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SAUSALITO ART FESTIVAL GALA MASQUERADE ANNOUNCED

Sausalito, CA --- Once again, the Sausalito Art Festival on Labor Day Weekend (August 30- September 1) will begin with a glamorous black tie gala and opening night preview party. This year's theme -- "Carnevale – Unmask Your Imagination" -- promises to be an elegant evening of masquerade festivity from around the world.

The event is Friday, August 29, on the festival grounds along the scenic Sausalito waterfront, providing art aficionados an exclusive opportunity to preview the work of all 260 artists who are exhibiting. It also includes a cocktail reception and fabulous three-course dinner catered by Dan McCall & Associates with music and dancing to the Dick Bright Orchestra.

"Think Brazilian samba, New Orleans Mardi Gras and Venetian masquerade," said Gala Chairman Wayne Kaleck. "It's going to be another memorable extravaganza, so come stroll the festival grounds with us, engage with the artists, dine, dance. Unmask your imagination as we say, and don an exquisite mask; who knows who'll you'll meet incognito!"

Proceeds from the gala benefit the festival foundation's educational program "Artists Teaching Art" that connects young students in Marin County schools with working artists who teach the children new skills to promote their creative expression.

Over 1,000 patrons attended the sold out event last year, so reserve now by emailing Thomas@sausalitoartfestival.org. Sponsorships are available starting at \$3,500; these include a wide range of festival perks; individual tickets are \$300.

About the Festival

The 62st Annual Sausalito Art Festival is one of the most prestigious art festivals on the west coast attracting over 30,000 art enthusiasts who flock to the waterfront village of Sausalito. The three day show continues to set the standard for quality, variety, innovation and sheer scope of work. In addition to art, the festival offers continuous live music on two stages showcasing popular performers, gourmet food, California winetasting, new micro-brew beer garden this year, and a children's art and entertainment area.

Produced by the non-profit Sausalito Art Festival Foundation, the event benefits the local arts community in the form of student scholarships, grants to other non-profit art organizations, and community service programs including an Artist's Teaching Art program in local schools.

For more information about the gala, the festival, artists and performers, or to purchase festival tickets, visit the Sausalito Art Festival website at: www.sausalitoartfestival.org – and follow the festival on Facebook and Twitter!

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