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To identify, prioritize and fund SCPA student and faculty needs, unite and incorporate the community into the SCPA family, and advocate for the creative & performing arts.



**Celebrating over 40 years of Artistic Excellence at  
The San Diego School of  
Creative and Performing Arts**

***Student Performances***

Brenda Greggio, Casey Hall-Landers, Mina Julianna, Max  
Paniagua, Marlee Koury, Paul Chairez;  
accompanied by Richard Morrison, SDSCPA alumnus

***The Heart of SCPA Award***

Arne Christiansen

***Special Performance***

Andra Day

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us at the Friends of SCPA's second Annual  
Benefit to support the arts at the San Diego School of Creative  
and Performing Arts. As we celebrate another year, we thank you  
for your dedication to the students of SDSCPA.

Handwritten signature of Timothy Farson in black ink.

Timothy Farson  
Principal, SDSCPA

Handwritten signature of Lorayne Sandino in black ink.

Lorayne Sandino  
President, Friends of SCPA

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## Andra Day



Carried by enough conviction to incite cultural change, Andra Day's full-length debut *Cheers to the Fall* [Buskin Records / Warner Bros. Records] garnered a 2016 GRAMMY® Award nomination in the category of "Best R&B Album," while its anthemic Platinum lead single "Rise Up" achieved a nod for "Best R&B Performance."

Quietly recognized amongst some of music's most legendary names, the singer paid tribute to Ray Charles at The Smithsonian and shared the stage for performances with everyone from Chinese piano virtuoso Lang Lang, Bonnie Raitt, and Stevie Wonder to Ellie Goulding, Alicia Keys, and John Legend. Her voice abounded throughout the halls of the historic 2016 *Democratic National Convention* as well as launch of Michelle Obama's *We Will Rise* documentary in partnership with Meryl Streep and Freida Pinto on "International Day of the Girl" event at The White House. Along the way, she covered *Essence Magazine* and achieved the prestigious "Powerhouse Award" at the *Billboard Women in Music* event.

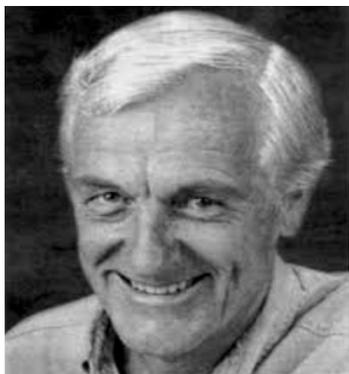
Closing out 2017, Andra released the moving anthem "Stand Up For Something" [feat. Common] from the *Marshall* Official Soundtrack Album and film. The movie also marks Andra's on-screen debut. Andra Day and Common performed "Stand Up For Something" at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Awards where the song was nominated for Best Original Song.

We thank you Andra Day, a San Diego School of The Performing Arts Alumni from the class of 2003 for being here tonight, to support our school.

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# The Heart of SCPA Award Recipient

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## Arne Christiansen

1979-2001, SDSCPA

**Beginning Woodwinds, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Strings** (for which winds and percussion were added during once-a-week, after-school rehearsals to create a full orchestra,) and **Theory**. Main Stage Production (two-a-year) orchestra rehearsals were on two half-day pullouts, one in the morning and the other after lunch, to read through the score followed by three after-school rehearsals. Logic?

For a few years a class in **Electronic Music** was offered Without any delay I bid on the job - - and (drum roll, please) **GOT IT!** Back to the bungalow with students grades 5-7. Following a production of "Little Mary Sunshine" a friend told Ole that those orchestra kids must really be little people hired as ringers. Why, that violinist (Tina Jenkins) was playing in **fifth position!** And so it went. Eventually Ole asked me to join him as the songwriting duo for "Little Miss Christie," which was published and became the first of many shows for which we wrote music and lyrics.

This was indeed a job for which I was suited. Marching was never "my thing" and



the rest of the curriculum was a perfect fit. Theory class was **not** taught "to the AP test" but rather as a skill a working musician could use, from art to the realm of the physics of sound.

Thank you, Mr. Christiansen, for your years of love, care, and leadership, you have received The Heart of SDSCPA Award.



