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THE GALA COMMITTEE WELCOME YOU TO THE

JAPAN SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S
31st "AWARD OF HONOR" GALA

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Hotel Nikko San Francisco
222 Mason Street
San Francisco, CA

VIP Reception: 5:30 pm
General Reception & Silent Auction:..... 6:00 pm
Dinner Program: 7:15 pm

PRESENTING OUR AWARD OF HONOR TO
David Pearson, CEO, Opus One Winery

PRESENTING OUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO
Yuzo Kayama, Actor, Artist, & Singer



DINNER MENU

FIRST COURSE

Roasted Beet and Pear Salad
Gorgonzola Cheese, Candied Pecans, Baby Arugula, Honey Mustard Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE

Pan Seared Filet of Beef
Maitaki Mushroom, Fingerling Potatoes Ragout, Haricot Vert, Tiny Carrots,
Bordelaise

ALTERNATING DESSERT

Pomegranate Panna Cotta
Fresh Chocolate Twist, Sweet Red Currant, and Mango Coulis

Chocolate Raspberry Dome
Chocolate Cake with Dark Chocolate Mousse with a
Raspberry Cream Center Chocolate
Glaze Icing and Fresh Raspberry Garnish

WINE GENEROUSLY DONATED BY
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PROGRAM

WELCOME

Jon Metzler,

Chairman of the Board Japan Society of Northern California

GREETING

Nobuko Saito Cleary, 2017 Gala Co-Chair

C. Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., 2017 Gala Co-Chair

TOAST

The Honorable Jun Yamada

Consul-General of Japan in San Francisco

ENTERTAINMENT

Justin Read - Pianist

BENEFIT AUCTION

Chad Carvey, “The Principal Auctioneer”

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Yuzo Kayama, Actor, Artist, & Singer

“Umi Sono Ai” - Yuzo Kayama

Chorale May

Introduced by **Nobuko Saito Cleary**

AWARD OF HONOR

David Pearson, CEO, Opus One Winery

Introduced by **C. Lawrence Greenwood, Jr.**

CLOSING REMARKS

Nobuko Saito Cleary, 2017 Gala Co-Chair

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2017 AWARD OF HONOR RECIPIENT

DAVID PEARSON, CEO, Opus One Winery



David Pearson has served as the **CEO of Opus One Winery** since February, 2004. Opus One was formed in 1979 by the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild and the late Robert Mondavi. Prior to his position with Opus One, David served as president of Rancho Arroyo Grande Winery on the central coast of California. He has also served as vice president and general manager of Byron Vineyards & Winery (part of the Robert Mondavi Corporation). Prior to that he was the general manager for Robert Mondavi's project in Languedoc, France where he produced Vichon wines. He spent four years working with Baron Philippe de Rothschild as the US marketing manager for the Rothschild wines. With Heublein, Inc. in Connecticut, David worked in R&D focusing on the sensory analysis of wines and spirits. David began his career working as winemaker at San Pasqual Vineyards in Southern California. David is a Board member for several organizations including UC Davis Foundation, Napa Valley Vintners, Oakville Winegrowers and Festival Napa Valley. He has also served as an honorary director of the Grapes for Humanity Foundation. David earned a B.S. degree in fermentation science from the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He went on to earn an M.B.A. in international business from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He and his wife, Linnea, have two daughters and a son.

2017 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

YUZO KAYAMA, Actor, Artist, & Singer

Mr. Yuzo Kayama has enjoyed a lifetime of creative achievements as an actor, singer and, from the age of 59, as an artist working in pottery and lacquer. Born in 1937 in Kanagawa prefecture in Japan, he graduated from Keio University with a law degree but was diverted to a career as an actor.

With Toho Studios, he became a major movie star, playing in the Waka-daisho series and in “Akahige” and “Tsubaki Sanjyuro”, directed by Akira Kurosawa. In 1965, he became a singer and his “Kimi to Itsumademo” became a major hit. Other standout recordings included “Oyomeni Oide” and other popular songs; many that he composed under the pen name of Dan Kosaku.

A major recognition came in the fall of 2014 when he received “*The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette*” – by the Japanese government in the name of the Emperor.

He even attended a rock festival as the “The King of All Stars” after he was over 80 years old. He currently is on the BS Asahi TV Program, “Utatte Iidaro” where he serves as the master of ceremonies and engages in conversations with guest musicians.

Mr. Kayama has been a lifelong advocate for cultural activities and is an acclaimed performer whose talents and achievements are celebrated and appreciated by all who enjoy Japanese movies and music.



Many of the highlights of his career are shows that commemorated milestones in his life:

45th show business anniversary

Carnegie Hall Show

50th show business anniversary

Tomeihan Arena Concert Tour

77 years old birthday

Nihon Budokan Show with “Wakadaisho Expo”

55th show business anniversary

“Music is Beyond Time and Generations” Show

80 years old birthday

Wakadaisho One Night Only Special Live Show

GREETINGS FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN IN SAN FRANCISCO

JUN YAMADA



It is my pleasure to extend greetings to you on the occasion of the Japan Society of Northern California's 31st Annual Award of Honor Gala. I am honored to be attending this Gala for the third time since 2015!

