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17th San Francisco

Arts Medallion:

Celebrating John Adams

Event Overview

The 17th San Francisco Arts Medallion event celebrates composer John Adams, whose prodigious talent and dedication have left an indelible imprint on San Francisco's performing arts culture.

With his unparalleled talent and unwavering commitment, Pulitzer and Grammy Award-winning composer, conductor, author and mentor John Adams has profoundly impacted San Francisco's performing arts culture. Adams's collaborations with the San Francisco Symphony, where he served as its first Composer-in-Residence and wrote and premiered seven works, and the San Francisco Opera, which has commissioned and premiered four of his operas, have continually redefined artistic boundaries, infusing our city with a fresh and innovative artistic pulse.

The Arts Medallion will take place at the magnificent St. Joseph's Art Society, a venue founded and designed by Ken Fulk in 2018, dedicated to celebrating arts and culture in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Since 2019, this exquisite setting with a shared mission has served as the backdrop for the Arts Medallion, providing a captivating atmosphere for performances and celebrations.

The event features an elegant cocktail hour, remarks by honorary chairs, and a special performance representing the work of John Adams. St. Joseph's intimate setting offers a unique way to experience the honoree's work.

Michael Tilson Thomas and Joshua Robison, long standing friends of John Adams, have graciously accepted the roles of acting honorary chairs for the upcoming event.

Now, more than ever, we believe that the Arts Medallion can be a beacon of hope and inspiration during these challenging times for our city. It's an opportunity for us to come together, celebrate the arts, and pay tribute to those who have profoundly influenced our cultural heritage.

The funds raised during the Arts Medallion allows MP+D to continue our important work of preserving Bay Area performing arts history. MP+D's initiatives aim to foster a deeper understanding of San Francisco Bay Area's artistic heritage and the enduring legacy of its performing arts institutions.

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Event Details

17th San Francisco Arts Medallion Reception & Ceremony Honoring John Adams

Date: February 7, 2024

Location: [Saint Joseph's Arts Society](#)

Time: 5:30-8pm

1401 Howard St, San Francisco, CA 9410

Tickets

Sponsor tickets from \$375

Individual tickets at \$200

To purchase sponsor packages or tickets online visit:

<https://www.mpdsf.org/store/p/17th-artsmedallion>

Honorary Committee

Michael Tilson Thomas (Co-Chair)

Mark Grey

Joshua Robison (Co-Chair)

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Marget Jenkins

Donato Cabrera

Alonzo King

Lisa Dolby Chadwick

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Ken Fulk

Matt Spivey

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About The Museum of Performance + Design

Our Mission is to keep the unfolding history of the performing arts in the San Francisco Bay Area alive. For over 75 years, the Museum of Performance + Design has been diligently collecting and preserving the history of the performing arts in the San Francisco Bay Area. With a vast collection of over 3.5 million items, we serve as a prominent living record that spans from the Gold Rush to the present day, capturing the rich tapestry of the performing arts of San Francisco and beyond.

The performing arts, as reflected in MP+D's holdings, mirror, critique and interpret our country's diverse social and cultural history. Since the Gold Rush era, actors, dancers, musicians and international stars have come from far and wide to satisfy our region's legendary need to see and hear the finest performing arts. Through their excellence and innovation, local performing artists have brought fame to themselves and to the Bay Area. It is this rich history, the dynamic present and the exciting future that MP+D preserves and promotes.

The organization was founded in 1947 by Russell Hartley (1926 - 1983), a dancer and designer with the San Francisco Ballet. Inspired by his love for ballet and all forms of performing arts, Russell began collecting materials that would lay the foundation for MP+D's extensive archives. MP+D was incorporated and established as a charitable organization in 1976.

The museum is currently located in a temporary location in the south east corridor of San Francisco, between Potrero Hill and Bernal Heights. A new space will allow MP+D to expand programming and offer greater access to the collection.

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About The San Francisco Arts Medallion

The San Francisco Arts Medallion, established in 2005 by the Museum of Performance + Design, honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the cultural landscape of the Bay Area. Each year, remarkable individuals are recognized for their outstanding leadership and generosity in the arts.

Past recipients include Michael Tilson Thomas, the Music Director Laureate of the San Francisco Symphony, and Alonzo King, the Artistic Director and Co-Founder of LINES Ballet. Their creative endeavors have greatly enriched the performing arts scene in San Francisco.

The Arts Medallion also celebrates the crucial role of philanthropists in supporting the arts. Notable figures such as former Mayor Willie Brown, as well as philanthropists Gordon Getty and Carl and Yurie Pascarella, have provided invaluable support, nurturing the arts and contributing to the cultural fabric of the Bay Area. Their dedication and generosity have made a lasting impact on the artistic community.

The support garnered through the Arts Medallion has a profound impact on the ongoing programs and preservation efforts at the Museum of Performance + Design.

By showcasing the achievements and contributions of Arts Medallion recipients, the museum aims to inspire others to appreciate and support the vibrant performing arts community in San Francisco. Through these efforts, the museum fosters a greater understanding and appreciation for the transformative power of artistic expression, while preserving the rich history and significance of the performing arts in the Bay Area.

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Past Arts Medallion Honorees

Alonzo King (2022)

Helgi Tomasson (2021)

Michael Tilson Thomas (2019)

Tony Taccone (2018)

Carl & Yurie Pascarella (2017)

Robert Mailer Anderson &
Nion McEvoy (2016)

Frederica von Stade (2015)

John Goldman (2013)

Roselyne Chroman Swig (2012)

Delia F. Ehrlich (2011)

Nancy Hellman Bechtle (2010)

Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. (2009)

Mr. & Mrs. George F. Jewett, Jr. (2008)

Diane B. Wilsey (2007)

Gordon Getty (2006)

Stanlee Gatti (2005)

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Editorial

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Likewise, the "Museum of Performance + Design" should always be named in full upon its first mention, and subsequently, it may be shortened to "MP+D."

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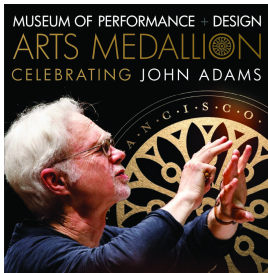
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