

## Miss Bigelow



▲ **Gordon Glogau** (left) with Gordon Getty and his mom, Pam Glogau, at the Snuggly Soiree.

▶ **Maggie Hake** (left), MC Hammer and Megan Schmidt helped pull in \$200,000 for the Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund.

▶ **Benefactors** Clark and Sharon Winslow celebrate all things opera during the Evening of Enchantment gala.



▼ **Opera gala** event co-chairs Shannon Cronan (left) and Jane Mudge with baritone Nathan Gunn and S.F. Opera Guild President Ann Girard.



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# A BEAR OF A HUG FOR TEDDY FUND

Guests large and small alighted at an elegant kiddie carnival last month during the annual Snuggly Soiree fun-raiser hosted by philanthropists **Ann** and **Gordon Getty** in their Gold Coast manse.

Well-dressed tots careened around the marble courtyard set up with myriad delights from face painting to gourmet fairground food cooked up by Getty chef **Jennifer Johnson** as their folks raised \$200K in support of the Glogau Teddy Bear Rescue Fund at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital.

Even Ann Getty couldn't resist the lure of a spin on a carnival-style motorcycle ride, expertly racing a few rounds against a determined 10-year-old.

Founded 11 years ago by **Pam Glogau** and her husband, Dr. **Richard Glogau**, the fund recently surpassed

the \$1 million mark in providing basic comforts (including food, transportation, housing, medications and teddy bears) not covered by insurance for UCSF's pediatric patients and their families.

Among the revelers: UCSF School of Medicine Dean Dr. **Sam Hawgood**; **Debby** and **Peter Magowan** and their son and daughter-in-law **Matthew** and **Jennifer Cook**; **Ron Conway**; **Carole** and **Bob McNeil**; **Pamela** and **Ted Deikel**; **Laurie** and **Bill Hake**; and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Executive Director **Kimberly Scurr**.

The bottom line was assisted by a luxurious lineup of silent-auction goodies including VIP tickets to the **Madonna** concert, an S.F. Giants-Dodgers baseball package, and a high-tech, grilled cheese lunch for 10 with **MC Ham-**

**mer** at **Jonathan Kaplan's** Melt restaurant.

And it turns out that Hammer, who recently celebrated his 50th birthday at a party hosted by Conway at the Tonga Room, not only knows how to dance — he knows from kids, too.

"I have six kids, so I understand the needs of families," said the rapper. "I had a premature baby 6½ years ago and met a lot of families during that extended time at the hospital. So it's great to see events like this one focused on helping families and kids."

**Magic serenade:** There was a serious dilemma at the Fairmont Hotel during the San Francisco Opera Guild's Evening of Enchantment gala on March 23: Guests were torn between bidding on a Paris Fashion Week trip or vying for a dinner

with hunky baritone **Nathan Gunn**.

The elegant evening, co-chaired by **Jane Mudge** and **Shannon Cronan**, also honored Gunn, who returns to San Francisco on June 13 for his star turn in the Opera's new production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute," colorfully reimaged by visual artist **Jun Kaneko**.

Cocktails commenced in the Crown Room, followed by a dinner and live auction in the Gold Room, where Gunn and his equally talented wife, pianist **Julie Gunn**, serenaded these swells with classic cabaret tunes.

Mayor **Ed Lee** even joined the chorus when the Guild presented Gunn with a certificate of honor.

Magic, indeed. As the gala also benefited the Opera Guild's arts and education programs, which helps some 55,000 students throughout Northern California discover their voices.

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## INVITE OF THE WEEK

**Community Gatepath** The Hillsborough

Auxiliary hosts Swingin' at the Savoy, the 60th gala dinner-dance featuring a cocktail reception, the Black-Tie Jazz Orchestra and live auction in support of this organization's programs for their developmentally disabled clients. 6 p.m. Sat. Airport Marriott, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame. Tickets: \$185. (650) 259-0160.



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