For more than a century, the Japan Society of Northern California has strengthened the bonds of friendship between Japan and Northern California. The Society continues to play a vibrant role in promoting mutual understanding between the United States and Japan by facilitating exchange and dialogue between leaders from both countries through programs and events like today's gala.

Tonight, I would like to congratulate two outstanding individuals. Mr. David Pearson, CEO of Opus One Winery, who connected Napa Valley and Japan through wine, and famous actor and singer, Mr. Yuzo Kayama who integrated Japanese and American popular culture.

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco appreciates a strong partnership with the Japan Society of Northern California and the Bay Area community. I look forward to continued collaboration with all of you to further strengthen these bonds and bringing our two countries closer together.

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

JON METZLER



Welcome to our 31st Annual Award of Honor Gala. Thank you for your presence, participation and support.

At the ripe young age of 112, we continue to evolve. In the last 18 months, we have bolstered our board, staff and programming, welcomed new corporate sponsors, such as Google, Mistletoe, Pasona, Rakuten, and Visa and strengthened ties with our longstanding benefactors such as Dodge & Cox, Martingale, Mitsubishi Corporation, Sunbridge, and our strategic partner, MUFG Union Bank.

This year's Gala is an ode to wine and song. I want to thank our Gala honorees, David Pearson and Yuzo Kayama, Gala chairs, Nobuko Saito Cleary and Larry Greenwood, our Gala committee, and our Gala sponsors. I also want to salute the following board members for over 20 years of continuous service: Nobuko Saito Cleary; Bill Fuller; George Hayashi; Howard Hoover; Kathleen Kimura; Terry Marsh; John Thomas; and Tom Woofter. Thank you for your counsel through thick and thin.

We live in interesting times. Norms and frameworks perhaps taken for granted are now under question. Thank you for your support at this moment in time when our mission is more important than ever.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & GALA CO-CHAIR

C. LAWRENCE GREENWOOD, JR.



Welcome to the 31st Annual Japan Society of Northern California's Award of Honor Gala. For 112 years the Japan Society has been working at the grassroots level to forge ties between the Bay Area and Japan. What better way to build those connections than through a celebration of fine wine and song.

When David Pearson ships a bottle of Opus One to Japan, he is literally sharing the soil, the sun and the wine-making passion of northern California with Japanese wine lovers. Opus One is synonymous in Japan with the best that Napa Valley has to offer, making it one of the most popular fine wines in the country.

Legendary entertainer Yuzo Kayama took Japan by storm when he mixed Japanese pop culture with the 1960s California surf scene. You can hear that mix in his Ventures-inspired guitar riffs and see it in his iconic Waka-daisho movies that channeled the free spirit of young people everywhere.

Thank you for coming to help us honor Mr. Pearson and Mr. Kayama and for your support of the Society and its important mission.

GREETINGS FROM THE GALA CO-CHAIR

NOBUKO SAITO CLEARY



Dear Esteemed Guests,

Welcome to the Japan Society's Award of Honor Gala, commemorating the 112th Anniversary of this illustrious organization. I thank you all for your attendance and support, as it strongly illustrates your dedication to the mission of maintaining and strengthening ties between the United States and Japan.

Tonight, we honor two special individuals who exemplify the positive aspects of this relationship. Our Award of Honor recipient is David Pearson, founder and CEO of Opus One Winery. He is an insightful business leader who has developed a strong commitment to Japan. Yuzo Kayama's successful output of music and movies has bridged continents. We are proud to present him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

It has been a pleasure to work with my co-chair, Larry Greenwood, and my hardworking Gala committee. I thank the board and volunteers for their support. Most especially, I want to express my appreciation to all sponsors and donors - always the key to a successful Gala, ensuring our programs will continue.

And, this year, saddened by the impact of the devastating fires, we have committed to raising funds for the victims. We hope that this gesture will help those in need.

Again, thank you for joining us. Please enjoy this evening of fellowship and lovely music.

GREETINGS FROM THE GALA AUCTION CHAIR

MARSHA VANDE BERG



Welcome to the 31st Annual Award of Honor Gala benefiting the Japan Society of Northern California. Your presence is our reward as we celebrate over three decades of commitment on the part of the Bay Area to a strong relationship between Japan and the United States.

We all know only too well that we live today in turbulent times. To be sure, ours is a world where a strong relationship between two critical allies, like the United States and Japan, rests on forthright and transparent diplomatic, political, economic and cultural exchange as well as exchanges that take place people, citizen to citizen, program to program. The Society both benefits from and contributes to the quality of these connections.

We do so guided by the leadership of our intrepid president, Larry Greenwood and his staff together with a Board of Directors who are passionate about the cause to which they are committed. The Japan Society thrives as a result of these connections, and if you are not a member, we hope tonight will convince you to join us.

