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**AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER'S 2018 SEASON GALA,  
HONORING CAREY PERLOFF AND HER 25-YEAR TENURE  
AS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, RAISES \$1.2 MILLION**

**PROCEEDS FROM THE GALA SUPPORT A.C.T.'S ACCLAIMED ACTOR TRAINING  
AND EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

SAN FRANCISCO (April 10, 2018)—With the help of celebrated guest artists, **American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.)** raised **\$1.2 million** at its **2018 Season Gala** honoring **Carey Perloff** and her 25-year tenure as artistic director. Proceeds from the gala, held on **Saturday, April 7** at San Francisco's Four Seasons Hotel, support A.C.T.'s professional training and education and community programs reaching more than 20,000 Bay Area-based recipients each year.

More than 300 guests attended this year's gala, which began with a cocktail reception and Commedia dell'Arte performances by A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts students. Immediately following, guests were ushered into an elegant ballroom featuring décor and florals by **Blueprint Studios**. As guests enjoyed a lavish dinner prepared by Four Seasons Hotel Executive Chef **Mark Richardson**, they heard heartfelt toasts and performances by celebrated guest artists from throughout Perloff's illustrious 25 years, including Tony Award winner **BD Wong**, Tony Award winner **Anika Noni Rose**, Academy Award nominee **David Strathairn**, **Marco Barricelli**, **Anthony Fusco**, **Peter Anderson**, **Grace Ng**, **Shona Tucker**, and **Brigid O'Brien**. In addition, tributes to Perloff from Tony Award winner **Bill Irwin** and Tony Award nominee **John Douglas Thompson** were read onstage. **U.S. Senator Kamala Harris** issued a Proclamation thanking Perloff for her contributions to the San Francisco artistic community. Legendary playwright **Sir Tom Stoppard**, a surprise guest, paid tribute to Perloff with a moving speech that received a rousing standing ovation. The program concluded with a special tribute video to Perloff featuring eminent artists from throughout her tenure, including **Seana McKenna**, **Gregory Wallace**, **Sharon Lockwood**, **Dan Hiatt**, **Val Caniparoli**, **Pascal Molat**, **Steven Anthony Jones**, **Lorenzo Pisoni**, **Nick Gabriel**, **Geoffrey Hoyle**, **Carly Cioffi**, **Johanna Pfaelzer**, **Olympia Dukakis**, **Dennis Boutsikaris**, and more!

That evening, the **Carey Perloff Classics Fund**, which honors Carey's legacy by raising necessary funds to continue A.C.T.'s tradition of producing classical theater, was officially launched. In addition, A.C.T. Executive Director **Peter Pastreich**, alongside gala co-chairs **Prisca Geeslin** and **Nancy Livingston**, announced that Perloff's favorite rehearsal studio at A.C.T.'s Conservatory has been renamed the **Carey Perloff Rehearsal Studio** in her honor. The evening culminated with an after-party featuring cocktails and dancing to music provided by **Wingtip**.

The Gala Committee, led by **Geeslin** and **Livingston**, includes **Kirke and Nancy Sawyer Hasson, Jo S. Hurley, Alan Jones, Fred Levin, Jamie Martin, Michael P. Nguyen, Robina Riccitiello, Patti Rueff, Abby Sadin Schnair, Cherie Sorokin, Adriana López Vermut**, and **Kay Yun**.

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