

NAPA VALLEY FESTIVAL DEL SOLE HOSTS BENEFIT EVENTS, FREE CONCERT SERIES



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SOPRANO RENÉE FLEMING IS ONE OF THE MANY TALENTED ARTISTS FEATURED AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT

It is summertime in Napa Valley, and the region is again ready to host one of the top music festivals in the country. From July 17-25, Napa Valley Festival del Sole, now in its fourth year, celebrates the “art of a life” with the finest cuisine, wine and hospitality Napa Valley has to offer.

The unrivaled roster of artists appearing at Festival del Sole this year includes soprano Renée Fleming, violinists Sarah Chang and Nikolaj Znaider, pianists Leif Ove Andsnes, Antonio Pappano and Conrad Tao, chanteuse Dana Land, and Napa resident Robert Redford. The Festival, renowned for its world-class concerts, exclusive receptions, lunches, dinners, and art exhibitions, also includes another important tradition – giving back to the community. This year, Festival del Sole hosts three benefit evenings, and deepens its commitment to arts education and enrichment through the launch of the Bouchaine Young Artist Series.

“The tremendous support we receive from the community is inspiring,” said Festival Director Richard Walker. “We are pleased



to join forces with our partners to give back to causes important to all of us.”

On July 20, an “Evening of Persian Hospitality” benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Held at Darioush (one of Napa’s most spectacular properties!), this annual event is a favorite on the Festival schedule. Anoushirvan Rohani and his ensemble perform in the winery’s beautiful amphitheater in a concert featuring the world premiere of a work by Rohani, based on the poetry of Omar Khayyám. His music sets the stage for the traditional Persian cuisine and elegant Darioush wines guests savor after the performance.

Robert Redford teams up with the Festival for an evening benefiting the Redford Center, on July 21 at Castello di Amorosa. Wunderkind 14-year old Chad Hoopes performs Vivaldi’s Four Seasons, with Alondra de la Parra and the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas. Redford takes the stage to narrate the four sonnets Vivaldi wrote to accompany this much-loved work. Post-concert, artists and patrons dine under the stars with Agustin

and Valeria Huneus at their home on the grounds of Quintessa winery. The menu showcases organic and local ingredients and features the 2008 Illumination Sauvignon Blanc and the classic 2006 Quintessa.

Napa performing arts organizations benefit on July 23 when Grammy award-winning soprano Renée Fleming makes her Festival debut at Castello di Amorosa. Star power continues on this night with performances by pianists Leif Ove Andsnes and Antonio Pappano. Dinner following at The Napa Valley Reserve honors Ms. Fleming – a blending of international glamour and Napa wine country ambience that makes this festival so unique.

Tickets for these benefit evenings range from \$500-\$1000 per person inclusive of the dinners (a healthy chunk is tax-deductible). Festival concert tickets range from \$35 - \$125, but fans can also experience great music at no cost through the Bouchaine Young Artist Series. This program provides performance opportunities for emerging talent, including winners of the KDFC 2009 Classical Star

Search and the Mondavi Center Young Artists Competition. The concerts are sponsored by Bouchaine Vineyards—owners Tatiana and Gerret Copeland are major Festival supporters. The Festival also provides tickets to youth groups and makes a grant each year to the Napa Valley Youth Symphony.

More than a score of events take place throughout the week at venues that include AVIA Napa, Calistoga Ranch, Carneros Inn, Clos Pegase, Dominus Estate, Far Niente, HALL Napa Valley, Lincoln Theater, Luna Vineyards, The Orchard at The Carneros Inn, Palmaz Vineyards, Pride Mountain Vineyards, Quent Cordair Fine Art, Robert Mondavi Winery, Rudd Vineyards & Winery, Round Pond Estate, Seven Stones Winery, Signorello Vineyards, Napa Valley Opera House and Napa Valley Museum.

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For complete schedule and to purchase tickets, please visit www.fdsnapa.org or call 888.337.6272

SATURDAY, JULY 18

GRAND OPENING EVENT:
A Taste of Napa – AVIA Napa
PRE-CONCERT RECEPTION – Quent Cordair Fine Art
CONCERT – Napa Valley Opera House Sarah Chang, violin Conrad Tao, piano
DINNER – Palmaz Vineyards

SUNDAY, JULY 19

VINTNER’S LUNCHEON – Seven Stones Winery
CONCERT – **Lincoln Theater, Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas** – Alondra de la Parra, conductor Sarah Chang, violin
DINNER - Far Niente Winery

MONDAY, JULY 20

VINTNER’S LUNCHEON – Luna Vineyards
EVENING OF PERSIAN HOSPITALITY– DARIOUSH WINERY featuring a performance by Anoushirvan Rohani **The evening benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**

TUESDAY, JULY 21

LUNCHEON – HALL NAPA VALLEY
CONCERT – Castello di Amorosa featuring Robert Redford
DINNER – Quintessa **The evening benefits the Redford Center**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

VINTNER’S LUNCHEON – Pride Mountain Vineyards
CONCERT – CASTELLO DI AMOROSA Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas – Alondra de la Parra, conductor Nikolaj Znaider, violin
DINNER – Rudd Vineyards & Winery

THURSDAY, JULY 23

VINTNER’S LUNCHEON – Round Pond Estate
CONCERT – Castello di Amorosa Renée Fleming, soprano; Leif Ove Andsnes, piano; Antonio Pappano, piano; Nikolaj Znaider, violin; Nina Kotova, cello

DINNER – The Napa Valley Reserve **The evening benefits Napa Valley performing arts organizations**

FRIDAY, JULY 24

LUNCHEON – The Orchard at The Carneros Inn
JAZZ CONCERT AND DINNER – Robert Mondavi Winery

SATURDAY, JULY 25

CLOS PEGASE WINERY– “Bacchus the Rascal” and Brunch
CONCERT – Lincoln Theater Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas – Antonio Pappano, conductor Leif Ove Andsnes, piano Nina Kotova, cello
CLOSING NIGHT DINNER – Signorello Vineyards

JULY 19, 21 AND 24

Bouchaine Young Artist Concerts

DAILY

VIP WINE TASTINGS – Bouchaine Vineyards, Pride Mountain Vineyards and other Festival Partner Wineries