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5:00 pm **COCKTAILS**

6:00 pm **DINNER**

Welcoming Notes
Norma Haddad - SEAL Executive Director

SEAL 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award
Fadi Daou - Founder and CEO Multilane

Music Performance
Maria Bassil

Live Auction
Keith McLane - Auctioneer

SEAL Update
Rula Tamer - SEAL Board President

Fund a Need
Keith McLane - Auctioneer



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FADI DAOU

Founder & CEO, MultiLane
Honoree, SEAL's 5th SF/Bay Area Gala Dinner

Fadi Daou has spent nearly four decades proving that world-class technology can be built in Lebanon. As Founder and CEO of MultiLane, he heads a global leader in high-speed test and measurement solutions for the data-center and cloud-computing industry, trusted by companies including Cisco, Google, Dell, and Intel.

Fadi's path to MultiLane began far from Lebanon. After emigrating in 1981, he earned his BSEE and MSEE from Northeastern University in Boston and went on to found and sell a series of high-tech ventures in the United States: Telephotonics, a developer of passive optical components acquired by DuPont; Fibergrade, acquired by Tsunami Photonics; and PXIT, acquired by Agilent in 2006.

In 2007, Fadi made a decision that would define the next chapter of his career: he returned to his hometown of Houmal, Lebanon, to found MultiLane. What began as a bet on Lebanese engineering talent has grown into a global technology company — and a demonstration of what is possible when opportunity is built at home rather than sought abroad. "It's all about creating jobs so our children can come back and develop their careers at home," Fadi says. That conviction — captured in his own words, **"export products, not people"** — has guided MultiLane's growth and its role as an engine of economic development in Lebanon.

Under Fadi's leadership, MultiLane has continued to scale on the global stage. Its recent joint venture with Teradyne, MultiLane Test Products, pairs MultiLane's measurement expertise with Teradyne's international reach to meet surging demand driven by AI and next-generation networking. Fadi is also developing the Houmal Technology Park, envisioned as a hub for Lebanese innovation — with office and incubator space, an applied training center, research laboratories, and a center to help launch and grow the next generation of venture-backed Lebanese technology companies.

Fadi Daou's career embodies SEAL's own mission: investing in Lebanon's people and potential so that talent, opportunity, and prosperity can take root at home.



MARIA BASSIL

@mariabassill

Violinist

Maria Bassil is a Lebanese violinist based in Las Vegas, known for her captivating stage presence and ability to blend elegance with high-energy entertainment. She has performed at luxury weddings, private celebrations, and prestigious events across the United States and internationally, creating unforgettable experiences through her unique musical performances.

With a repertoire that seamlessly combines classical and oriental arabic music, and international favorites, Maria brings sophistication, emotion, and excitement to every stage. Her passion for music, professionalism, and connection with audiences have made her a sought-after performer for clients looking to elevate their events with a memorable live entertainment experience.



CHERINE BAZZI

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Artist

Based in Palo Alto, Cherine Bazzi holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts with a minor in Advertising Art. Her painting practice draws on Expressionism and Symbolism, exploring emotion and meaning beyond the surface of the canvas.

From the Bay Area to Lebanon. "As Lebanese living in the Bay Area, we carry a deep connection to our homeland, no matter how far away we are. Through this artwork, I wanted to bring our two worlds together—the Lebanese village that represents our roots and the Golden Gate Bridge that represents the place we now call home."



It is a celebration of our shared heritage, our love for Lebanon, and our commitment to giving back to the country and people who will always be part of who we are.

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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 lively 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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- Travel must be booked and completed by December 31, 2027. No extensions.
- Seats are subject to availability. Book early.
- Round-trip only. No stopovers or multi-city itineraries.
- Once issued, origin and destination cannot be changed. Dates and times may be changed before December 31, 2027 (a change fee may apply).
- Non-refundable, non-transferable, and not redeemable for cash. Cancelled bookings cannot be reissued.
- Not eligible for Aeroplan or other frequent flyer points. Upgrades and eUpgrade credits cannot be used.
- Maple Leaf Lounge access is subject to availability. Signature Suite access is not included.

Blackout Dates

- North America (incl. Hawaii): Dec 15, 2026 – Jan 6, 2027; Mar 24–31, 2027; Jul 22 – Aug 23, 2027; Dec 16–31, 2027
- International (incl. Mexico City): Dec 9, 2026 – Jan 10, 2027; Jun 17 – Sep 6, 2027; Dec 8–31, 2027
- Sun destinations (Caribbean, Mexico, Central America): Dec 9, 2026 – Jan 10, 2027; Feb 22 – Mar 14, 2027; Mar 24–31, 2027; Jun 17 – Sep 6, 2027; Dec 8–31, 2027
- Additional blackouts apply for travel to and from India and China.