SDSCPA families and community!

We are delighted you are joining us at the Friends of SCPA Ruby Benefit, honoring former music faculty member, Arne Christiansen, and featuring headline performer, SDSCPA alumna, and Grammy-nominated performer, Andra Day. This evening is about students and the belief that all SDSCPA students should have access to a high-quality art and academic program. Your attendance here tonight shows your love and commitment to ensuring all SDSCPA students

have access to a high-quality art and academic education.

Last month we were notified that SDSCPA was not selected to renew the California Department of Education's After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) grant which brought in \$250K of funding for art and academic programming outside of the instructional day. This grant has been the primary funding source for our **summer intensives, frequent guest artists for Visual Arts, Dance, Theatre, and Creative Writing, and our high school mainstage productions. It also helped fund after-school Study Tables**, an after-school academic support for our students 3-5 times a week.

Your support helps our 1400 students, of which 57.5% are designated high need or Title 1 students. We are committed to widening the sphere of success for all our young scholars and artists by supporting their journey through high-quality art and academic learning opportunities.

Together we can make a difference!



*Timothy Johnson*

# Funding Gap

\$840/month

\$70/month

\$2.30/day

**3.6**

AVERAGE  
G.P.A  
CLASS OF 2019

**97%**

AVERAGE  
DAILY  
ATTENDANCE

**\$12 M**

EARNED  
SCHOLARSHIPS &  
GRANTS

**58%**

SOCIOECONOMICALLY  
DISADVANTAGED

Student Group	Total Students
English Learners	63
Foster Youth	10
Homeless Youth	69
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	838
Students with Disabilities	145

**99%** Class of 2018 graduation rate through a rigorous art and academic curriculum

**94%** Class of 2018 students enrolling in a college or university.

**53%** Class of 2018 students continuing their professional work or study in the arts



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## Schedule of Events

7:00pm

Outdoor Cocktail Reception

8:00pm

Welcome

8:30pm

Dinner

9:00pm

Live Auctions Begin

Heart of SCPA Award

9:30pm

Performance by Andra Day

## Tonight's Menu

### Mixed Baby Greens

Shaved Parmesan Cheese | Fresh Raspberries |  
Candied Pecans | Champagne Vinaigrette

### Seared Airline Chicken Breast

Fingerling Potatoes | Artichoke Ragout |  
Roasted Garlic Broccolini

### Sea Salt Butterscotch Pot de Creme

Citrus Anglaise | Candied Raspberry Compote

### Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake

Muscat Poached Apricots | Dark Chocolate  
Sauce

*\*alternating dessert\**

## *Live Auction Item #1*

### La Jolla

La Jolla Music Society SummerFest Tickets (for 2)  
Dinner at the French Gourmet Restaurant (for 8)  
One-night stay at the Empress Hotel La Jolla  
Nine-Ten Restaurant at the Grande Colonial gift card \$100  
Lomas Santa Fe Golf Course (for 4)

*Value \$1,500*

## *Live Auction Item #2*

### Girls' Night

One-night stay at the Pendry Hotel with brunch (for 2)  
Eyebrow microblading by Emily Garrido  
Set of assorted candles & scents by Voluspa  
Café 222 gift card \$100  
Davanti Enoteca in Little Italy gift card \$50

*Value \$1,150*

## *Live Auction Item #3*

### Around Town

One-night stay at the Omni Hotel, with parking  
San Diego Repertory Theatre Tickets (for 2)  
Banker's Hill Restaurant private chef's table with wine (for 8)  
Cheesecake Factory gift card \$50  
King's Fish House gift card \$50  
San Pasqual Winery tasting (for 2)

*Value \$2,000*

*Live Auction Item #4*

Family Fun

Disneyland/California Adventure park-hopper passes (for 5)

Aerial Revolution classes (10 classes)

My Ninja Factory passes (5 passes)

Tutoring sessions with Patrick Loehr (6 two-hour sessions)

Birch Aquarium tickets (for 4)

Midway Museum tickets (for 4)

San Diego Natural History Museum tickets (for 4)

CeramiCafe gift card \$25

Ukulele lessons (6 half-hour lessons)

