



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Who:** Santa Monica Education Foundation

**What:** Santa Monica Wine Auction

**Where:** Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows

**When:** Sunday, May 19, 2019

4:00 pm: Early Access to Food and Wine Tastings, Silent Auction

5:00 pm: General Admission

7:00 - 9:00 pm: Live Auction, Desserts and Dancing

**For more information or to attend the event,  
contact Ann Conkle at [ann@smedfoundation.org](mailto:ann@smedfoundation.org) or 310-396-4557.**

### **About the Santa Monica Wine Auction**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation is hosting its 4th annual **Wine Auction** on Sunday, May 19 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, the event's sponsor hotel in Santa Monica. The elegant soiree will bring parents and community members together to sip, savor and support important programs for all local public school students.

The Wine Auction will feature more than 30 outstanding wine and food tastings from top restaurants and renowned vineyards. Attendees will be able to bid on silent and live auctions of world-class wines and exceptional experiences.

The event's present sponsors are the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows/MSD Capital; Bird; David Yun and the Eighty8 Group; Santa Monica Place, owned by Macerich; The Plaza at Santa Monica; OneWest Bank and Saint John's Health Center Foundation

Full details about the event are available at [smwineauction.org](http://smwineauction.org). Tickets for the event range from \$150 to \$225. The event is sold out but a wait list is available at the event website.

The three previous Wine Auctions have raised a combined \$659,000 for local public schools. The money raised this year will directly fund arts programs, classroom aides, STEM and student health and wellness programs in Santa Monica public schools next year. Annual donations and Ed Foundation endowments are funding \$2.6 million in programs during the current school year. Fundraising for 2019-2020 school-year programs will continue through June 30, 2019.

Restaurants at the event will include Art's Table; Blue Plate Oysterette; Border Grill/Socalo; Caffe Luxxe; The Gallery; Guidi Marcello, Ltd; Herringbone Santa Monica; The Independence; Little Fatty/Accomplice Bar; The Lobster; Local Kitchen and Wine Bar; Lunetta; North Italia Santa Monica, Red O, Taste of

Mexico; Sushi Roku; Tiato/An Catering by Crustacean; and Upper West Restaurant.

Wine, beer and spirit tastings include The Wine House, Aum Cellars, Beckman Vineyards, Bonaccorsi Wine Company, Crocker and Starr Winery, The Dalmore, Empress 1908 Gin, Fulldraw Vineyard, Law Estate Wines, Maritana Vineyards, Nicolas-Jay, P. Harrell Wines, RAEN Winery, Rideau Vineyard, Sokol Blosser, Uplifter's Spirits, and Villa Creek Cellars.

Many local businesses are sponsoring the event through the Education Foundation's Corporate Partner program. In addition to the presenting sponsors, they include Cedars-Sinai, FreeAssociates, Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal LLP, Harley Ellis Devereaux/Moore Ruble Yudell Architects, Kilroy, Sir Speedy Santa Monica, Sunnin, UCLA Medical Center, DFH Architects LLC, DLR Group, Downtown Santa Monica, Gelson's, Khedr Management Company, Jones Hall and Icelandic Glacial.

### **About the Santa Monica Education Foundation**

Contributions to the Santa Monica Education Foundation fund excellent programs at every Santa Monica public school – from arts to STEM to wellness – that shape our future problem solvers, visionaries, and global citizens.

Established in 1982 by a dedicated group of parents, community leaders, and local business owners, the Ed Foundation raises funds to enhance and supplement the curriculum of the Santa Monica schools. The Foundation's mission is to engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all public school students in Santa Monica.

To learn more about the Ed Foundation, visit [smedfoundation.org](http://smedfoundation.org).