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Muse raises \$100K for SCC

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MUSING ON THE COUNT'S legacy to Sonoma Valley and the world are, from left, Peter Haywood, John Benward, Laura Benward, Jean-Charles Boisset, and the "Count," George Webber.

Sonoma Community Center raised more than \$100,000 on Oct. 13, at its 2012 Sonoma Valley Muse celebrating the life of Buena Vista Winery founder Count Agoston Haraszthy. The recent event featured musical performances of every variety and was hosted and underwritten by Jean Charles Boisset, the new owner of the historic winery.

In a rousing call for support of Sonoma's performing arts and SCC's historic Andrews Hall, Sonoma Valley Muse masters of ceremony Boisset and Bob Smith charmed the audience and brought home funding to more than match a \$100,000 challenge grant issued by Rotary of Sonoma Valley.

"Thanks to the generosity of Jean Charles Boisset, the Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Theater Alliance and the generous businesses and individuals in Sonoma, we are ready to begin construction on Andrews Hall the middle of January," said Toni Castrone, executive director of the Sonoma Community Center.

The eighth annual Muse, conceived of to honor Valley individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the valley's culture, featured live performances from a plethora of musicians, including a nine-piece big band, soloists from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, a string chamber ensemble and a performance by the Valley of the Moon Chamber Ensemble.

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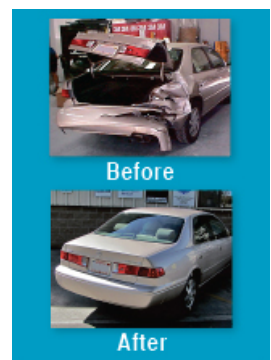
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Nearly 200 guests dined under the stars, with the newly restored Buena Vista champagne cave as a memorable backdrop.

For more information and photos about the Muse and Andrews Hall's transformation, or to become a Sonoma Community Center member, visit sonomacommunitycenter.org, or call 938-4626, ext. 1.

The Sonoma Community Center enriches the lives of the people of Sonoma Valley by fostering a broad range of cultural, educational and community services and by ensuring the preservation and restoration of its historic building.

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