

NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY
RED GALA 2012 FAQS

Due to the closure of Lincoln Theater, NVYS has had to make some changes to this year's Red Gala. Despite the challenge of finding a new venue on such short notice, we're sure this year's gala will be a great success! **Please read through this FAQ sheet at your earliest convenience to find out important details about changes to this year's gala.** We will continue to update you as more details become available. If you have any questions not addressed here, please contact Ming Luke at mluke@nvysso.org.

When will this year's gala take place?

This year's gala will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM.

Where will this year's gala take place?

This year's gala will take place at Black Stallion Winery, located at 4089 Silverado Trail in Napa.

How will the change of venue affect the gala?

The Black Stallion Winery is a beautiful venue, perfect for hosting a high-end event; however, it is smaller than the Lincoln Theater and lacks the staging required to accommodate a full orchestra. While music and performances by members of the youth orchestra will still be a core component of this year's gala, the musical performances will take place with chamber ensembles (composed of members of the youth symphony, Sinfonia and Wind Sinfonia) throughout the evening. *There will be no separate concert component.*

Will there be any guest artists?

Soprano Carrie Hennessey will be performing along with chamber groups from the youth symphony, Sinfonia and Wind Sinfonia. We are especially excited to be featuring Carrie Hennessey, since she will be touring with the youth symphony in Europe this summer! Additional soloists may be announced as we get closer to the event.

What else will this year's gala feature?

As in previous years, the gala will feature a large silent auction, exciting live auction, and high-end food and wine from the Napa Valley and beyond.

How much are tickets?

Tickets begin at \$250 for a couple (which includes 2 tickets). Additional sponsorship levels with more benefits are available, as detailed in the attached sponsorship form.

I'd like to attend the gala this year, but the ticket prices are a bit out of my range.

That's okay! We need plenty of volunteers for the evening of the event. Please contact Michele Dahlberg at Michele@winesecrets.com to find out about volunteer opportunities.

What other opportunities are there to get involved?

Talk to members of your community about donating! **We are currently in need of food donations, wine donations, auction donations, sponsorships and ad sales.** We are asking all parents to reach out to any community contacts they may know who would be interested in being involved. A sheet with sponsorship breakdowns is attached, and you will be receiving food donation, wine donation and ad sales forms shortly. The more sponsorships and donations we are able to procure, the more successful the fundraiser will be! **As a parent of a youth symphony member, you are in a unique position to talk to your friends and business contacts about the advantages that the youth symphony brings to the community.**

Will the donations and sponsorships I procure count as a credit toward my child for the summer tour?

Cash donations (such as sponsorships and ad sales) can be applied as a credit toward the summer tour to the extent they exceed each student's \$250 requirement; however, we cannot credit non-cash donations (such as food, wine or live/silent auction donations).