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THE “DUET GALA”
HOSTED BY THE WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
AND THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

WHO: Honoree **Bram Goldsmith** with attendees **Debbie Allen, Mary Hart, Allison Janney, Joshua Malina, George Schlatter, Stacey Snider** and more.

WHAT: The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra partnered to host the Duet Gala on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. The gala included a concert by the incomparable Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by the legendary **Zubin Mehta**. This extraordinary partnership between two staples of cultural excellence fundraised for both organizations.

The black tie event began with cocktails, followed by a concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The Duet Gala featured a program of Vivaldi’s Violin Concerto for three violins and Dvorak’s “New World” Symphony. After the hour-long concert, guests enjoyed a full sit down dinner. Proceeds from the event will be equally shared between both organizations. The evening is Co-Chaired by 20th Century Fox Co-Chairman Stacey Snider, and acclaimed music producer, Gary Jones.

WHEN: **Tuesday, November 10, 2015**
Arrivals – 6:00 PM
Show – 7:00 PM

WHERE: Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
9390 N Santa Monica Blvd
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

MORE: **About The Wallis**

Located in the heart of Beverly Hills, California, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (“The Wallis”) brings audiences award-winning, world-class theater, dance and music, performed by many of the world’s most talented and sought-after artists. With eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles, with its notability as the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis offers original and revered works from across the US and around the globe. This fall marks The Wallis’ third season, which also includes its prestigious Arts & Ideas series, conversations with guests from the realms of culture, literature and politics. Housed in a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot venue designed by Zoltan E. Pali, FAIA of Studio Pali Fekete architects, The Wallis celebrates the classic and the modern. The building features the restored, original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) that serves as the theater’s dramatic lobby, the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater, GRoW at The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education (A gift of Gregory Annenberg Weingarten and Family and the Annenberg Foundation) and the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater. Together, these structures embrace the city’s history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for LA-area visitors and residents alike.

About AFIPO

American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (AFIPO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO.) The IPO is the leading orchestra in Israel and globally recognized as a world-class symphonic ensemble. The Orchestra performs both in its home, the Charles Bronfman auditorium in Tel Aviv as well as throughout Israel and extensively around the world. The IPO is unique in its cultural diversity with members of the Orchestra representing over 15 different nationalities. Each year the IPO reaches over 29,000 children through its innovative and inspiring educational programs. Classical music is used as a vehicle to teach respect and confidence, enriching the cultural life of Israel. AFIPO seeks to strengthen and broaden the reach of the IPO as the preeminent cultural ambassador for the State of Israel and expand the support of classical music and musical education in Israel.

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