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Nat King Cole Generation Hope President’s Society Dinner & Auction Raises Over $110,000 For Music Education

Keeping Music Alive is more than a mission for supporters of Nat King Cole Generation Hope, it’s a PASSION! It was an unforgettable evening at the inaugural President’s Society Dinner on December 4 at the Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach as one hundred supporters raised more than $110,000 to fund music education.

Twin daughters of music legend Nat King Cole, Timolin and Casey Cole of Boca Raton, launched Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc. to honor the legacy, music and life of their father Nat King Cole in 2008 after learning of budget cuts in public schools directly affecting the arts. Since that time, donations in excess of $700,000 have benefited thousands of children with “the greatest need and fewest resources” in South Florida and New York.

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Keeping Music Alive
when making your year end tax deductible gifts.

Donations postmarked by December 31 qualify as a charitable deduction for 2014.
Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit organization.

Donate online at natkingcolegenhope.org or by mail to 555 South Federal Hwy., Suite 430 Boca Raton, FL 33432
The Presidents Society consists of a special group of individuals, foundations and businesses who support the mission of Nat King Cole Generation Hope on an annual basis in a substantial way. For this very special President’s Society event the Host Committee of Palm Beach and Boca Raton philanthropists consisted of Casey Cole, Timolin Cole, Annie Falk, Peg Greenspon, Laura Moore Tanne, Julie Rudolph and Lori Stoll. Together they pulled out all the stops to showcase the legacy of the legendary Nat King Cole and the mission of the non-profit organization named in his honor. The guest list consisted of music lovers from across South Florida, all of whom know the importance of music education in children’s lives. The dinner was generously underwritten by Christine E. Lynn, E.M. Lynn Foundation and sponsored by Palm Beach Illustrated.

Guests enjoyed a beautiful evening which started with a cocktail reception including a special performance of twenty string students from U.B. Kinsey/ Palmview Elementary School of the Arts, previous beneficiaries of a Nat King Cole Generation Hope grant, under the direction of Susan Rodberg and a Nat King Cole memorabilia exhibit aboard the Honey Fitz Presidential Yacht. The exhibit, “Nat King Cole - For Sentimental Reasons”, included over 40 items with personal photos, items and correspondence from the Cole Family Collection as well as replicas of items donated by Maria Cole to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library.

A few examples include photos of Cole and various Presidents of the United States with personal correspondence between them and their family members; a selection of photos and items from the marriage of Nat and Maria Cole which was covered by Life Magazine in ‘Life Goes to a Harlem Wedding’; and candid photos from family albums never before seen by the public.

“Our family history is one of musical excellence and charitable giving,” said Casey and Timolin Cole. “Our father was a trailblazer in the music industry and will live forever through his style, grace and unforgettable music. Our mother Maria, also an entertainer, sang with Duke Ellington and was known for supporting multiple causes throughout her life. By sharing our family’s history and giving students the opportunity to enhance their musical talents and abilities; our family’s legacy lives on.”

Following the cocktail hour guests enjoyed an intimate dinner in the main dining room which was fully decorated for the holidays by the Sailfish Club of Florida, with elegant black and white table decor by Cameron Keating Event Design including a myriad of white roses, orchids and poppies.

Entertainment during dinner was provided by a string quartet of graduate students from Lynn University Conservatory of Music, two of whom were recipients of a Nat King Cole Generation Hope grant to serve as mentors in elementary schools. A lively auction followed, led by favorite Bob Nichols, consisting of items including six albums from the personal collection of Nat King Cole including three mint sealed albums - The Christmas Song Album, The Very Thought of You and Love is the Thing and three that were personally chosen by Cole’s twin daughters Casey and Timolin because of their father’s relationship with the artists and the fact that he personally listened to each of them - Jackie Gleason Rebound, The Glenn Miller Carnegie Hall Collection and George Shearing Old Gold and Ivory. Other items up for bid included a 10 day vacation for ten people at Thulani, a private residence in the Blue Canyon Conservancy in South Africa, and a three hour charter aboard the Honey Fitz Presidential Yacht.

Photos by Jacek Gancarz, Corby Kaye's Studio Palm Beach. To view additional photos from this and other events please visit natkingcolegenhope.org or facebook.com/NatKingColeGenerationHope.
Nat King Cole Generation Hope values music as a critical learning tool that keeps students engaged in school, helps develop well-rounded individuals and encourages skills that are vital for success in the 21st century. Research has proven that access to a quality music education engages students in the classroom and increases graduation rates; improves early cognitive development, math and reading skills; enhances learning in other core subjects; develops critical thinking and leadership skills; and fosters self-esteem and the ability to work cooperatively in teams.

Since 2008, Nat King Cole Generation Hope has provided funding for music education to the following:

**FLORIDA**

Palm Beach County:
- Boca Raton Middle School
- Boca Raton Community High School
- Belvedere Elementary School
- Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Elementary School
- KEC/Canal Point Elementary School
- Cholee Lake Elementary School
- Forest Hill Community High School
- Heritage Elementary School
- Jaega Middle School
- Lynn University Conservatory of Music
- North Palm Beach Elementary School
- Palmetto Elementary School
- Plumosa Elementary School of the Arts
- Summer Strings at Lynn University
- The Nat and Maria Cole Memorial Scholarship
- Roosevelt Community Middle School
- U. B. Kinsey Elementary School
- Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County

Broward County:
- Arts and Culture Center of Ft Lauderdale
- Dillard High School
- Florida Youth Orchestra
- Piper High School

Dade County:
- American Senior High School
- Guitars Over Guns Operation
- Heritage Elementary School
- New World School of the Performing Arts
- New World Symphony
- Northwest Miami Senior High School
- Palmetto Elementary School

**NEW YORK**

Kings County:
- Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls

For information or to apply for a Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc. grant, visit natkingcolegenhope.org or email info@natkingcolegenhope.org
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