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Midnight Reveries:

A Night in España

The Palm Beach Symphony transformed the Flagler Museum into a Spanish daytime for its 2016 annual gala, *Midnight Reveries: A Night in España*. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed a whimsical evening with cocktails, dinner, dancing and a live auction at the Spanish-themed evening, reminiscent of the childhood summers that inspired the Symphony's Artistic and Music Director, Ramón Tobar. The elegant affair raised over \$125,000 to help fulfill the Symphony's mission of cultivating classical music throughout the greater Palm Beaches as well as grow its community and educational outreach programs.

Guests were greeted by dancers in flamenco costumes and cocktails in the Great Hall followed by dinner in the West Room fully adorned with regional Spanish accents and finishing touches to complete the night's theme. Highlights of the evening included performances by Palm Beach Symphony's principal oboist, Claudio Jaffe, and guest artist, Dr. Rene Gonzalez, which quieted the room with riveting solo pieces. The evening closed with lively music by the Bob Harbeck Band and guests dancing into the midnight hour.

Dale McNulty, Palm Beach Symphony Board President, welcomed guests and thanked the Gala Chairs, Mary and Don Thompson, along with Honorary Chairs, Arlette Gordon and Dr. Elizabeth Bowden, for creating a spectacular evening in honor and memory of Dr. Ray Robinson, the former Music Director and General Manager of the Palm Beach Symphony. McNulty also honored special guest, the Hon. Conchita Cruz, Consul General of Spain in Miami, with one of Ramón Tobar's conductor batons in appreciation of his support and devotion not only to Tobar's talent

but also to the Palm Beach Symphony.

"This is an exciting year for the Palm Beach Symphony," noted David McElroy, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Symphony. "With the support of our members and the community, we continue to expand our reach through increased student programs, free community concerts and new venues, ensuring a future for the classical arts in Palm Beach County."

Guests in attendance at the gala included Dale and Marietta McNulty, Don and Mary Thompson, Charles and Ann Johnson, Peter Hryton, Don Epstein and Maxine Marks, James Biryussek, Adolfo Zarate, Arthur Benjamin, Gail Worth, Ed and Nancy Parker, Don and Nancy Kempf, Ruby Rinker, Joseph Andrew and Carol Pyle, Sandra and Paul Galster, Leonard and Norma Klafra, Lisa Pope and Dr. Robert Mookler, Doris Hastings, Leslie Blum, Philip Reagan, Gary Lachman and Stephen and Christina LaForte.

The Symphony thanks the Grand Maestro Benefactor Sponsor, Wally Findlay Galleries, for their generosity and support of the gala. Single tickets and subscriptions are on sale for the remaining 2015-2016 season. Performances this season include *Fortissimo* Evening on March 18th, and *Montmartre* Engagement April 10th with Lola Antonova. Additionally, memberships are offered at a variety of levels from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Palm Beach Symphony members enjoy exclusive events as well as social dining experiences with each performance at some of Palm Beach County's best restaurants such as Café Boulud, Club Colonne, Café Chambord and The Mar-a-Lago Club. For more information on tickets and membership opportunities, contact the Palm Beach Symphony at 561-655-2857 or e-mail info@palmbeachsymphony.org #2016_career

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