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## CSMA Hosts Annual Gala on April 2

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA** – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View will host its annual school celebration, “CSMA’s Got Talent,” on April 2 at 4:30pm at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. CSMA is the area’s largest non-profit center for arts education, serving Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto and over 20 other Bay Area communities since 1968. CSMA is committed to providing music and visual arts opportunities for students of all ages, skill levels and backgrounds.

The 2017 event will celebrate nearly five decades of providing access to quality art and music education for all. This year’s event honors John E. McGuirk, Program Director of the Performing Arts at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, for his leadership in arts advocacy. McGuirk is an articulate and visionary advocate for the arts, working with nearly 250 performing arts grant recipients at the Hewlett Foundation.

Outstanding CSMA student artists will showcase their music and visual arts talents throughout the evening. The event will include performances by CSMA Merit Scholars Arushi Arora (piano), Jerry Liu (piano), Amit Rao (violin), Julia Rogers (voice, winner of the 2015 South Bay Teen Idol competition) and Kallie Wang (piano). Also performing will be Leslie Baker (voice) and George Karagoulis (voice), both students in CSMA’s on-site private lesson program at Google.

Attendees will enjoy a special dining experience, designed by Catered Too, paired with artisan wines from Mindego Ridge Vineyard. Winemaker Ehren Jordan curated the Vineyard’s Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that will be served during the evening. Wine critic Antonio Galloni noted the Chardonnay is “one of the most distinctive wines being made in the Santa Cruz Mountain,” while the Pinot Noir is rich and dramatic. Live and silent auctions will feature amazing vacations, fine wine and unique dining experiences with noted Bay Area chefs.

Proceeds from CSMA’s Got Talent support arts education for people of all ages, backgrounds and economic means, both at CSMA’s Finn Center campus and at CSMA’s partner schools and school districts. CSMA’s in-school visual art and music programs (*Art4Schools* and *Music4Schools*) serve over 16,000 students at 45 schools in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. By providing scholarships, financial aid, program subsidies and free events, CSMA makes the arts accessible to all.

This event is made possible by the generous support of local corporations and individuals. Platinum sponsors are Asset Management Company and Google. Additional sponsors include Boston Private Bank & Trust, Jean & Mike Couch, Sue & Bob Larson, the Morgan Family Foundation, Judi Fan & Bob Reay, Carolyn & Will Stuart, Greystar, John E. McGuirk & Richard P. Knaggs, Cheryl & John Miller, Vivi Chan &

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Sponsorships, tables and single tickets are now available at [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org).

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### **EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

- WHAT:** CSMA's Got Talent 2017
- WHERE:** Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
- WHEN:** Sunday, April 2, 2017, 4:30pm
- TICKETS:** Tables, single tickets, and sponsorships are available.
- INFO:** [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org); 650-917-6800, ext. 305

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*Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California's largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a \$5 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the global capitals of creativity, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience or background. Headquartered in the award-winning Finn Center in the City of Mountain View, CSMA directly serves over 22,000 people of all ages, skill levels and economic means each year, including over 16,000 students at 45 schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.*

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