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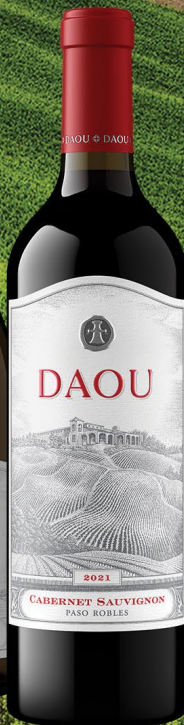
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**EVENING PROGRAM
OCTOBER 12, 2022**



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EVENING PROGRAM

6 pm COCKTAILS

7 pm DINNER

Welcoming Notes

Norma Haddad, SEAL Executive Director

Piano Performance

Leila Milki

SEAL Presentation

Rula Tamer, SEAL Board President

SEAL 2022 Diaspora Achievement Award Presentation

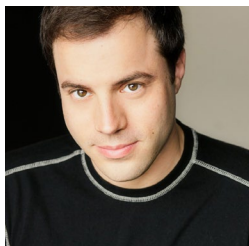
Geoff Marieb Johns, Award Recipient

Live Auction and Call for Action: Food Security Fund

Keith L. McLane, Professional Auctioneer

Piano Performance

Leila Milki



GEOFF MARIEB JOHNS

2022 SEAL Award Recipient

Geoff Johns is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling writer, film and television producer and showrunner, known for re-imagining superheroes and other iconic mythologies, past and present. Johns is best known for his work on properties such as Green Lantern, Aquaman, The Flash, Shazam!, Superman and Justice Society of America. Since the beginning of his creative career, Johns' hallmark has been writing heroic and inclusive characters, including teenage hero Courtney Whitmore aka Stargirl, inspired by his real-life late sister; the Shazam Family, which he re-imagined into a diverse modern family of today; and the first Arab American Green Lantern, Simon Baz, as well as the explosive multi-colored Lantern mythology that defined his decade-long bestselling Green Lantern run, among many, many others.

Johns created and is currently showrunning the critically acclaimed Stargirl series (in its third season) for The CW and HBOmax. Additionally, Johns has written for and/or executive produced hit television shows Doom Patrol (HBOmax), Titans (HBOmax), The Flash (The CW), Superman & Lois (The CW), Robot Chicken (Cartoon Network), Arrow (The CW), and Smallville (The CW), as well as the upcoming Green Lantern for HBOmax.

Some of Johns' film credits include the hits Wonder Woman (executive producer), Wonder Woman 1984 (also co-writer), Aquaman (also story) and Shazam! (executive producer), which was based on his graphic novel.

Born in Detroit to a Lebanese father, Johns was honored with his own permanent section at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Michigan in 2012. Most recently, he launched the hit creator-owned series Geiger for Image Comics and his company Mad Ghost, centering around a mysterious radioactive family man named Tariq Geiger and opening the door to an entire new universe of characters and worlds.





LEILA MILKI Pianist

Leila Milki is an award-winning Lebanese-American singer, songwriter, and classical-pop pianist based in Los Angeles. Most recently recognized as one of Arab America's "30 Under 30" honorees, she strives to translate her artistry into a healing platform for emotional and multicultural empowerment, while elevating visibility for fellow first-generation daughters of the Arab diaspora.

Her Arabic/English fusion work has earned her a Grand Prize and Lennon Award in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest (with her homeland tribute "Leil Ya Leil"), along with a feature in Disney's Emmy-nominated series "The Rocketeer" (with her song "Enjoy Your Meal," a festive tribute to Lebanese cuisine and Arab women across generations).

Today, Leila is most passionate about showcasing vulnerability as strength and finding beauty in the complex spaces between. Her latest cinematic ballad "Fall Asleep" explores the dual-identity limbo that intensifies her experience of femininity within structures of shame, repression, and peace-keeping. And her three-part collection of solo-piano improvisation records, which have garnered over 4 million Spotify streams, welcomes the coexistence of solitude and mindfulness, loss and renewal, healing and community.



