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Experience the wonder of Cirque du Musique at the 18th California Symphony Ball on November 8th

Mark your calendar for one of the most exciting social events in memory! On Saturday, November 8, 2008, guests of the 18th California Symphony Ball will be transported into a wondrous *Cirque Du Musique*, featuring professional circus performers around the world. Just some of the colorful characters they will encounter at the black tie benefit will be stilt walkers, acrobatic dancers,

mimes, a sword swallower, and a fire performer twirling a blazing 5-foot baton. All three floors of the elegant Blackhawk Museum in Danville will be draped in colorful flowing textiles and specially-lit to capture the whimsy and awe of the Cirque legacy.

The evening will begin with a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and champagne, followed by an elegant dinner paired with fine wines and dancing to the strains of the California Symphony with an exciting live auction. Additional entertainment will be provided by members of the Contra Costa Children's Chorus singing Kark Jenkins' *Adiemus*. ABC7's popular news anchor Dan Ashley will reprise his role as master of ceremonies. A live auction will feature such popular items as a tug boat adventure; a Las Vegas getaway with tickets and backstage passes to world-class hand-balancing acrobats Iouri Safronov's and Nikolai Meinkov's hit show, "V the Ultimate Variety Show," at Planet Hollywood; dinner for eight at the Marin home of music director Barry and Rosalind Jekowsky, and a two-night stay at a San Francisco time share in concert with dinner and tickets to the San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony, and the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra.

The California Symphony is pleased to announce that this year's Ball will honor long-time patrons, Dennis and Myrna Cheney of Citation Northern. All proceeds from this event will support the Symphony's education and artistic programs. The 2008 Ball is made possible in part by the generous support of the Bank of America, Chevron, Downstream Operations, Ken & Jean Hofmann, Wells Fargo Bank and Rosendin Electric, among others. Tickets and tables can be ordered online at www.californiasymphony.org or by calling (925) 280-2490.

Details:

What: Experience an enchanting Cirque du Musique at the 18th Annual California Symphony Ball

When: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Where: Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, Ca

Tickets: Purchase in advance online at www.californiasymphony.org or by calling (925) 280-2490

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