

# Maple Youth Ballet Honored Donalyn Kling at The Second Annual Diamonds and Dance Gala

IRVINE, Calif., March 22, 2013 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The Maple Youth Ballet honored Donalyn Kling, one of its most dedicated patrons at the second annual Diamonds & Dance Gala on Saturday, March 9 at Black, Starr & Frost in Newport Beach.

“Donalyn, without you we would not have been able to do so many of the things we have accomplished this year,” said Charles Maple, co-founder of the Maple Conservatory and the Maple Youth Ballet. “Her avid support makes it possible for our young dancers to have the experience of participating in a professional production and for young audiences to be introduced to classical ballet.”

Proceeds from Diamonds & Dance – including 10 percent of all purchases made at Black, Starr & Frost during the gala – benefited the Maple Youth Ballet and the Charles A. Maple, Sr. Scholarship. The scholarship allows young dancers who demonstrate the financial need for, as well as the drive and commitment, to receive world-class classical ballet training.

“Our committee truly outdid themselves this year and we are thrilled with our partners, Black, Starr and Frost for hosting us again,” said Cathy Godlewski, chair of Diamonds & Dance. “We are a group of parents who fully support the dreams of our talented kids, and what makes Maple Youth Ballet so special is that it opens the doors to so many children who have the determination and love of classical dance.”

Additional proceeds were donated to The Maple Youth Ballet through sales from Dawson Cole Fine Art, Townley Gallery and Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art.

The Maple Youth Ballet will present an enchanting adaptation of “Snow White” to Orange County dance audiences. Performances are at 1:30 p.m. and in the evening at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. A children’s afternoon tea and workshop with Snow White will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the UCI Student Conference Center. Tickets for Snow White are \$30 for adults and \$26 for children 12 and under and seniors. The children’s afternoon tea and workshop is an additional \$20 per person and may be purchased directly from the Maple Youth Ballet.

To order tickets for Snow White, please visit the Maple Youth Ballet page at [www.mapleconservatory.com/youthballet](http://www.mapleconservatory.com/youthballet) or the Irvine Barclay Theatre website. For the Afternoon Tea with Snow White, please call the Maple Youth Ballet at 949-660-9930.

Opportunities to support The Maple Youth Ballet are available at: [www.mapleconservatory.com/supportus/](http://www.mapleconservatory.com/supportus/) .

### **About the Maple Youth Ballet:**

Founded in 2007 by Charles Maple and Kathy Crade, the Maple Youth Ballet is a non-profit organization providing young dancers with the exposure, training and performance opportunities to bridge the gap between students and professional dancers, while at the same time, offering Orange County and surrounding Southern California communities with the highest quality performances at affordable prices. For more information about classes and future performances please visit [www.MapleConservatory.com/youthballet](http://www.MapleConservatory.com/youthballet) . Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mapleBallet](http://www.facebook.com/mapleBallet) or on Twitter @MapleBallet.

– Photo Caption: Charles Maple, Co-Founder and Artistic Director at The Maple Youth Ballet with Donalyn Kling of The Kling Family Foundation at the Annual Diamonds and Dance Gala at Black, Starr & Frost in Newport Beach, Calif.

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