KEITH L. MCLANE Auctioneer

Keith L. McLane, BAS, is one of the country's preeminent fundraising auctioneers, special appeal/fund-a-need experts, and event-based fundraising educators. Since 1995, he has specialized in organizing and conducting charity and fundraising auctions for schools, charitable organizations, and nonprofit groups from Honolulu to New York City. Never the shy one, Keith has become well-known for his fun and

entertaining auctioneering style that frequently takes him out from behind the podium and deep into the audience! Keith holds an MBA from The UCLA Anderson School of Management and is a graduate of the world-famous Missouri Auction School, which Newsweek magazine dubs "The Harvard of Auctioneering." He is also one of only a small number of auctioneers in the country--and only 20 auctioneers in California--to have achieved the National Auctioneers Association's prestigious Benefit Auction Specialist (BAS) designation.

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FOOD SECURITY

As many of you are aware, Lebanon is experiencing a severe food security crisis which is impacting a large part of the Lebanese population. This crisis has been caused by the complete financial and economic collapse of the country, as well as a lack of long-term planning and investment to create a sustainable agricultural sector.

The blast in the port of Beirut in August 2020 compounded the already grave situation the Lebanese were facing, as the country's major grain silos and the port itself, which accounts for more than 70 percent of Lebanon's trade, were completely destroyed.

This made the procurement of basic goods and foodstuff incredibly complex for an import-dependent country, causing the cost of food to skyrocket. According to the World Food Program (WFP), "Food prices in Lebanon have increased by 1,000 percent in two years". Governmental subsidies have been removed and the Lebanese pound has lost more than 90% of its value. This is turning Lebanon into a black hole of despair.

To help ensure food security in Lebanon, and to help rural areas achieve some level of food self-sufficiency, SEAL is supporting small scale Lebanese farmers and cooperatives through projects that encourage land cultivation, job creation and import substitution, as well as help in protecting remaining livestock, and those that produce food staples that are high in nutritious value at a low cost.

Please join us in our mission to invest in sustainable initiatives in Lebanon - and help this vital sector of small farmers achieve food sovereignty.



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Day of Beauty, Shopping and Lunch at Neiman Marcus San Francisco

Gather 3 of your closest friends and head to Neiman Marcus San Francisco for an exclusive in-store shopping experience. Treat your BFFs to lunch at The Rotunda, then enjoy your shopping appointment in a private suite of fitting rooms where you will sip champagne while receiving personalized make-up applications, and shop the latest collections. A deluxe gift bag will be given to all 4 guests. The winner of this auction item will also receive a \$500 Neiman Marcus gift card.

Date is based on availability and must be booked at least two weeks in advance. To be redeemed by November 12, 2022.

Diego Rivera's America

SFMOMA Curator-Led Tour for 6 guests

The most in-depth examination of the artist's work in over two decades, Diego Rivera's America brings together more than 150 of Rivera's paintings, frescoes, and drawings—as well as three galleries devoted to large-scale film projections of highly influential murals he created in Mexico and the United States. Hear special insight from an SFMOMA curator and round out your visit with delicious food and beverages at the museum restaurant, Café 5!

This tour is subject to curator availability and can be redeemed by December 16, 2022. Dining at Café 5 is provided for \$200 total.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Wine Country Escape

Enjoy the quintessential California wine experience with a two nights stay at the stunning Stanly Ranch, the latest Auberge luxury resort in Napa. Dinner for two at their acclaimed restaurant Bear is included.

No trip to Napa is complete without a winery visit. Your package includes a tour and tasting at Eisele Vineyards. Eisele Vineyards was acquired by Francois Pinault owner of Château Latour. The winery is not open to the public, and your tasting will happen at the private residence of the Pinaults, ie Salma Hayek Pinault's Napa home!

Valid for a 2-night stay in the best available room. Advanced reservation required. Excludes Incidentals, Gratuity and Alcohol. Subject to availability. Blackout dates apply including holidays. Blackout dates are subject to change. Expires 07/20/23. Eisele visit available monday to friday.

