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Swing upon a Star at the 24th LASM Annual Gala

BATON ROUGE, LA — The Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM) is hosting its 24th annual gala, *Swing Upon a Star*, Friday, September 25, from 7:30 till 10:00 PM. Guests will be the first to see the inspiring art exhibition *Starry Messenger: Galileo's Vision in 21st Century Art*. Guests will be the first to see the inspiring exhibition *Starry Messenger: Galileo's Vision in 21st Century Art*. The exhibition features the work of eight contemporary artists from across the country inspired by astronomy, together with reproductions of Galileo's drawings and text describing his accomplishments. The 58 works on view include paintings, prints, glass sculpture, digital animations, and several installations.

Besides taking in the beauty of the exhibition, guests will enjoy a full bar and buffet provided by many of Baton Rouge's top restaurants and caterers. Popular musician Ned Fasullo and his eight-piece orchestra are back again this year to provide the perfect atmosphere. A splendid silent auction will feature great vacations, designer jewelry, fine and decorative art and much more. Guests may begin bidding now online at www.lasm.org/gala.

New this year to the gala is a grand gala raffle of a stunning \$6,000 diamond pendant donated by Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, and only 400 raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased at LASM, online at www.lasm.org, or at either of the Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry stores on Corporate Boulevard and in the Mall of Louisiana.

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“The LASM gala is always a highly anticipated event because of its reputation for being so much fun and for the opportunity to be the first to see what is usually our preeminent exhibit of the year is usually. This year promises to be our best gala yet,” said LASM President and Executive Director Carol Gikas, “Gala support is very important for us, especially during this very difficult year.”

LASM has received generous support from local businesses and patrons this year. Diamond sponsors are the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation, Turner Industries and Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry. Ruby sponsors include Albemarle and Amedisys. Media support is provided by *The Advocate*, *InRegister*, *Country Roads* and WRKF.

“The LASM Gala is one of the most popular and successful events on the fall social calendar. Each year, gala guests enjoy a wonderful evening that benefits LASM’s outstanding educational programs,” said LASM Director of Development Pam Sills. LASM member ticket prices are \$100 per person and nonmember tickets are \$150 per person.

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