We invite you to enjoy the evening, join us in toasting our awardees — and to bid often and bid high on the auction!

PREVIOUS AWARD OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

- 2016** Hiroshi Mikitani, Hayao Miyazaki & Stephen Alpert on behalf of Studio Ghibli (World Imaginator Award)
- 2015** Marc Benioff, Haruo Murase & Nobuyuki Tsujii (Music Ambassador)
- 2014** Ambassador John V. Roos, Ken Watanabe & Masashi Oka on behalf of MUFG Union Bank, N.A. (Visionary Award)
- 2013** Margrit Biever Mondavi, Kenzo Tsujimoto & Dr. Shinya Yamanaka (World Visionary)
- 2012** Georges Desvaux on behalf of McKinsey & Company
- 2011** Ryoza Kato, William H. Neukom on behalf of the San Francisco Giants, Sadaharu Oh, Lewis Wolff on behalf of the Oakland Athletics & Masanori Murakami (Lifetime Achievement)
- 2010** J. Thomas Scheiffer, Takahiro Moriguchi & Hatsuro Aizawa (Lifetime Achievement)
- 2009** Shunji Yanai & Toichi Takenaka
- 2008** Sakie Fukushima, Kathy Matsui & Richard Heggie (Lifetime Achievement)
- 2007** Yuzaburo Mogi & Philip Kan Gotanda (Artistic Achievement)
- 2006** Yoshihiko Miyauchi, A.W. Clausen & Alexander D. Calhoun (Lifetime Achievement)
- 2005** Tatsuro Toyoda & Scott Cook, Atsuhiko Tateuchi (Humanitarian Award)
- 2004** Keiji Tachikawa
- 2003** Nobuyuki Idei
- 2002** Walt Disney Corporation/Oriental Land Company
- 2001** Norman Mineta (on behalf of the Japanese American Community)
- 2000** Yotaro Kobayashi
- 1999** James C. Morgan
- 1998** Norio Ohga
- 1997** Kiichi Miyazawa
- 1996** Donald Keene
- 1995** Michael H. Armacost & Nobuo Matsunaga
- 1994** James Clavell & Jesse Takamiyama
- 1993** Yasuhiro Nakasone & George P. Shultz
- 1992** Sadako Ogata & Robert Scalapino
- 1991** Michael Mansfield & Hiroshi Kitamura
- 1990** Robert Ingersoll
- 1989** Robert Ward
- 1988** Yoshio Okawara
- 1987** Edwin & Haru Matsukata Reischauer

ENTERTAINMENT

JUSTIN READ



Justin Read is a longtime pianist and entertainer. His musical journey began with 10 years of classical piano studies. Most recently, he studied jazz piano and other modern genres at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View from 2007-2015 and was a member of the Merit Scholarship Program at CSMA from 2011-2015. His time as a merit scholar brought him to many venues throughout the Bay Area, including being a performer for the Japan Society in 2013. Currently, Justin is pursuing his studies in computer science at Santa Clara University. In his spare time, he enjoys being a part-time professional musician and is highly sought after as a pianist for weddings, funerals, private parties, and theatrical performances.

ENTERTAINMENT

CHORALE MAY



Chorale May is a male chorale group, which was founded in 1995. The group sings primarily in Japanese. Chorale May sings at events, such as at fundraisers, cultural celebrations, at the commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, at NHK Nodo-Jiman (Japanese Amateur Hour), and at the Japanese Emperor's birthday reception. Other highlights include performing the National Anthem at the Oakland Athletics baseball game in 2011 in honor of the Japan earthquake/tsunami victims and at Davies Symphony Hall. The artistic director, Ruriko Miura, received her B.A. and M.A. in Music Education from Tokyo Gakugei University and is a member of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Chorale May's mission is to celebrate the joy of singing with all audiences and aims to pass on Japanese aesthetics to future generations.

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JL002	Tokyo (Haneda) 19:45 → San Francisco 12:00

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UMI SONO AI

Composer Dan Kosaku

Lyrics by Iwatani Tokiko

Umi ni dakarete otoko naraba
Tatoe yaburetemo moeru yumewo motou
Umi ni dakarete otoko naraba
Tatoe hitoridemo hoshiwo yominagara
Nami no ue wo yukou

Umiyo oreno umiyo ookina sono aiyo
Otoko no omoiwo sono mune ni dakitomete
Ashitano nozomiwo
Oretachini kurerunoda

Umi ni dakarete otoko naraba
Tatoe hitotsudemo inochi azukeyou
Umi ni dakarete otoko naraba
Tatoe ichidodemo arashi norikoete
Tooi kuni e yukou

Umiyo oreno hahayo ookina sono aiyo
Otoko no munashisa futokoroni daki yosete
Wasuresaserunosa
Yasuragiwo kureru noda

Umiyo oreno umiyo ookina sono aiyo
Otokono omoiwo sono muneni dakitomete
Ashitano nozomiwo
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