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## **CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS PRESENTS GALA EVENT TO BENEFIT THE CORNISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

SEATTLE, WA – Cornish College of the Arts presents its annual event, *Cornish Celebrates An Evening of the Arts* on Sunday, November 5, 2006. This gala event is designed to showcase the talent of Cornish faculty, alumni & students and to benefit the Cornish College of the Arts Scholarship Fund.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Cornish College of the Arts' Jazz Program and to recognize this milestone, *Cornish Celebrates an Evening of the Arts*, will honor the inception of this program, its founder Jim Knapp and the program's nationwide impact. Special guests include internationally-acclaimed singer, composer and pianist Ann Hampton Callaway who concludes her artist-in-residence program at Cornish with her participation in this event. Jim Wilke, host of *Jazz Northwest* on KPLU 88.5 FM NPR will emcee the event.

### **Cornish Celebrates An Evening of the Arts**

November, 5, 2006

5:30 pm: Cocktails

6:30 pm: Dinner and Program

Metropolitan Ballroom

Seattle Sheraton Hotel and Towers

1400 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101

Attire: Festive

Tickets: \$250-\$1000

[www.cornish.edu/celebrates](http://www.cornish.edu/celebrates)

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### **About the Cornish Scholarship Fund**

The event will include a Raise the Paddle to support the Cornish Scholarship Fund. The Fund provides scholarship support for emerging artists in the visual and performing arts, allowing students to pursue their education without incurring a crushing financial burden. Donations made during the Raise the Paddle are tax-deductible, as is a portion of the ticket price.

### **Participating Musicians**

Ann Hampton Callaway and Cornish faculty members Jim Knapp, Julian Priester, Dawn Clement, Chuck Deardorf, Denney Goodhew, Randy Halberstadt, John Hamar, Mark Ivester and Dave Peterson. Students include Jessica Andrews, Kelly Ash, Devin Bews, Daryl Bond, Andrew Boscardin, Michael Catts, Beth Dial, Brad Gibson, Mack Grout, Christiania Johnson, Adam Kessler, Patrick McKenna, Elsa Nilsson, Reshard Radford and Katrina Wible.

### **About Ann Hampton Callaway**

Ann Hampton Callaway has become a favorite in the concert circuit and has sung with many of the nation's top jazz musicians, orchestras and big bands. She has performed for President Clinton in Washington D.C. and was the invited guest performer for President Gorbachev's Youth Peace Summit in Moscow. Additionally, Callaway has been seen on *The Today Show*, CNN's *Larry King Live*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, ABC News and on numerous PBS programs. She is known for starring in the hit Broadway musical *Swing!* Callaway is also a talented songwriter & her music and lyrics have been

performed and recorded by Barbara Streisand, Liza Minnelli, Patti Lupone, Michael Feinstein, and many other artists.

### **About the Event Honorary Committee and the Sponsors**

Honorary Committee includes:

- Quincy Jones, Musician
- Paul G. Allen, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
- Dave Dederer, Presidents of the United States of America
- John Dimitriou, Dimitriou's Jazz Alley
- Bill Frisell, Musician
- John Gilbreath, Earshot Jazz Festival
- Scott Brown, Director of Roosevelt High School Band

Sponsors include:

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- Kibble & Prentice
- Hedges Cellars
- Seattle Magazine
- KPLU 88.5 FM NPR
- Mayflower Park Hotel
- Whole Foods

### **About Jim Wilke and KPLU's Jazz Northwest**

*Jazz Northwest* focuses on the regional jazz scene and musicians from Portland to Vancouver. Wilke is a professional recording engineer and writer and his radio programs also include *Jazz After Hours* on Public Radio International (heard nationwide since 1984), and KPLU's weekday *JazzBeat*, his daily commentary on the local jazz scene.

### **About Cornish College of the Arts**

Cornish College of the Arts provides aspiring artists with the educational opportunities to become professionals in their fields. The College offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Art, Dance, Design, Performance Production and Theater, and a Bachelor of Music degree. It is one of three private colleges in the United States focusing on both the performing and visual arts, and the only college of its kind in the Northwest. The College is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and has a national reputation for its faculty, curriculum, and student performance and exhibition opportunities.

Since its founding by Nellie Cornish in 1914, Cornish College of the Arts has contributed to the nation's cultural and intellectual heritage through its alumni and faculty. Historically, these figures include choreographers and dancers Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, Syvilla Fort and Bonnie Bird; composer John Cage; painters Mark Tobey, William Cumming, and William Ivey; photographer Imogen Cunningham; educator Calvin B. Cady and broadcaster Chet Huntley, to name just a few. More recently these figures are joined by Brendan Fraser (film actor), Patrick Haskett (painter), Steve Jensen (sculptor), Paul Owen Lewis (illustrator), Lois Rathvon McCarter (dancer & choreographer), Evyind Kang (violinist), Jarrad Powell and Joshua Kohl (composers). And, the College continues to represent the Northwest's largest concentration of professional artists dedicated to instruction.

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