*Value \$2,446*

*Live Auction Item #5*

Maui

One-week stay in a one-bedroom condo at Hale Kamaole in Maui

Bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne

*Value \$1,000*

*Live Auction Item #6*

Humphreys by The Bay

One-night stay with Sunday champagne brunch (for 2)

Kenny G. tickets (for 4), August 22, 2019

Humphreys by the Bay gift card \$80

Hornblower bay cruise (for 2)

Bottle of Long Valley Ranch cabernet sauvignon

*Value \$730*

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## A note from our Artistic Director

You cannot run away from today's news cycle. Every few minutes there is another breaking news story.

Regardless of which side you're on today's political landscape is fueled by passion. There is a clear divide. Right and wrong is a perspective. Good and bad is an opinion and facts are disposable. And, while people say they are growing weary of the subject I would strongly disagree. Just ask anyone their opinion these days.

Without getting an answer you will feel something immediately. It will come in the form of hesitance, silent thought, a smile, diatribe, or passive aggression. The point is we live with this current state of anxiety because winning and losing are at stake. And, these days the stakes are incredibly high.

Why is the artistic director writing about political anxiety and divisiveness? Simple: the arts are the mirror of society. We reflect what is right in front of us. And, I was never more inspired and reassured by this when watching the 2019 Tony Awards. From *Hadestown to Oklahoma!*, *To Kill A Mockingbird* to *King Lear*, *What the Constitution Means to Me* to *Choir Boy*, and even *Beetlejuice* to *The Prom*, all illuminated the social and political challenges that we face every day. Subject matter such as hope in the face of unhappiness, the pain and brutality of relationships, gender identity, sexual identity, racism, religion, and yes, even the constitution. The mirror is constant.

In recent years our lens for artistic expression has evolved. Our latest mission is to present work that is socially relevant, civic-minded, globally conscious, and reflective of our student body. We have done our part in reflecting the world around us with theatrical productions of *A Chorus Line*, *Billy Elliot*, *The Crucible*, and *Cabaret*; our dance concerts, *Beyond Boundaries* and *Reflecting Forward*; and our visual arts and creative writing exhibitions, *Inside/Out* and *Changing Stories*. We will continue to produce work that is relevant and speaks directly to the strength and fragility of the human condition. The 2019-'20 Season includes the exhibition *Deus Ex Machina*, *The Merchant of Venice*, dance concerts *In Flux* and *Permanent Shift*, music concerts *Imperative* and *Quintessential*, and as "Cycles" is the theme chosen to connect collective work we explore family with productions of *In The Heights* and *The Addams Family*.

We hope you are able to join us at some point during our 41<sup>st</sup> season. Our students, alumni, guest artists, and faculty will continue to entertain, evoke, and inspire. It's a snapshot of what we do at our very best. I promise you will be moved as you watch our SDSCPA family of student artists live their passion when we hold up the mirror.

With love,  
Richard Trujillo



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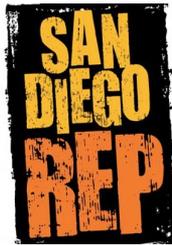
**August 4, 2019**

Call the box office (619)  
544-1000 and use the code

**DREAMS**

to get your ticket!

Only ticket sales from this night  
will support the SDSCPA!

A promotional poster for the musical "House of Dreams". It features a man in a striped shirt playing a guitar and a woman in a leather jacket dancing. The background is yellow with various song titles listed in different colors and fonts. A vinyl record icon with "33 1/3" is also present.

ROCKIN' ROBIN  
UNCHAINED MELODY  
GOOD VIBRATIONS  
CHERRY BOMB  
THE BIRDS AND THE BEES  
DA DOD RON RON  
SUMMERTIME BLUES

THE IN CROWD  
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE  
ALL I REALLY WANT TO DO  
LET'S DANCE  
TE QUI LA  
HE'S A REBEL  
BE MY BABY  
RIVER DEEP  
MOUNTAIN HIGH  
AND MANY MORE ...

AUGUST 1 - 25, 2019  
ON THE LYCEUM STAGE

**House of Dreams**

33 1/3

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