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BENEFITS

Shazam! Menlo plots all-day marvel

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This week

The Bay Institute A Night at the Marin Symphony and a preperformance reception raises funds for this organization that

protects and restores the San Francisco Bay. 6 p.m. Today. Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Marin Center, San Rafael. \$100. (415) 506-0150.

San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum Nightlife impresario Enrico Banducci is the honored guest at the opening-night celebration of PALM's "Enrico Banducci's Hungry i" exhibition. The evening features a cocktail reception, exhibition viewing as well as a presentation of Hungry i alumni, including Orson Bean, Shelley Berman, Tom Lehrer, the Kingston Trio, Mort Sahl, Ronnie Schell and Glenn Yarbrough. 6 p.m. Tues. SFPALM, Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. \$85; \$75 (PALM members only); \$250 (includes a buffet dinner with Hungry i alum at 8:30 p.m.). (415) 255-4800.

Art for Healing A drawing for an original Rembrandt etching or a contemporary work of art is featured at this cocktail reception benefiting this organization that places works of art in Bay Area health-care facilities. 5:30 p.m. Wed. John Bergrruen Gallery, 228 Grant Ave., San Francisco. \$100. (415) 255-5904.

Habitat for Humanity Blueprints and Blue Jeans is the theme of the San Francisco chapter's 10th anniversary gala dinner program honoring First Republic Bank and celebrating the building of homes in San Francisco and Marin counties. The evening features a cocktail reception, silent auction and construction contests to raise funds for the home ownership and home-building program. 6 p.m. Wed. Four Seasons Hotel, 757 Market St., San Francisco. \$200; \$2,000 (tables of 10); \$2,500-\$50,000



(sponsor-level tables). (415) 869-1500, Ext. 106.

Cantor Arts Center Treasure Market 2007 opening-night party celebrates the golden jubilee of Treasure Market, a biennial fine arts and antiques sale (Sat.-April 1) that raises funds for the center's art acquisition fund. The evening features a cocktail buffet and preview of the market's donated items. 6:30 p.m. Fri. Arrillage Center for Sports and Recreation, Galvez Street at Campus Drive East, Stanford University, Stanford. \$75; \$50 (center members). (650) 326-4533.

Drew School Lights, Camera, Auction is the theme for this gala, which features a cocktail reception, dinner and live auction of luxury packages to raise funds for the scholarship and education programs of this San Francisco college preparatory school. 5 p.m. Sat. Concordia-Argonaut Club, 1142 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. \$140; \$140 (faculty sponsor ticket); \$2,000 (tables of 10). (415) 409-3739, Ext 121.

Junior League of Napa-Sonoma The 2007 Vin du Soleil Fundraiser features a cocktail reception and silent auction, three-course dinner with wine pairings, a live auction and music by the Blue Moon Band. 6 p.m. Sat. The Lodge at Sonoma, 1325 Broadway, Sonoma. \$125. (707) 545-5567.

Coming up

The Guardsmen/Ashlyn Dyer Fund for Neurological Research The Presidio 10 is a family event that features a 10-mile and a 10K run (starting at Crissy Field and over the Golden Gate Bridge and back) in support of these organizations' youth outreach and health programs. Also featured is a pancake breakfast, party tent, live music and entertainment for all ages. 6 a.m. registration. April 1. Crissy Field, San Francisco. For registration information, visit www.presidio10.com/registration.html or call (415) 856-0939.

Golden Gate Men's Chorus Banking on Our Future is an afternoon of music, food and wine in celebration of the chorus' 25th anniversary season. 2 p.m. April 1. Vanguard Properties Building, 2502 Mission St., San Francisco. \$60; \$300 (includes five tickets). (415) 668-4462.

The Exploratorium Constructive Interference, the 30th awards dinner, will honor local visionaries, including Carol Bartz, executive chairman, Autodesk; Natalie Angier, New York Times science writer; Kenneth Miller, biology professor, Brown University; and Eugenie Scott, executive director, National

Center for Science and Education. The evening includes a reception and dinner program. 6:30 p.m. April 4. The Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St., San Francisco. \$500; \$5,000-\$50,000 (sponsor-level tables). (415) 561-0329.

