

PENINSULA ARTS COUNCIL & MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION PRESENT <b>THE 10TH ANNUAL DIAMOND AWARDS</b> CELEBRATING THE ARTS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY	THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 2, 2012 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. KOHL MANSION 2750 ADELINE DRIVE BURLINGAME
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**Peninsula Arts Council**

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**Peninsula Arts Council Confirms Keynote, Russell Hancock, President and CEO of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, to speak at 10th Annual Diamond Awards**

San Mateo County's Arts Hall of Fame Awards Co-hosted by Music at Kohl Mansion on February 2, 2012

Belmont, CA - Peninsula Arts Council is presenting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond Awards, San Mateo County's Arts Hall of Fame. The awards, co-hosted with Music at Kohl Mansion, recognize artistic achievement in San Mateo County in nine categories. This year's honorees are:

- **Art in Action**, *Arts Organization*
- **Troy Paiva**, *Individual Artist*
- **Julia Belanoff**, *Ray Lorenzato Young Artist*
- **Bonny Zanardi**, *Arts Volunteer*
- **Shely Pack-Manning**, *Arts Educator*
- **San Mateo Daily Journal**, *Local Business Support*
- **Francesca Eastman**, *Donor Support*
- **Half Moon Bay Beautification Committee**, *Government Support* and
- **Neil and Pegi Young**, *Special Recognition*

The awards will be presented on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at a festive evening event at Kohl Mansion. Highlights include a reception, silent auction, keynote speaker, entertainment and awards presentation. This year's esteemed keynote, is **Russell Hancock, President and Chief Executive Officer of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network**. In 2008 *Silicon Valley Business Journal* named Russell to its annual list of Silicon Valley's most influential "players." Considered one of Silicon Valley's leading expositors, his interviews regularly appear in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *The Financial Times* and *Forbes*. He is also a frequent guest on *NBC Nightly News* and *Bloomberg News*, and hosts a radio program on Silicon Valley issues heard on KLIV. In addition, Mr. Hancock is a concert pianist. He is a founding member of The Saint Michael Trio, a group appointed Musicians in Residence at Menlo College and in 2011 performed in concert locally at Flint Center, Montalvo Arts Center, Le Petit Trianon, Ralston Mansion, and at Kohl Mansion.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond Awards are free to the public and RSVP is required. Sponsors include the San Mateo County Fair, Venue Host, Mercy High School, and over 35 in-kind silent auction donators:

- Amici's
- B Street & Vine
- Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society
- Broadway by the Bay
- Café Borrone
- Café La Tartine
- James Feige
- The Fish Market
- Lisa Forte
- Fox Theatre
- Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden
- Garden Court Hotel
- GoKart Racer
- Jigsaw Java
- Jillian's
- Kirkpatrick's School of Dance
- KCSM
- Marriott San Francisco Airport
- Mistral Restaurant and Bar
- The Mountain House
- Beth Mostovoy
- New Kapadokia
- Pacifica Spindrift Players
- PDI Dreamworks
- Peninsula Ballet Theatre
- Pier 39
- Phil & Brena Bailey
- Redwood Symphony
- Sam Mazza Foundation
- San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau and Film Commission
- San Mateo Daily Journal
- Sibby's Cupcakery
- Sweet Cakes
- Cyn Stern
- TheatreWorks
- Vivace Ristorante
- Wax Museum at Fisherman's Wharf

The Silent Auction donations deadline is extended to **January 16, 2012** and sponsorship support is still being sought. To RSVP for the event visit [www.peninsulaartscouncil.org](http://www.peninsulaartscouncil.org) or call (650) 591-2101.

**Peninsula Arts Council (PAC)** is a non-profit organization serving San Mateo County for 20 years. Its mission is to advance the arts in San Mateo County. The board's three key areas of focus include: arts education, public art, and developing San Mateo County into a destination for the arts, parks and culture. **Music at Kohl Mansion** is in its 29th year of providing quality chamber music concerts by world-class performers in the historic Great Hall at Kohl Mansion. Its "Kohl for Kids" programs at the mansion and local schools from K - 12 introduced over 4,500 children to the joys of live concert experiences last year. Free "Musical Conversations" by professionals delight audiences of all ages at the San Mateo Public Library.

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