

GREEN MUSIC CENTER AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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**GREEN MUSIC CENTER AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES
FIFTH SUMMER OF PROGRAMMING WITH ANNUAL GALA
FUNDRAISER, AUGUST 4**

(Sonoma County, CA) – Sonoma State University’s Green Music Center celebrates its Fifth Summer of programming with its Annual Gala Fundraiser, Friday, August 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The performance features legendary jazz pianist Diana Krall. A Gala Dinner and celebration will be held at Prelude Restaurant and Patio following the concert, with cuisine provided by Elaine Bell Catering.

“A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM” – FIFTH SUMMER AT THE GREEN ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER
Friday, August 4, 2017

Join us for a special midsummer evening of jazz under the stars as we celebrate our Fifth Summer of programming at the Green Music Center. All philanthropic contributions go to support the outstanding educational opportunities the GMC offers to the students of Sonoma State University, as well as our partner programs in Sonoma County and the entire North Bay community.

Guests arrive in style with red-carpet treatment and a champagne welcome in Trione Courtyard and the Gallery Hall. At the heart of the evening is a concert featuring multiple Grammy® Award-winning jazz pianist and world-renowned singer Diana Krall. Krall’s unique artistry transcends any single musical style and has made her one of the most recognizable artists of our time. Following the performance, dinner is provided by Elaine Bell Catering, a celebrated company in the Greater Bay Area and a staple of elevated California Wine Country cuisine. VIP Parking is available.

6:30pm – Champagne Welcome in Trione Courtyard & Gallery Hall

7:30pm – Gala Concert featuring Diana Krall at Weill Hall + Lawn

Post-Concert – Gala Dinner and Celebration on Prelude & Patio

Attire – Black Tie Optional

Cuisine provided by Elaine Bell Catering

Wine Sponsors: Black Kite Cellars, Iron Horse Vineyards, Lynmar Estate, and

Martin Ray Vineyards & Winery

Concert Sponsor: The Press Democrat

Generous Patrons: Basin Street Properties, Rebecca Green Birdsall and Tom Birdsall, Connie Coddling, Marilyn and Henry Hansel, Debby and David Hopkins, The Bromberg Group at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Norma Person, John Ryan - Brookfield Residential, the Santa Rosa Symphony and Sonoma Media Investments

Mastercard is the Preferred Card of the Green Music Center

The Press Democrat is the proud sponsor of the Fifth Summer at the Green Gala Concert featuring Diana Krall

Breguet is the Official Timepiece of the Green Music Center

TICKETS and BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Single tickets for the Fifth Summer at the Green featuring Diana Krall are priced between \$29 and \$104.

**Tickets for the Fifth Summer at the Green Gala are not required to attend the performance.*

For tickets, call 1.866.955.6040 or visit us online at gmc.sonoma.edu. The Box Office is open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m. –6:00 p.m., and two and a half hours prior to all Summer concerts.

To inquire about tickets and tables for the 2017–18 Fifth Summer at the Green Gala, please contact Caroline Ammann at 707.664.3517.

To inquire about gala sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kirsten Tellez at 707.664.3661.

2017—18 Fifth Summer at the Green Gala Benefit Committee:

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Diana Krall is the only jazz singer to have eight albums debut at the top of the Billboard Jazz Albums chart. To date, her albums have garnered five Grammy® Awards, eight Juno® Awards and have also earned nine gold, three platinum and seven multi-platinum albums. Krall's unique artistry transcends any single musical style and has made her one of the most acclaimed artists of our time.

Diana Krall's latest album, *Turn Up the Quiet*, celebrates Jazz and the Great American Songbook, reuniting Diana with Grammy Award-winning producer, Tommy LiPuma.

ABOUT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Nestled in the picturesque foothills of Northern California's esteemed Wine Country, the Green Music Center (GMC) at Sonoma State University is a focal point for arts in the region, with its spectacular 1,400-seat Weill Hall, an acoustically exceptional venue with a modular rear wall that opens to terraced lawn seating, providing picturesque views of the surrounding countryside, and the 240-seat Schroeder Hall, a cathedral-like recital hall designed specifically to accentuate instruments, organ and voice in a small, intimate setting. The GMC presents year-round programming of top classical, contemporary, jazz and world music artists and is home to the Santa Rosa Symphony.

ABOUT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University is a public liberal arts college located in California's premier wine country, one hour north of San Francisco. Nestled at the base of the idyllic Sonoma Mountains, the campus is home to more than 9,000 undergraduate students and is among the most popular campuses in the California State University system. Named a "Best Regional University" by U.S. News & World Report, SSU was first in the country to offer an undergraduate degree in Wine Business.

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