event support The Founders Auxiliary Board of Children's National's Annual Grants and Major Gift Program that help Children's National pediatric care. **DETAILS:** National Building Museum. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Kristina Seppala, Sponsor Liaison at kristina@camelbackstrategy.com. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Global food and wine tasting as well as live and silent auctions, including exclusive trips, dining experiences and more.

7 N STREET VILLAGE 2024 GALA & AUCTION

THE CAUSE: Honors volunteers, donors and clients working with N Street Village to support women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C. **DETAILS:** Marriott Marquis, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Visit nstreetvillage.org/events/2024-gala.

10 WACKY & WHIMSICAL TEA

EVENT CHAIRWOMEN: Molly Saxon and Shannon McMahon. **THE CAUSE:** The tea enables Building Bridges to continue its work creating opportunities and bridging communities East of the Anacostia River by raising critical funds to ensure that these residents have access to the best-in-class facilities, programs and partnerships in arts and culture, economic opportunity, food security, education, recreation, health and well-being. **DETAILS:** Contact Sara Lange at slange@theardc.org for sponsorship information.

HIGHLIGHTS: Join for an afternoon at THEARC(ade) where they'll host engaging themed activities, games, crafts, scavenger hunts and a delicious seated high tea with treats and refreshments.

15 2024 GALA WASHINGTON PERFORMING ARTS GALA

EVENT CO-CHAIRMEN: Rudy Burwell, Mona Mohib, Joseph May, Brian Pesin, André O. Lewis, Racquel Jemison, Kevin Yen, Tiffany Tsay and Denise Rollins. **Auction Chair:** Elaine Rose. **THE CAUSE:** Gala proceeds support Washington Performing Arts' onstage events and arts education initiatives for young people, adults, and families, such as the Embassy Adoption Program and Capital Arts Partnerships, In-School Artist Residencies and more. **DETAILS:** This year's gala celebrates the theme, "Together in Art and Community," and will be hosted at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Creative Black-tie Table Sponsorships starting at \$5,000 are available, as well as single tickets. For event questions, contact Gala@WashingtonPerformingArts.org. **HIGHLIGHTS:** The gala will honor Héctor J. Torres and Jay Haddock Ortiz and will feature a 30th anniversary-performance by Children of the Gospel Choir led by Michele Fowlin.

16 THE LAB SCHOOL OF WASHINGTON'S 39TH ANNUAL GALA

EVENT CHAIRS: TBD. **THE CAUSE:** All proceeds support financial aid and increasing faculty and staff salaries at The Lab School of Washington, an educational institution that provides project-based academic opportunities for approximately 380 students in the area with language-based learning differences. **DETAILS:** For information, contact Nia.Graham@labschool.org. **HIGHLIGHTS:** The event will honor outstanding achievers with learning differences.

APRIL 2024

8 J STREET NATIONAL CONVENTION CELEBRATION

THE CAUSE: The capstone event celebrates the accomplishments and work around organizing pro-Israel and pro-peace Americans to develop policies. **DETAILS:** Hosted at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Early bird tickets are \$250 (until

12/31/23). Regular tickets are \$300. Sponsorship information and registration at jstreet.org/convention/register-j-street-convention. Contact conference@jstreet.org for additional information. HIGHLIGHTS: This event will celebrate the theme, "Lighting the Way." Speakers TBD.

12 ST. JUDE HOPE IN THE HARBOR

THE CAUSE: Proceeds from the 14th annual event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's programs designed to provide treatment, travel, housing or food free of cost for patients and their families. **DETAILS:** Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 6 p.m. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Kara Laing at kara.laing@alsac.stjude.org. **HIGHLIGHTS:** The evening features dinner and cocktails, live and silent auctions, live entertainment and powerful stories from patients and families.

12 TEACH FOR AMERICA D.C. REGION 14TH ANNUAL GALA

THE CAUSE: The Teach for America D.C. chapter offers recruiting and training programs and other support to a growing network of over 3,600 leaders and students in D.C. and Virginia classrooms. **DETAILS:** Tickets start at \$1,000; join the Host Committee at \$10,000. Contact Sean Byrne at byrne@teachforamerica.org for more information. **HIGHLIGHTS:** The event will feature a performance by local students.

13 CAPITAL CARING HEALTH: KIND HEARTS GALA

EVENT CHAIRMEN: TBD
THE CAUSE: The annual gala raises funds for Capital Caring Health's critical community services including care for uninsured or underinsured individuals and grief support programs offered at no cost to the community. **DETAILS:** Held at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner. For more information or to confirm sponsorships and tickets, please contact Katie Tran-Lam at speialevents@capitalcaring.org or call 703-531-2386.

WV 13 CHILDREN'S BALL

THE CAUSE: The 2024 event follows last year's evening to support Children's National's follow the leader campaign to transform pediatric medicine, which raised more than \$3.3 million. **DETAILS:** The Anthem. More



ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE
Co-Chairs: Lyndon Boozer, Sela Collins, Lisa Warner Wardell and Yelberton Watkins
THE CAUSE: A renowned modern dance company known for its fusion of ballet, modern dance, jazz, and African dance techniques. Supports school and community outreach programs. Photographed at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel

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THE 24TH ANNUAL
ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

WASHINGTON, DC

Gala
BENEFIT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 7:30 PM

Opera House, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Soirée to follow

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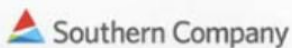
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Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater with Artistic Director Robert Battle.
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