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"MYSTERIUM: AN EVENING OF MYSTERY & MAGIC" IS THE THEME FOR CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER STARLIGHT HONORING ANNIE CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON AND BILL NYE

STARLIGHT AFTERPARTY PICKS UP THE PACE FOR LATE-NIGHT REVELERS

Oakland, CA, September 20, 2018 – "Mysterium: An Evening of Mystery and Magic" is the theme for this year's Chabot Space & Science Center Starlight Gala benefit for **Saturday, October 27**, beginning at 6 pm at the Center in the Oakland hills.

The evening will celebrate the 2018 Champions of Science Awardees: Bill Nye, CEO of The Planetary Society and Annie Campbell Washington, Vice Mayor of Oakland, for their work supporting STEM education and communication.

The evening's theme will delight partygoers with moments of magic and a touch of mystery while also celebrating Chabot's newest exhibition, *Going the Distance: Our Reach into Space*. The gala will feature magical specialty cocktails, dinner by McCalls Catering, a live auction of unique experiences and will be capped off with a concurrent magic-themed dance afterparty. All funds raised will support Chabot's work to make science accessible and exciting for learners of all ages in the Easy Bay and beyond.

Individual tickets for the gala are \$500, with table sponsorships available beginning at \$5,000. Tickets for the Afterparty start at \$55.

Honorary Dinner Committee members include Eric Rudney, Mary Ellen and Bryant Tong, Michael Levi and Natalie Roe, Ed and Camille Penhoet, The Hon. Jean Quan and Mr. Floyd Huen, Jan Chabala and Mary Francis, Christopher Ellison, Marc and Sheryl Stuart, Paul and Helen Chapman, Earl and Bonnie Hamlin, Margaret Hauben, Janet Macher, Fred and Ann Patton, Glen Dahlbacka and Rena Rickles, The Hon. Richard Spees and Jean Spees, Kate and John Spees, Richard and Roberta Spees.

The event is sponsored by Chevron Corporation, along with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Port of Oakland, The Kapor Center, Kaiser Permanente, The Clorox Company, Bridge Bank and Rudney Associates.

Event production sponsors include: Verducci Productions, Fort Point Beer Company, Lusu Cellars, Rock Wall Winery, and JPJ Photography.

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland. For gala information and an invitation, contact [development@chabot.space.org](mailto:development@chabot.space) or call 510-336-7379.

About Chabot Space & Science Center

Founded as an observatory in 1883, today Chabot offers visitors the very latest in hands-on, interactive exhibits, displays and Planetarium shows. Combined with a full program of activity-filled classes, workshops, outreach programs and special events, Chabot Space & Science Center is the Bay Area's go-to destination for visitors of all ages who want to discover and learn about science. Chabot is also home to three magnificent telescopes, including the largest on the west coast open weekly and for free to the public.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with \$5 First Fridays the first Friday of every month 5-9 pm. Admission is Adults: \$18 • children 3-12 \$14 (under 3 free) • Students/Seniors \$15 • Memberships available.

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