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PRESIDENT'S PARTY CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS IN THE ARTS
~ ENTERTAINING, ENGAGING, AND EDUCATING ~

LONG BEACH, CA – April 22, 2017 will mark the second annual President's Party at the Carpenter Center, on the campus of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). The party is designed to celebrate the Carpenter Center's contributions toward furthering the university's mission to engage the community through artistic, educational, and cultural experiences by making the arts accessible to a greater audience. The Party also honors CSULB President Jane Close Conoley's strong commitment to the Carpenter Center.

Party-goers will receive a champagne welcome on arrival to the theatre, premium seating for *An Evening with Michael Feinstein*, and an exclusive pass to the party of the year – enjoying appetizers, desserts, photo-ops, and, of course, more champagne on stage with Mr. Feinstein and President Conoley directly following the performance.

Michael Feinstein will dazzle with music, memories, and romance as he revisits the Great American Songbook in a reprise from his Broadway show "Isn't It Romantic," featuring the music of Gershwin, Berlin, Porter and other master tunesmiths.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Carpenter Center's Arts for Life program, which provides free, interactive, and hands-on arts activities for residents of all ages. Programs consist of Classroom Connections (enriching elementary schools), Campus Connections (linking artists and CSULB students) and Community Connections (sharing arts experiences with citizens of all ages). Arts for Life is made possible through the generosity of foundations and donors.

When asked her thoughts on the celebration and what it represents, President Conoley said, "The arts are fundamental to a great education, and our university is fortunate to have an acclaimed performing arts center right on campus. I look forward to a wonderful evening, and I'm especially pleased the party will support the vibrant Arts for Life program."

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President's Party
Carpenter Performing Arts Center * 6200 E Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA
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Saturday, April 22 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the President's Party are \$175/each, which includes complimentary VIP parking, pre-show champagne, premium seating for the Michael Feinstein performance, and exclusive party privileges on stage with Mr. Feinstein and President Conoley directly after the show.

For tickets or more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. Our season is made possible, in part, by season media partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

Patrons wishing to see "An Evening with Michael Feinstein" but not attend the party may purchase single tickets to the show for \$75-\$100 (The \$100 ticket secures a premium seat and \$25 donation to Arts for Life).

ABOUT THE CARPENTER CENTER Founded in 1994, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the CSULB campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,062 patrons. The Center is named after pop music duo Richard and Karen Carpenter, who both attended California State University, Long Beach. Their music still epitomizes the best of our culture; modern and traditional, wholesome and sage. The Carpenter Center continues to honor that elegant legacy each season by showcasing emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, comedians and visual artists, as well as other culturally relevant presentations.

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