the Social Spotlight

As a proud Merit School of Music alum, JENNIFER MONTAGUE knows first hand the benefits of this unique non-profit, which provided her “the discipline, excellence and preparation to excel at university, business school and, later, my career.” Co-chairing this year's gala on May 10, Montague has been a board of trustees member since 2011.

THE CAUSE
“Musical education is fundamental to all youth, and it provides a building block for a better life overall,” says Montague. “I feel strongly that access to high-quality musical education should not be dependent on financial status. Merit makes that access possible, and allows students to make music and build lives.”

THE PARTY
Montague's gala is designed to showcase the Merit experience by highlighting the students and their accomplishments. To be held at the Radisson Blu, this year's event will include first-time special pre-dinner reception by Merit's Associate Board of Young Professionals.

THE EFFECT
"The money raised will be used directly for our students' education,” says Montague. "Over half of Merit’s annual budget is allocated to support our nationally renowned tuition-free conservatory and our financial aid program, which serves over 70 percent of Merit's students for opportunities, such as private lessons, special classes and low-cost instrument rentals.”

annual fashion show luncheon with local celebrities modeling fall looks on the runway. Proceeds support the many local charities supported by the Service Club.

SIPRUT LAW ANNUAL GOLF OUTING BENEFITING PAWS
AUGUST 9
$250; ALL DAY EVENT
Join Siprut PC and friends as they tee up for a day of golf, entertainment, and fundraising to support PAWS Chicago, the no-kill animal shelter. Guests will enjoy hand-rolled cigars, fire dancers, and a hole-in-one prize of $1 million. The guests of honor, PAWS Pups in need of families, will mingle with attendees at the event.

HARBORSIDE INTERNATIONAL GOLF CENTER

SHINE & DINE
AUGUST 11, 7PM, 6PM DINNER
RECEPTION
TICKETS $125, $195 VIP
The sixth annual Shine & Dine benefiting Step Up attracts 800 guests to sip and snack their way through tasting stations from 20 of Chicago's top eateries. The event, featuring Chef Chai Christine Clewlow (chef/partner of Honey Butter Fried Chicken and Sunday Dinner Club) and co-chairs Liz O'Connor (Matcheum Change) and Souk Supangavong (Style by Souk), raises $275,000 annually in support of mentorship programs for young girls from Chicago's under-resourced communities. Cocktail attire.

BRIDGSPORT ART CENTER'S SIZEDLINE LOFT, 300 W 35TH ST, 714-694-2000, SWFFW.ORG/SHINE

DANCE FOR LIFE CHICAGO 25TH ANNIVERSARY
AUGUST 20, 5PM
TICKETS $250, $600 VIP
Dance for Life Chicago is Chicago Dancers United's annual benefit dance concert presenting and showcasing the city's unique diversity of talent, dance traditions and styles by bringing together the city's world-renowned professional dancers for one night on the same stage. Joining in for the 25th Anniversary are the Joffrey Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Giordano Dance Chicago. Proceeds benefit The Dancers’ Fund and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. The performance is preceded by a gala reception dinner at the Hilton Chicago.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, 50 000 INTERNATIONAL PAVILION, 312-922-9002, CHICAGOADULTSUNUNITED.ORG

RED SKY NIGHT
AUGUST 26, 6PM
TICKETS $150
The Chicago Boatbuilding Community presents Red Sky Night, hosted by Columbia Yacht Club. The gala food and drink experience features exciting live and silent auctions, plentiful gourmet food stations, luscious desserts and drinks. This event is part of the Summer of Fun(s) series benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Yachting summer formal attire.

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB, 1133 16TH AVENUE, 312-922-9002, REDSKYNIGHT.ORG

DAY AT THE RACES
AUGUST 28, 12:30PM
TICKETS $100 ADULTS, $30 KIDS 12 AND UNDER, FREE FOR CHILDREN 0-3
Presented by a committee that includes members of The Cradle Associates and Board of Directors, as well as a group of dedicated volunteers, The Cradle’s private party in the International Room overlooks the racetrack and includes a buffet luncheon, drinks, silent auction, and raffle. Children of all ages are welcome and kid-friendly activities round out the afternoon.

ARLINGTON PARK RACETRACK, 2000 W. COLUX AVE., ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, CRADELFUNDRAISERS.ORG/RACES

SEPTEMBER

ADVISORY BOARD FUNDRAISER
SEPTEMBER 2016
The Advisory Board of Girls 4 Science hosts an event to help raise awareness and funds for the
1. Jay Franke and Boy George at Volume 1's Starnaut host committee reception.
2. Parker Posey and Woody Allen at the debut of Inratioal Man.
3. David Schmidt and Arline Graham at Steppenwolf Auxiliary Council's annual Red or White Ball.
4. Gary Metzner and Megan Green at Volume 1's Starnaut host committee reception.
5. Zoe White and Aaron Smyth at the Joffrey Ballet's 50th anniversary celebration.
7. Sandra Reynolds, Kym Hubbard and Leticia Davis at Women in the Arts Luncheon.