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Art for AIDS

September 16, 2016, City View, San Francisco

Tickets: artforaids.org

Celebrating 20 Years of Community, Art, and Honoring Those Living With HIV/AIDS!

Art for AIDS was conceived in 1996, the creation of a group of artists in search of a way to help a community ravaged by AIDS. Coincidentally, there was a second hope-laden event in 1996: effective HIV treatment began to turn the epidemic around, especially in the developing world. One year later, **Art for AIDS** partnered with the UCSF Alliance Health Project (AHP) and what began as a tiny community fundraiser, raising a few thousand dollars, has grown into the gala it is today—raising more than \$2,000,000 since its inception.

Join the Alliance Health Project staff and volunteers on **Friday, September 16th for the 20th annual Art for AIDS, starting at 6:00 pm at the City View at Metreon**. Energetic bidding and spirited donations will ensure that folks at greatest risk can take advantage of dramatic medical and policy advances. Peruse their website—artforaids.org—and discover amazing art, and learn why **Art for AIDS** is famous not only for the magnitude of its cause but also for the excellence of its brilliantly curated artworks.

Art for AIDS is famous for a couple other things too: great food, great wine, a beautiful view of the city and Yerba Buena Gardens, and the company of more than 800 supporters, art patrons, and community philanthropists.

Over the years **Art for AIDS** has attracted renowned donations of the works of important artists such as Matthew Frederick, Jylian Gustlin, Hung Liu, Jock Sturges, Carolyn Meyer, Gustavo Ramos Rivera, Rex Ray, and John Waguespack, along with works from prominent Bay Area galleries and collectors. This year, live and silent auctions include 186 artworks—painting, photography, mixed media, and sculpture by artists such as Frank Döring, Catherine Mackey, Fernando Reyes, Eric Rewitzer, Heather Wilcoxon, and Tim Yankosky. Gourmet dishes include bites prepared by Bisou, Cardel Catering, Garabaldis, Melon's Catering, and Precita Park Café, plus cocktails by El Rio and wine from Maldonado Vineyards. As always, the legendary silent auction features more than art, including luxury getaways, restaurant gift certificates, winery tours, and theater tickets.

In recognition of the **20th year of Art for AIDS**—and the 32nd year of AHP's existence—the event will feature portraits of AHP's friends and colleagues who are living with HIV. Join us on September 16 to celebrate their lives and promote visibility for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Since 1984, AHP has served the community with free HIV testing, education, counseling, and mental health services. During that time AHP has reached more than 250,000 LGBTQ and HIV-affected clients. Further, AHP has trained more than 80,000 health professionals, educators, and students to achieve the goals consistent with our mission: to support the mental health and wellness of the LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities in constructing healthy and meaningful lives. Please visit ucsf-ahp.org for more information about the UCSF Alliance Health Project.

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