Priceless and Unique

Star as a Character in a Comic Book

Are you looking for that unique and priceless gift? Would you like to honor a parent, your spouse, your children, your grandkids, or just simply surprise the family? Geoff Johns, our SEAL Honoree, will put who you designate (an individual or a family) in an upcoming comic book he is writing to be released in late 2023. Geoff is one of the most successful comic book writers of all times, an award-winning and New York Times bestselling writer, film and television producer and showrunner. He is best known for his work in Green Lantern, Aquaman, Flash, Superman, Wonder Woman, Shazam, The Flash, Titans, Stargirl and much more. The winner will also receive 20 copies of the comic book as well as a page of ORIGINAL ART featuring them. A totally AMAZING gift that will live on in memory and print!!!!

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Paris Fashion Week - Haute Couture with Zuhair Murad

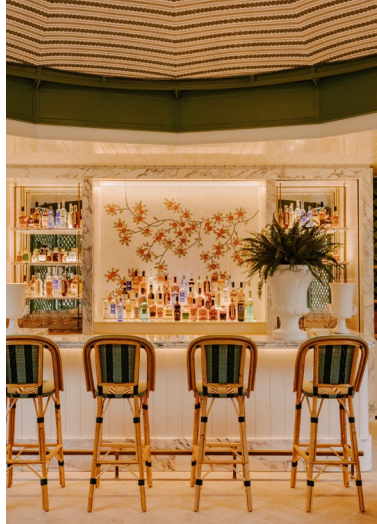
Couturier to the stars, Zuhair Murad has dressed and designed for celebrities Beyonce, Taylor Swift, Sofia Vergara, Kerry Washington, Blake Lively, Shakira, Adele, Celine Dion, Courtney Cox, Alessandra Ambrosio and many many more..... including J Lo's most recent wedding dress. Get your exclusive two front row seats to the Zuhair Murad Spring Haute Couture Fashion Show in Paris on January 25. Now that's star power! And rumor has it that front row seat holders always get invited to the VIP dinner that same evening. While in Paris, stay in style in a Junior Suite at the exquisite Relais and Châteaux Saint James Paris. Daily breakfast for two and a bottle of champagne are included as well.

Hotel nights: January 24 and January 25 upon availability.



A fashion advertisement for Zuhair Murad featuring two models standing in front of a stone building with a metal railing. The model on the left is a Black woman with short hair, wearing a long-sleeved black dress with a deep V-neckline and a wide waistband. The model on the right is a white woman with long hair, wearing a sleeveless black dress with a deep V-neckline and a wide waistband. Both dresses feature intricate lace detailing. The model on the left is holding a small black handbag with a gold clasp. The background shows a stone wall and a brick archway. The text 'ZUHAIR MURAD' is overlaid in large white letters.

ZUHAIR MURAD



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Dolly Chammas • Hani Daou • Jeanette Hajjar • Maria Haidamus Interiors
Marjan Hassanein • Maya Labban

Tonight's wine is generously donated by Daou.

The gifts to our guests are: Zaatar produced by the Women Association Cooperative For Agricultural Manufacturing in Wadi Taym, Bayssour, Al-Chouf, a SEAL project beneficiary.

The Sound Rose flavor drink, inspired by and generously gifted by Salim Najjar, co-founder of Sound. Growing up, Salim spent his summers in Lebanon, and this flavor is reminiscent of a special summer rose drink his grandmother would always make.

The beautiful program cover and table cards illustrations were provided by artist Stephanie Tager.



Stephanie is an artist and architect based in New York City. Her work has been published in books and featured in galleries and exhibits in New York City and Paris, as well as in virtual exhibitions. She has been commissioned to create pieces for publications and brands such as The New York Times, Hospitality House, Sports Illustrated, and the NFL Super Bowl After Party. Stephanie's work is currently on view at Equity Gallery's exhibit "Personal Geographies" in New York City until October 29th, 2022.

For more of her work (or even just to say hi!), please visit www.stephanietager.com or her instagram: @stephtager



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