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**ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART GALA SET FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027;
SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE BUT GOING FAST**

**Formerly the Gilded Gala, the Signature Fundraising Event Returns with a Vibrant New Look
and Feel, Building on Last Year's Success of More Than \$800,000 Raised for the Museum**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – August 11, 2026 –

WHAT: The third annual Santa Barbara Museum of Art Gala, formerly known as the Gilded Gala, is an evening of timeless elegance in celebration of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art's commitment to art, education, and community. This signature fundraising event brings the community together to support the Museum's mission of integrating art into our lives.

Last year's Gala raised more than \$800,000 in support of the Museum's collections, exhibitions, education programs, and community engagement initiatives.

As the sun sets over the Pacific, guests will gather on the Chandelier Terrace for cocktails, caviar and champagne, and curated lounge music. Later, the Chandelier Ballroom will host a seated three-course dinner, a live band, and a spirited live auction and



paddle raise, all in support of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art collections, programs, and important place in our community.

The 2027 Art Gala Co-Chairs are Lynn Cunningham Brown and Briana H. Moncrief.

The 2027 Art Gala Host Committee is comprised of: Susan Drymalski Bowey, Judith Little, Merrill W. Sherman, Pamela and Gregory Breedlove, Deborah and Thomas F. Loeb, Leslie Thomas, Marcy Carsey, Siri and Bob Marshall, Beth Wood, Mitchell and Lisa Green, Briana and R. W. Moncrief Jr., Geof and Laura Wyatt, Carol and Michael Linn, Stephen Schaible and Daron Builta, and the Zegar Family Fund.

The 2027 Art Gala Event Committee is comprised of: Christian McGrath, Nicholas Mutton, Stephen Schaible, and Courtney Treut.

The Museum is grateful for the generous support of the Host Committee, the Event Committee, and all sponsors of the event.

WHERE: Rosewood Miramar Beach, Montecito, CA

WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 2027 | 6:00 to 11:00 pm

HOW: Sponsorships of tables can be purchased at galasbma.net. Limited space is available. For information contact Wendy Darling at wdarling@sbma.net or (805) 884-6426

About SBMA

The Santa Barbara Museum of Art is a dynamic cultural institution dedicated to integrating art into everyday life. Through internationally recognized exhibitions, thoughtful stewardship of a distinguished permanent collection, and immersive arts learning experiences for all ages, SBMA connects historic and contemporary perspectives in meaningful ways. We foster curiosity, dialogue, and creative exploration, serving as a welcoming civic space where art enriches individual lives and strengthens our community.

Location: 1130 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 11 AM – 5 PM | Free 1st Thursdays, 5 – 8 PM

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