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LASM Sends a Colorful ‘Thank You’ to its Current Lineup of Annual Gala Sponsors

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum is preparing for its 34th Annual Gala, CHROMA: Color Your Senses, which will take place on September 20 from 7:30 PM to 10 PM. All proceeds from this “party with a purpose” go toward expanding the Museum’s school programs, which served 98,000 school program participants in 2018. The Museum’s school programming, which includes classes, Irene W. Pennington Planetarium Shows, interactive educational theatre, and more, is developed in accordance with the Louisiana Student Standards and inspires students from all over Louisiana.

At the time of this release, the Museum has secured funding from 41 generous sponsors of varying levels. The Gala, while also supported by funds raised through ticket sales, an exclusive silent auction, and a Grand Raffle, is supported largely by both corporate sponsors and individual sponsors.

“We simply cannot thank our sponsors enough for offering their time, talent, and treasure to LASM,” said Kathy Victorian, LASM’s Gala Chair and Board of Trustees Chair-Elect. “Their investment in the Museum is a direct investment in our community as a whole. The education initiatives that the sponsors help to fund enhance art and science education in Baton Rouge, which helps our children grow up to build a stronger city and a better world.”

Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry, which has provided the prize for LASM’s Grand Raffle for the last 31 years, deserves special acknowledgment for their continued support. This year’s prize is an 18k white gold, sapphire, and diamond necklace and earrings suite, featuring 5.4 carats of sapphires and .77 carats of diamonds, with a retail value of $7,000.

“The Art & Science Museum is enormously grateful for the continued support from Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry and our other sponsors, many of whom are long-time supporters,” said Serena Pandos, LASM’s President & Executive Director. “Their contributions have added so much value not only to the Gala, but also to the Museum as a whole. This level of devotion is truly inspiring!”

There are six levels of sponsorship, each corresponding to a color on the visible light spectrum and with varying benefits. Below is a listing of the Museum’s Gala sponsors as of Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
Red sponsors have given $10,000 or more toward the Gala. They are Entergy; Lamar Advertising Company; Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry; McMillan Interiors; Republic Finance; and Turner Industries Group.

Orange sponsors have given from $7,500 to $9,999 toward the Gala. They are Faulk & Meek General Contractors and The Advocate.

Yellow sponsors have given $5,000 to $7,499 toward the Gala. They are BASF; Baton Rouge Coca-Cola; Bernhard Energy Solutions; CN; Faulk & Winkler, LLC; Healthy Blue Louisiana; and Peregrin’s.

Green sponsors have given $3,000 to $4,999 toward the Gala. They are Abstract Productions; Fishman Haygood, LLP; Goss Wealth Management; Grady Crawford Construction Co, Inc.; Jones Walker; Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center; and Sparkhound.

Blue sponsors have given $2,250 to $2,999 toward the Gala. They are Louisiana Lottery Corporation and Nutrien.

Violet sponsors have given $1,500 to $2,249 toward the Gala. They are Baton Rouge Printing; Susan & Fredric Billings; The Boo Grigsby Foundation; BXS Insurance; Beverly Coates; Collin Richie Photography; Cooper Consolidated, LLC; Country Roads Magazine; Emergent Method; ExxonMobil; Guaranty Foundation; Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP; Knobloch, Poche & Burns Wealth Management of Wells Fargo; Long Law Firm; LUBA Workers’ Comp; Postlewaite & Netterville, APAC; and Wampold Companies.

Also, LASM’s Annual Gala would not be possible without the support of the volunteers that serve on its Gala Committee. The Museum extends its warmest gratitude to the members of this Committee: Kathy Victorian, Gala Committee Chair and Board of Trustees Chair-Elect; Garrett Hiebert, Sponsorship Committee Chair; Anna Howard and Jenny Stewart, Auction Committee Co-chairs; Terrence Ginn and Leslie Berg, Host Committee Co-chairs; Leslie Charleville and Dan Bergeron, Décor Committee Co-chairs; Audrey Wascome and Hannah Heltz, Raffle Committee Co-chairs; and Tiffany Dickerson, Media Chair.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or in purchasing admission or Grand Raffle tickets, please visit lasm.org/gala.

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LASM School Program. LASM’s Forensic Crime Lab is just one of the many classes and programs directly funded by proceeds from the Museum’s Annual Gala. In this activity, fifth and sixth grade students are given a body of evidence and challenged to solve a staged murder using cutting edge forensic techniques.

LASM Gala. Guests to LASM’s Annual Gala can expect the very best in Baton Rouge food, wine, and live music, generously provided by Gala sponsors.

About the Louisiana Art & Science Museum
A nonprofit organization housed on the banks of the Mississippi River in downtown Baton Rouge, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum enhances the understanding and appreciation of art and science for general audiences and students by presenting unique, educational and entertaining experiences that
encourage discovery, inspire creativity, and foster the pursuit of knowledge. More information about the Art & Science Museum is available at lasm.org.

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