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Full moon pendant

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Two lower bowl seats to a Golden State Warriors game at Chase Center

Donated by Head Coach Steve Kerr.

Lower bowl puts you in the ring closest to the court, right in the thick of it. You hear the sneakers squeak and the coaching from the bench. You feel it when the crowd gets to its feet, and you see every play develop in front of you. Some of the best seats in one of the best arenas in the NBA.

The date is arranged between you and the Warriors, so you pick the game that matters most to you.

Donated by: Steve Kerr and the Warriors

Two Mountain Escapes in Kfour & Hrajel, Lebanon



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A Night at Indira and Lunch or Dinner at Brût.

Two experiences in the Lebanese mountains, to enjoy on the same trip or on separate visits through the year.

Stay: One night for two in a Prestige Suite at Indira Guest House, full board.

High in the mountains of Kfour, an easy drive from Beirut, a 200-year-old house looks out over the Mediterranean.

Its owners spent decades collecting, and every room shows it. Chandeliers that once hung in the region's palaces. Ottoman artifacts, kilims and carpets. Inlaid furniture from Damascus, and carved wooden ceilings from Syria dating back to the 1700s. Mixed in are Asian treasures gathered over a lifetime of travel. Your Prestige Suite is part of all this: spacious, opulent, and as comfortable as it is beautiful, a private palace from a bygone era with every modern comfort.

In the warmer months, spend the afternoon by the pool, then take a drink at the bar as the sun sets over the sea. In winter, the evening moves indoors to the old vaulted stone stables, now a bar. The spa is there whenever you want it.

Full board means breakfast, a gourmand lunch, afternoon tea and a buffet dinner.



Dine: Lunch or dinner for two at Brût by Chef Youssef Akiki

In nearby Hrajel, Chef Youssef Akiki cooks in his hometown, in a stone room his grandfather built 75 years ago to store farm tools. Today it is the kitchen of Brût, a seven-table restaurant set among vineyards, with a river running just below.

There is no menu. Chef Akiki cooks from what his garden and neighboring farmers bring in that day. He makes his own vinegars, distills arak from his own grapes, and serves each dish on a plate chosen for it alone. Brût has won La Liste's Hidden Gem Award and was selected among the 50 Best Discovery destinations.

brût

Youssef Akiki

Chef Akiki trained under Joël Robuchon in Paris, Alain Ducasse and Nicolas Le Bec. He was the opening executive chef of Burgundy in Beirut, was named Chef de l'Avenir by the Académie Internationale de la Gastronomie.

He is President of Disciples Escoffier Lebanon.
You and your guest will enjoy a five-course tasting menu with wine pairings, Lebanese land and heritage on the plate.



Details: The two experiences can be used together or separately. The Indira stay can be booked any time of year, directly with the guest house. Brût is open late June to mid-September; date to be arranged directly with the chef within that season.

Value: $665 (Indira) + $500 (Brût)
Donated by: Indira Guest House and Chef Youssef Akiki

Strata VII





by Ouisam Melhem
100 × 100 cm painting

Strata is a collection of layers that serves as a metaphor for the intricate process through which humans capture and form their thoughts, guided by the algorithm of life. Each layer represents a distinct reflection of experience and perception, stretching the boundaries of human thought and understanding. The painting embodies elements such as the bird, cloud, crown, city, and human, each symbolizing different facets of our cognitive and emotional landscapes, defined by the algorithm of life.

This painting captures the complexity of the human mind, shaped by social and cultural dynamics, as well as the enduring spirit and historical upheavals. Each drawing in the painting serves as a distinct layer, reflecting the existential journey of individuals navigating urban chaos and seeking inner harmony. This painting encourages an exploration of the interconnected layers of identity, offering a contemplative journey into the heart of life's multifaceted existence.

Ouisam (Wissam Melhem) is a Lebanese painter, sculptor, architect, and educator whose internationally exhibited work explores the Human, City, Crown, Bird, and Cloud as his "algorithm of life." His latest concept, "Reconstruction," focuses on rebuilding not only physical spaces, but also human consciousness and cultural identity. His art has been exhibited globally, including at the Peoria Riverfront Museum in the USA, where one of his works became part of the permanent collection. He is represented by Mark Hachem Gallery

Value: $5,000
Donated By: Ouisam Melhem

A Weekend in San Francisco

Dinner, music, and two of the city's best museums.