ODC Toe to Toe: Cal vs. ODC features top athletes from UC Berkeley competing against an array of the Bay Area's best dancers in a series of skill, strength and agility exercises. The evening raises funds for the new ODC campus Dance Commons. 6:30 p.m. April 5. The Concourse, 635 Eighth St., San Francisco. \$125; \$5,000-\$50,000 (sponsor-level packages). (415) 255-0333.

The Bancroft Library Rita Moreno serves as emcee at Wit, Wine & Wonder, a gala evening honoring the work of author Isabel Allende that also raises funds for the "Mark Twain at Play" exhibition. The event includes a cocktail reception, exhibition viewing, dinner program and live auction. 6:30 p.m. April 5. Bonhams & Butterfields, 220 San Bruno Ave., San Francisco. \$300. \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000 (sponsor tables of 10). (510) 643-0116.

Cartoon Art Museum The Comics 4 Comix Benefit is comedy show featuring local all-stars (Michael Meehan, Kurt Weitzman, Nick Leonard, Mark Silverman, Michael Capozzola) as well as cocktail reception, gallery viewing and a silent auction of original comic-strip art in support of the museum's exhibition programs. 7 p.m. April 5. Cartoon Art Museum, 655 Mission St., San Francisco. \$20; \$10 (museum members only). (415) 227-8666.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women The Oakland/Bay Area Chapter hosts the Madam C.J. Walker Awards Luncheon, honoring the work of Rep. Barbara Lee, Citibank's Cheryl Evans, Berkeley Fire Chief Deby Pryor and Ave Montague. The event also features a keynote speech by Julia Hare (national executive director of the Black Think Tank) and a book signing by A'Lelia Bundles, great-great-granddaughter of C.J. Walker and author of "On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker." 10:30 a.m. April 5. Marriott Hotel, 55 Fourth St., San Francisco. Call for ticket prices and reservations: (510) 653-4085.

Berkeley Symphony The 2007 Gala honors the work of violinist and concertmaster Stuart Canin. The evening also features a cocktail reception, silent auction, seated dinner, live auction and special performance by Canin and members of the Berkeley Symphony. 6:30 p.m. April 13. The Claremont Resort, 41 Tunnel Rd., Berkeley. \$300; \$600 (individual patron ticket); \$3,000 and \$6,000 (patron

tables of 10). (510) 841-2800.

San Francisco Opera Guild Designer Fete 2007 -- Ode to the Goddess is the theme for the guild's annual Couture Luncheon and Gown Show, featuring fashions from Nordstrom as well as a live auction and boutique-style shopping. 10:30 a.m. April 17. St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell St., San Francisco. \$125; \$225-\$1,000 (individual patron tickets); \$1,250-\$10,000 (patron level tables). (415) 565-3204.

San Francisco Suicide Prevention Laughs for Life is a 45th anniversary celebration and fundraiser for the nation's oldest volunteer crisis-line service. The evening includes a buffet supper, silent auction and comedic performances by Dana Gould, Doug Ferrari and Brian Finkelstein. 6:30 p.m. April 18. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus Ave., San Francisco. \$125; \$400 (reserved table of four). (415) 984-1900.

San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum Dede Wilsey, the Fine Arts Museums' board president, receives the Arts Medallion at a luncheon ceremony in her honor. The event also raises funds for PALM's collection and preservation efforts in the arts. 11:30 a.m. April 19. Four Seasons Hotel, 757 Market St., San Francisco. \$125; \$250 and \$500 (patrons reserved seating; \$2,500 and \$5,000 (patron tables of 10). (415) 255-4800, Ext. 815.

Invitation of the week

Menlo School Association M-Factor: The Power of "M" Revealed is the theme for this salute to the senior class of 2007 and annual fashion-show fundraiser in support of the school's financial aid program. The school's campus transforms into Menlo-opolis for an afternoon luncheon that includes a silent auction and fashion show of Bloomingdale's spring looks by student, faculty and alumni models. 11:30 a.m. The fun continues at an evening gala dinner-dance featuring a live auction, a Broadway-style production with fashions and post-event DJ dance party. Black tie or red cape. Caped crusader co-chairs: Melissa Badger, Kim Glenn. 6 p.m. Fri. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. \$85 (luncheon); \$175 (evening gala). (650) 330-2001, Ext. 2680.

Send hard-copy invitations to Benefits, c/o Catherine Bigelow, The Chronicle, 901 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Fax: (415) 543-6956.

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