WineFest No. 24
A TOAST TO CHILDREN’S HEALTH

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What a great privilege it is for us to serve as honorary chairs of WineFest No. 24—A Toast to Children’s Health! We have been patrons of WineFest for many years, and beginning last year, we participated on the event’s advisory committee. It is an honor to join the terrific staff and community volunteers to support the amazing, groundbreaking, and lifesaving work of University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital.

We attend many fundraising events, but none are better than WineFest! What could be more fulfilling than supporting Masonic Children’s Hospital and making a difference for children and their families? In addition to that great cause, there is the wine. Not just wine the beverage—wine the experience. WineFest educates you, entices you, and introduces you to new friends and renowned wines you may not have experienced before, all for a wonderful cause.

Through the ongoing generosity and hard work of many, many individuals, WineFest has raised more than $16 million in support of children’s health at the University of Minnesota. Working together and sharing our skills, compassion, dedication, and love in support of our neighbors here in the Twin Cities, our state, our region, and our world is what our community is all about. We are committed to living these values in our daily family life. And for us, there is nothing better than gathering with friends and family around our table with good food, wine, and conversation.

That is WineFest! We look forward to working and celebrating with you!

Cheers!

Pete and Lisa Janzen
Honorary Chairs of WineFest No. 24
FINE WINE DINNER PROGRAM

WELCOME
Jason DeRusha, WCCO Television & Jamie Yuccas, CBS News

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY CHAIRS
Pete and Lisa Janzen

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY WINEMASTERS
Bob Blue, Founding Winemaker, Bonterra Organic Vineyards
Kathleen “KK” Dirickson, National Sales Manager, Joseph Phelps Vineyards
Susan & Duane Hoff and Dlynn Proctor, Founders and Director (respectively), Fantesca Estate & Winery
Kristy Melton, Winemaker, Bootleg and Fortress, Kendall-Jackson
Maria Magdalena “Mele” Sosa, International Brand Manager, Bodega Garzón
Bryan Weil, Winemaker, Alexana Winery
Joanne “Jo” Wing, Winemaker, Stags’ Leap Winery

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Angelique Dove Hatch and Katie Severt

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Jason and Carly Zucker

DINNER BREAK

VIDEO PRESENTATION

PERFORMANCE
Max Krauth

LIVE AUCTION
Shawn Hamilton, Stokes Auction Group
Ali Lucia, WCCO Television

MUSIC AND DANCING
Rock With U
COOPER BALTZELL

Cooper Baltzell was barely one day old before he had his first surgery to correct a gastrointestinal birth defect. He was diagnosed with Hirschsprung disease, a condition that affects his small intestine and colon.

Though that procedure got Cooper out of the woods, he needed more help with making his digestive system function properly. Since the 4-year-old was born, he has been admitted to University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital 24 times, had five surgeries, and experienced hundreds of procedures.

Cooper’s medical and psychological care at Masonic has been indispensable, especially from pediatric surgeon Donovan Hess, MD; child psychologist Maria Kroupina, PhD; and child-life specialists. Together, they help Cooper cope with traumatic experiences and support his parents, Ashley and Marshall Baltzell.

Cooper benefited from Masonic’s ground-breaking Birth to Three program. It’s the first in Minnesota to serve pediatric patients who face high risks of toxic stress from multiple hospitalizations and chronic illness.

Through the hospital’s comprehensive care, Cooper overcame serious infections and difficulty with gaining weight. Now he’s growing like crazy. “I can’t imagine being anywhere else,” Ashley says. “We really like his doctors. They know what works for Cooper, and they really care about these kids.”
There’s wine—and then there’s wine. It’s those memorable vintages that taste like no other, garnering raves and the highest ratings from wine connoisseurs. WineFest No. 24 is shining the spotlight on outstanding vintners who create wines that are the best in their class and best in show. Their expertise, commitment to excellence, and constant striving to raise the bar result in elite wines. These winemakers exude passion for producing exceptional vintages, making it icing on the cake to welcome them to WineFest No. 24—A Toast to Children’s Health.

TO OUR HONORARY WINEMASTERS:

**BOB BLUE, FOUNDING WINEMAKER, BONTERRA ORGANIC VINEYARDS**
Bob Blue rose to the top of the wine industry with a zest for organic winemaking, cultivated by more than 30 years at “Fetzer University.” There, he developed a thirst for sustainability. Blue’s interest in wine sparked while serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, and he later traveled globally to gain more expertise. He ensures that Bonterra stands out among all winemakers, but especially those that create stellar organic vintages.

**KATHLEEN “KK” DIRICKSON, NATIONAL SALES MANAGER, JOSEPH PHELPS VINEYARDS**
KK Dirickson brings a deep well of wine industry knowledge to Joseph Phelps Vineyards, drawing on more than 20 years in the business. She develops strong relationships with distributors to showcase the iconic, estate-grown wines being produced at Joseph Phelps Vineyards in Napa and Sonoma. Dirickson embraces Phelps’ dedication to crafting world-class wines with an unwavering commitment to quality, working tirelessly to make sure that its memorable wines are widely enjoyed.