Dinner at Pabu. Michael Mina created this Financial District izakaya with celebrated sushi chef Ken Tominaga. It's a moody, lantern-lit room of stone and Douglas fir, with fish flown in daily, a robata grill, and one of the city's best Japanese whisky and sake collections. Order the nigiri tasting and let the weekend begin.

Two tickets to SFJAZZ.
The SFJAZZ Center in Hayes Valley was the first standalone building in America built just for jazz. The Guardian called it "one of the greatest jazz concert halls in the world." The 700-seat hall wraps the audience around the stage, so it feels like a jazz club with concert-hall sound. Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, Joshua Redman, Regina Carter and Bill Frisell have all played there.

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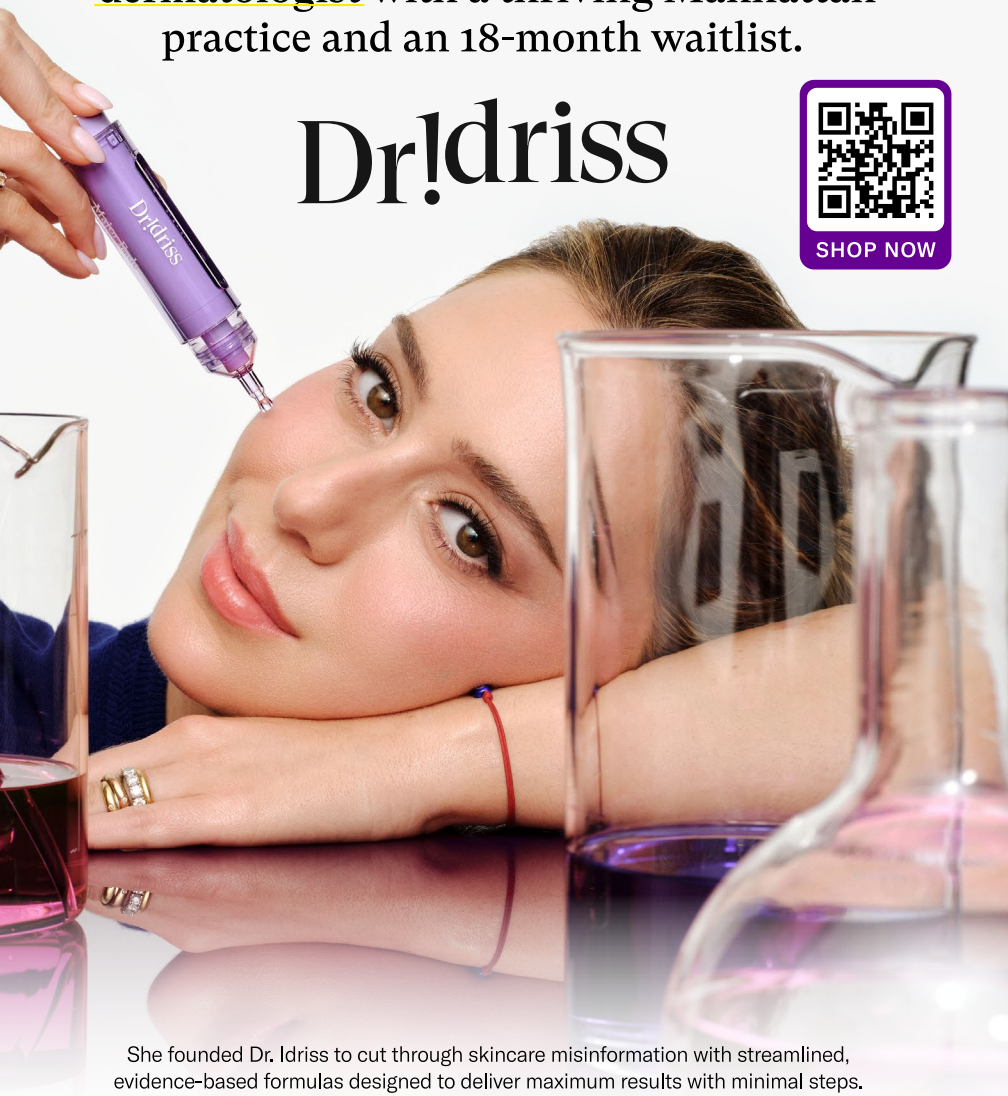
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TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

2022		
21 PROJECTS	$1,522,980	3,217 BENEFICIARIES
2023		
17 PROJECTS	$404,166	2,450 BENEFICIARIES
2024		
22 PROJECTS	$1,745,662	52,730 BENEFICIARIES
2025		
24 PROJECTS	$1,876,962	12,100 BENEFICIARIES
2026		
13 PROJECTS TO DATE	$1,224,000	40,741 BENEFICIARIES



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