



HEART'S DELIGHT WINE TASTING & AUCTION
MAY 9-12, 2016
MITCH BAINWOL, CHAIR
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OCTOBER *(continued)*

Details: Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building; \$500; sponsorships start at \$1,000; contact (202) 633-3773, NMAFAAwards@si.edu.

Highlights: Artists Ghada Amer and Mary Sibande will be recognized, while guest chef Carla Hall of "Top Chef" and "The Chew" will provide a unique dining experience.

27 WALK THIS WAY FASHION SHOW

The Cause: Support for "Men of CODE," a Becky's Fund program which transforms young male athletes and coaches into leaders in the movement to end domestic violence. **Details:** Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium; 6 p.m.; \$150; sponsorships start at \$1,200; contact Becky Lee becky@beckysfund.org.

Highlights: Professional athletes walk the fashion runway to pledge their commitment to healthy relationships.

28 HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN NATIONAL DINNER

Event Chairs: Bruce Rohr and Rachael Gresson

The Cause: The Human Rights Campaign is the leading national organization that fights for LGBTQ rights, education, and programs.

Details: Walter E. Washington Convention Center; 5 p.m.; black-tie optional; \$400; ticket with chef combo at \$500; contact HRC: events team galadinner@hrc.org.

28 WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW PRESIDENT'S CUP PARTY

Event Chair: Bonnie Jenkins **Details:** PwC Club at Capital One Arena (formerly Verizon Center); 7 p.m.; \$150; cocktail/equestrian chic attire; \$150; contact hospitality@wihs.org. **Highlights:** Cocktails, dinner and a world class equestrian competition.

NOVEMBER

1 HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT GOING PLACES' GALA

Event Chairs: Mitchell N. Schear, Sara Akbar, Wendy Feldman Block, Jay Epstein, Michael Goodwin and Michael Kelley **The Cause:** Higher Achievement educates, trains, and coaches middle school students by hosting after school academies, and transition and summer programs.

Details: Warner Theatre; 6:30 p.m.; \$250; sponsorships starts at \$5,000; contact Janelle Hunter, jhunter@higherachievement.org.

2 KNOCK OUT ABUSE GALA

Event Chairs: Elissa Davidson and Sarah O'Keefe; Patricia Coleman and Ellen Spiegel (Auction co-chairs) **The Cause:** Four local beneficiaries that aid victims of domestic violence. **Details:** Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C.;

6:30 p.m.; black-tie; \$650; sponsorships start at \$7,500; contact (202) 223-1906, rebecca@knockoutabuse.org.

2 FIGHT NIGHT

Event Chair: Raul Fernandez **The Cause:** Fight For Children's mission to ensure that all students in Washington, D.C., especially those in the highest need areas, receive a quality early education and a solid foundation for future success. **Details:** Washington Hilton; 6 p.m.; black-tie; \$1,050; tables starting at \$10,500 contact Judy Wrench (202) 772-0417, Judy.Wrench@FightForChildren.org. **Highlights:** Live boxing and Mixed Martial Arts matches and musical performances.

2 HEROINES OF WASHINGTON

Event Chairs: Jennifer Felix and Dondi Saunders **The Cause:** March of Dimes, which works to decrease infant mortality rates in the community and ensure healthy and happy lives for babies. **Details:** The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner; 6 p.m.; \$250; sponsorships start at \$5,000; contact Kate Leib (571) 257-2309, kreib@marchofdimes.org.

4 JDRF HOPE GALA

Event Chairs: Michelle Dolansky and Susan Faries **The Cause:** Raise critical funds for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research to progressively reduce the impact of T1D on people's lives. **Details:** National Building Museum, 6 p.m.; \$500; sponsorships start at \$5,000; contact Alexandra Barker abarker@jdrf.org.

4 NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION GALA

Event Chairs: Michael Zarrelli **The Cause:** The 42nd annual event is dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting the Italian American heritage. **Details:** Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel; black-tie; \$400; young professional tickets at \$150; sponsorships start at \$1,500; contact NIAF_gala@niaf.org.

4 MEHREGAN GALA

The Cause: The Iranian American

5 FASHION FOR PAWS

The Cause: Humane Rescue Alliance.

Details: Contact Isoke Salaam isoke@isokesalaampr.com

Highlights: Dog loving, fundraising models walk the runway alongside their fashionably dressed pets.

