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*Festival Napa Valley has become a mainstay on the City's social circuit, and for good reason: Guests can enjoy gourmet food and wine while being serenaded by A-list artists (this year, **Seal** and **Patti LuPone**) across idyllic locales. Proceeds from the festivities help support arts education in the region. Since 2016, **Gorretti Lo Lui** and **Lawrence Lui** have been two of the haute event's most philanthropic attendees. But this time, the couple took things a step further by underwriting the Havana Chamber Orchestra performance at Far Niente on July 13. It's their way of propelling a mission they believe in, not to mention bringing talented international artists to the wine country.*



The cause: With 11 days of world-class art, performances and, yes, wine, Festival Napa Valley is able to bring a higher level of enrichment to public schools across Napa County year-round.

Budget: \$7.5 million

Founders: Rick Walker, whom Lawrence considers a good

friend, along with many of the festival's board members. "Their leadership and hospitality inspired me [to get involved]," says the well-connected hotelier.

Inspiration: One reason the two chose to support *this* particular concert? A culture crush on Cuba. "It's a very mysterious place for a lot of people," Gorretti observes. "There's so

much beautiful architecture, people love dancing and they're so carefree. I think they're not as stressed as San Franciscans." To which Lawrence adds, "I saw the Havana Chamber Orchestra perform at Far Niente two seasons ago and absolutely loved it. I think it was my favorite performance that year, and I just knew we had to bring them back again."

Impact: The festival has invested \$1 million into Napa County public schools for arts education.

Get involved: This isn't the last you'll see of the Luis. "In the future, I hope to not just bring the Cuban orchestra, but musicians from the Philippines, China or any [other] parts of the world," Gorretti vows.

If you're interested in making a donation, or becoming a sponsor or patron this year, visit festivalnapavalley.org.

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