



THE WARING INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Paris At Midnight *An Evening of Music & Ooh La La!* **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

Honoring Jan & Brian Harnik *2020 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients*

We are pleased to announce that Palm Desert City Councilmember Jan Harnik and attorney Brian Harnik have graciously accepted our invitation to receive the Waring International Piano Competition's Lifetime Achievement Award at our annual Gala Saturday, February 29, 2020. We celebrate the Harniks' dedication and service to the community and support of the arts and education these past decades.

This year's theme, *Paris At Midnight, An Evening of Music & Ooh La La!* is sure to enthrall and enchant you and your guests. All funds raised support the 2021 Senior Competition and The Waring's mission to excite, educate, and engage the community with the joy of classical music through live piano performances by talented young musicians. The Gala is our main fundraiser to support local educational and community outreach programs for all ages, including hands on piano lessons in the classroom with portable keyboards, and our biennial competition. The 2021 Senior Competition includes the prestigious Solo 1st Place Prize appearance at Carnegie-Weill Hall in NYC.

With performing arts among the first programs slashed by budget cuts in schools today, it is crucial to support programs that expose youngsters to classical music. We therefore invite you to support the ongoing musical education of our youth by being part of the Waring Annual Gala Program Book. You may place a program book ad in honor or memory of a special person or for your company. All ads are tax-deductible as per IRS regulations. Enclosed are the ad specifications for the Program Book.

If you have questions, please contact Executive Director Ann Greer at ann@vwipc.org or call the Waring office, 760-773-2575.

Thank you, and we are counting on you!

Sincerely yours,

JoAnn Wellner
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