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WYES WILL HOST ITS 2022 GALA – A STATION FOR ALL SEASONS PRESENTED BY OSCAR J. TOLMAS CHARITABLE TRUST

Enjoy an Evening with the Legendary Deacon John & The Ivories at the Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans

New Orleans, LA — Whether it's winter, spring summer or fall, WYES is your station for all seasons. Join WYES in celebrating 65 years of excellence at the **WYES GALA — A STATION FOR ALL SEASONS PRESENTED BY OSCAR J. TOLMAS CHARITABLE TRUST** on Friday, September 23 at the Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans.

The Patron Party begins at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$500 per person. The Gala begins at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$200 per person. Junior patron and gala prices are available for ages 21-40. All event tickets include delectable food and open bar. Tickets can be purchased online at **wyes.org**.

The legendary Deacon John & The Ivories, who have entertained generations of New Orleanians, will give attendees a musical experience to remember. Entertainment is courtesy of Tia and Jimmy Roddy.

Guests are encouraged to wear seasonally-inspired attire or cocktail attire while enjoying tasty cuisine from the Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans. Libations are provided by the Sazerac Company and Crescent Crown Distributing.

WYES would like to thank the event committee and our event co-chairs Stephanie & Ryan Burks, Karen & Henry Coaxum and Anne & Edmund Redd for their tireless efforts.

Another great way to support WYES is through the gala's online auction sponsored by Woodward Design+Build and boasting over 100 items. Online bidding will be held from Friday, September 15 through Sunday, September 25 until 9:00 p.m. when the boards close. Attendance to the gala is not required to bid. Highlights include one-of-a-kind vacations, "staycations" and more, including a three-day trip for six to the luxurious Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa, named #1 hotel in Arizona. Bid on restaurant and boutique gift cards, rare spirits, vineyard offerings and trips, sake and wine tastings, local and regional art, local tours, theater and opera tickets, New Orleans Pelicans basketball and tickets, jewelry, collectibles and more. Unique offerings include a ride for two in Orpheus, a decoupage cocktail table from the Chris Owens Club, theatre and opera tickets and so much more. A link to browse items, register and bid can be found soon at **wyes.org/events**.

New this year is a raffle, courtesy of Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry who has donated a pair of 18k white gold diamond loop earrings with clip post valued at \$4,250. Chances are 1 for \$30 or 2 for \$50 and available online at **wyes.org/raffle**. Only 400 chances will be sold and the winner will be announced live on WYES' Facebook page (@wyes.neworleans) at 9:00 p.m. on the night of the gala. Need not be present to win.

WYES, the gala co-chairs and committee would like to thank our incredible sponsors and patrons. This evening benefiting WYES would not be possible without their support. Special thanks to the event's presenting sponsor Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust.

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