**SUSAN AND DUANE HOFF, FOUNDERS/OWNERS AND DLYNN PROCTOR, DIRECTOR, FANTESCA ESTATE & WINERY**
Minneapolis natives, college sweethearts, and entrepreneurs Susan and Duane Hoff opened Fantesca Estate & Winery after retiring from successful careers at Best Buy. In 2004, they created a family business that unites their love of Napa Valley and exemplary wine. D Lynn Proctor is an integral part of the team, bringing rich experience as a wine consultant, evangelist, and sommelier. Together, they strive to create unparalleled wines that make any celebration unforgettable.
KRISTY MELTON, WINEMAKER, BOOTLEG AND FORTRESS, KENDALL-JACKSON

Kristy Melton aims to be the best at everything she does, from rodeo queen and research scientist to winemaker. She got interested in wine while working in the restaurant industry and realized she could pair her two passions. Melton is a sought-after consultant and winemaker, thanks to a master’s degree in viticulture and ecology, numerous awards for superb wine, and an impressive run at Clos Du Val, Bootleg, and Fortress.

MARIA MAGDALENA “MELE” SOSA, WINEMAKER AND BRAND AMBASSADOR, BODEGA GARZÓN

Mele Sosa brings global expertise to her esteemed craft. A native of Uruguay and the daughter of traveling diplomats, Sosa earned a degree in viticulture and enology in Chile. She did research on red wine tannins and phenolic compounds at University of California–Davis before working as a California winery assistant winemaker. With South America calling her home, Sosa joined Bodega Garzón as winemaker and brand ambassador for its incomparable wines.

BRYAN WEIL, HEAD WINEMAKER, ALEXANA WINERY

Bryan Weil got enthralled with wine and its food pairings while attending culinary school. He went to work part-time at Domaine Serene to foster his love of Oregon Pinot Noir. Weil was inspired to learn even more, returning to college to earn an enology and viticulture degree. First as The Hogue Cellars’ assistant winemaker and now as head winemaker at Alexana Winery, Weil oversees production of its distinctive, premium wines.

JOANNE “JO” WING, WINEMAKER, STAGS’ LEAP WINERY

A New Zealander with roots in agriculture, Jo Wing believes in cultivating healthy vineyards where the grapes speak for themselves through wine. She pursues knowledge about horticulture, grapes, and winemaking to create elegant wines that pair well with—and elevate—a meal. Wing gained experience in New Zealand, Australia, and Napa Valley before joining Stags’ Leap as a Harvest Enologist. As winemaker, she oversees production of its red and white wines.
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RIAN KRAUTH

Kirsten Krauth believed she was having a routine prenatal check-up when her water broke at 26 weeks. Terrified, she was rushed by ambulance to University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital.

Despite the medical team’s tireless efforts, Kirsten delivered Rian two days later. Max Krauth’s heart sunk when he heard that she weighed just two pounds. “But then the anesthesiologist said, ‘She’s two pounds—she’s going to be great.’ I immediately felt 1,000 times better.”

During 91 days in the NICU, the Krauths felt comforted and confident that Rian was in good hands. They were given excellent information about her care and saw doctors and nurses’ expertise in action.

They experienced the hospital’s elite NICU and neonatology programs, honored repeatedly as among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Masonic’s work in national clinical trials and research programs strives to continue improving outcomes for critically ill infants.

Rian’s essential care continued when hospital physicians discovered a hole in her heart. Last fall, pediatric cardiologists, Guru Hiremath, MD, and John Bass, MD, successfully repaired it.

Now 2 ½, Rian is feisty, independent, and energetic. Says Kirsten, “We’re so thankful she’s going to be able to live a healthy life because of what Masonic Children’s Hospital did for her.”
CORPORATE CITIZEN AWARD
Northwestern Mutual
Mark Heurung believes in harnessing the power of people and companies to help others. As managing partner of Northwestern Mutual in Minneapolis, Heurung focused its philanthropic efforts on kids, providing a bedrock of support for University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital. The insurance and financial services firm gives deep and wide to causes that support children and families who are going through medical challenges. Northwestern Mutual aims to help kids be kids, even during tough times, by providing funds to the hospital’s Kyle Rudolph End Zone and the Zucker Family Suite and Broadcast Studio—therapeutic play spaces at the hospital. The company supports pediatric cancer research and other hospital initiatives, too. “When you see patients and families come through the End Zone, it breaks your heart. But then you see the smiles of those young kids having a blast,” says Heurung, who appreciates that siblings can enjoy the spaces, too. “Watching the whole thing come together was the most fun part. It’s much easier to donate money when you can watch people use it.” Northwestern Mutual has 400 employees, including 120 independent advisors who make their own decisions about giving. But they decided to unite behind Masonic Children’s Hospital because they can make more of a difference together, Heurung says. Such backing helps more families get treated at a world-class hospital by world-class staff, fulfilling the company’s mission to support families.

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