5 CITYDANCE DREAMSCAPE

The Cause: CityDance's award-winning DREAM program. CityDance DREAM is an after-school program that provides dance classes and performance opportunities; mentoring and tutoring to students from D.C.'s most underserved communities.

Details: Lincoln Theatre

6 KENNEDY CENTER SPRING GALA

The Cause: The Center's performances, education programs and outreach initiatives.

Details: Kennedy Center Concert Hall; black-tie; contact (202) 416-8338, springgala@kennedy-center.org.

9-12 HEART'S DELIGHT WINE TASTING & AUCTION

Event Chair: Mitch Bainwol

The Cause: The four-day food and wine celebration raises money for the American Heart Association.

Details: Tickets range from \$200-\$2,000; sponsorships start at \$5,000; view full schedule at heartsdelightwineauction.org; contact Heidi Arnold (703) 248-1720, heidi.arnold@heart.org.

Highlights: Events include Congress Has Heart and Collectors Dinner (May 9), Embassy & Winemaker Dinner Series (May 10), Vintners Dinner & Auction (May 11) and Bordeaux Master Class & Grand Tasting (May 12).

10 ARENA STAGE SPRING GALA

The Cause: Arena Stage's artistic productions and community engagement programs.

Details: Arena Stage; contact Maria Corso (202) 600-4025, mcorso@arenastage.org.

16 PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION GALA

The Cause: Saving lives through cancer prevention and early detection. Funds support research, education, advocacy and outreach programs.

Details: National Building Museum; 6:30 p.m.; black-tie; \$1,000; sponsorships start at \$7,000; contact Jacob Petersen

(703) 837-3688, Jacob.Petersen@preventcancer.org.

19 GLEN ECHO GALA

The Cause: Programs and historic building maintenance of Glen Echo Park.

Details: Glen Echo Park; contact Jenni Cloud jcloud@glenechopark.org.

22 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM GALA

The Cause: Recognizing a select group of women who have made a significant contribution to their field.

Details: Contact (703) 461-1920, RSVP@womenshistory.org.

JUNE

2 HALCYON AWARDS

The Cause: Recognizing and honoring talented arts icons, successful social entrepreneurs and public policy visionaries.

Details: Washington National Cathedral; cocktail attire; \$750; sponsorships start at \$8,000; contact David Corson d.corson@halcyonhouse.org. Highlight: Honorees will include Chef Jose Andres, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield and Rep. John Delaney.

5 HILLWOOD GALA

Chair: Mark Lowham

The Cause: Hillwood Estate Museum and Garden's ongoing efforts to share Marjorie Merriweather Post's cultural legacy with the public.

Details: Hillwood Museum; black-tie; \$500; sponsorships start at \$2,500; contact Adrienne Starr (202) 243-3974, astarr@hillwoodmuseum.org.

Highlight: The evening will feature an exclusive preview of Hillwood's special exhibition "Faberge Rediscovered" and a formal seated dinner on the Lunar Lawn.

6 DINNER UNDER THE STARS

The Cause: Friends of the National Arboretum and its focus on horticultural research, environmental conservation and public outreach and education programs.

Details: The National Arboretum; \$125 (young professionals under 35) or \$250; sponsorships start at \$1,200; contact Cathy Kerkam (202) 544-8733, cathy@fona.org.



JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION HOPE GALA
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The Ritz-Carlton, Washington D.C. | PHOTOS BY TONY POWELL

TIME FOR WINE: Wine enthusiasts engaged in four days of liquid indulgence to support the American Heart Association's 17th annual Heart's Delight, chaired by **Brian Kearney**. Festivities included a Bordeaux master class and grand tasting and auction with celebrity chefs and local restaurants. A Vintners Dinner highlighting the wines of Château Mouton Rothschild was followed by a live auction led by Sotheby's **Jamie Ritchie**.

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SUSHI GAKYU RECEPTION

Sushi Gakyu, 1420 New York Ave. NW | PHOTOS BY TONY POWELL

SUSHI FEAST: Washington's downtown lunch crowd now has a new place to enjoy great Japanese food, thanks to restaurateur **Yoshihisa "Yoshi" Ota** and Neighborhood Retail Group's **Bethany Kazaba**, who helped secure the prime location. At the grand opening reception, guests sampled sushi with sake pairings along with the chef's signature rice wine offerings at the 67-seat eatery. Ota holds the distinction of being one of the few local chefs licensed to prepare fugu, or blowfish (\$200 per serving), a rare delicacy in Japan.

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