

 THE MUSIC CENTER

Walt Disney Concert Hall Tribute

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(l-r) Edward Carson, chairman and chief executive officer, First Interstate Bancorp, honoree Fred Nicholas with wife Joan, and event co-chairman Jim Thomas.

The Bunker Hill Ballroom of the Hotel Inter-Continental was filled to capacity on February 9th as the Music Center family paid tribute to the memory of a legendary man, Walt Disney, to the unprecedented generosity of his wife and family, and to the extraordinary efforts of a volunteer chairman, Fred Nicholas.

The Music Center's Board of Governors hosted this warm and wonderful tribute,

which included a cocktail reception, dinner and special tribute performance by Board of Governors member and acclaimed singer Marilyn McCoo.

Kudos from Honorary Chairman Franklin Ulf, chairman and CEO, U.S. Trust, went to Walt Disney's widow Lillian Disney, and daughters Diane Disney Miller and the late Sharon Disney Lund, for their vision and foresight in making one of the



Marilyn McCoo performs a Disney melody at the tribute.

most significant gifts in the history of art philanthropy. "Walt Disney's boundless imagination has always been a source of inspiration for Southern California, and beyond. Through the generosity of his wife, Lillian, and their children, Diane and Sharon, Disney Hall will serve to inspire future generations, reminding millions that dreams can come true," said Ulf.

Longtime friend California Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy honored Fred Nicholas, real estate developer, philanthropist, and chairman of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Committee, for his efforts to enrich the cultural life of Los Angeles.

The official groundbreaking of the Walt Disney Concert Hall took place on De-

Sharon Disney Lund

The Music Center family is deeply saddened by the loss of philanthropist Sharon Disney Lund. A trustee for CalArts, Sharon was also an officer of Retlaw Enterprises, Inc., and a member of the Board of Directors of the Walt Disney Co. Her charitable activities included the Marianne Frostig Center for Educational Therapy, the Curtis Foundation and the Music Center.

"Through Sharon's contributions and leadership on the Walt Disney Concert Hall project, she has left a legacy that will keep her in our memories and hearts forever," said Jim Thomas, chairman of the Music Center's Board of Governors.



At the groundbreaking in December, (l-r) Sharon Disney Lund, Fred Nicholas and Diane Disney Miller.

Jane and Ron Gother, senior partner, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher.



(l-r) Event co-chairman and President Esther Wachtell with Bob Wilson, vice president, RETLAW Enterprises, Inc.



December 10, 1992. The Frank Gehry-designed hall will be the new home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The 2,380-seat concert hall is the result of a \$50 million gift from Lillian Disney in 1987 in memory of her late husband. Additional Disney family gifts and accrued interest bring the family's total contribution to \$93.6 million. The hall will open in the fall of 1997.

James A. Thomas, current chairman of the Board of Governors, Ronald J. Arnault, chairman of the Music Center's Board of Governors 1990-92, and President Esther Wachtell served as event chairmen. The evening was generously sponsored by U.S. Trust, ARCO, Turner Construction, Peck/Jones Construction Corporation and Obayashi Construction Corporation; with support from Hotel Inter-Continental Los Angeles at California Plaza.

Betsy and Franklin Ulf, honorary chairman.



Music Center Travel Program Update

Coming up this summer is a trip to France and the ever popular Santa Fe Opera and Indian Market weekend.

The French Escape July 9-23

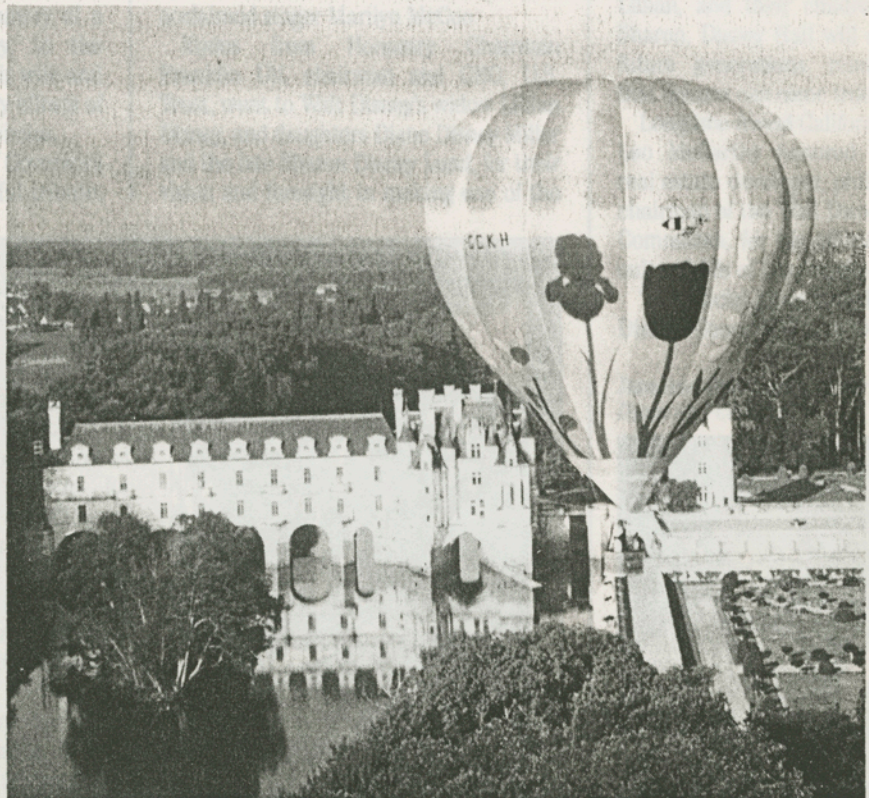
This deluxe 15-day tour will include hot air ballooning in the Loire Valley, sightseeing and an opera performance in Paris, and a Rhone River cruise aboard the new *Princesse de Provence*. The seven-day cruise travels throughout Provence from Lyon through the wine region of Burgundy to the Mediterranean. The cost for the entire tour is \$7,890 per person, double occupancy.

Santa Fe Weekend August 19-23

A Music Center Travel Program destination for the past four years, the five-day Santa Fe weekend offers a unique cultural itinerary of operas, shopping, gallery visits, private parties and the 72nd annual Indian Market. The cost is \$1,475 per person, double occupancy.

Reservations

As always, a portion of each fare benefits the Music Center Unified Fund which supports the resident companies, as well as education and community programs. Call the Music Center Travel Program at 213/972-0761, for reservations or more information.



Ballooning through the Loire Valley, guests will enjoy fabulous meals, accommodations in a 17th century manor house, and visits to elegant chateaux and gardens.