



PUTTIN ON THE RITZ GALA

Presented by the Noyes Fine Arts Foundation, the first annual “Puttin’ on the Ritz” Gala will be **KATY’S PREMIERE EVENT OF THE SEASON**. Because of the explosive population growth in the Katy area, which is a suburb in the Greater Houston Area, the need for the performing arts to have a home in Katy is apparent. The Noyes Fine Arts Foundation is planning on building a **STATE-OF-THE-ART PERFORMANCE CENTER** in Katy, Texas. This initiative is called the **Katy Grand Theatre Project**. Drawing on the vast experience of the current Board of Directors, Program Directors and members of the Katy community, the Katy Grand Theatre will be Katy’s premiere venue to view family-friendly, year-round musical theatre and participate in quality performing arts programs.

The Noyes Fine Arts Foundation, which is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization, has made great strides in the building of the \$5 million performance center. To date, over **\$3 million** in funding has been secured. **Less than \$2 million** still needs to be raised by the deadline of September 15, 2016. The Puttin’ on the Ritz’ Gala is the Noyes Fine Arts Foundation’s primary annual fundraiser. Through the connections to executive members in various industries in the Greater Houston Area, this Gala is expected to raise a large amount of the monies still needed to fund the Katy Grand Theatre project.

Held at the beautiful Briscoe Manor, the Puttin’ on the Ritz Gala will be a **BLACK TIE** affair that will become night to remember. The evening will begin with a red carpet entrance into Amy’s courtyard for **COCKTAILS UNDER THE STARS** where **LIVE MUSIC** from local Katy performers will provide the perfect backdrop for the beginning of this evening. At this time, **Dr. Jim Siebert, Chief Meteorologist at Fox 26**, as well as other **SPECIAL CELEBRITIES** with ties to the Greater Houston Area will be available for a meet and greet at our private reception for all of our gold ticket seat members. All guests will then be invited to enter Briscoe Manor’s main ballroom and join us for a gourmet meal created by the award winning “Behind the Bash” catering company. During this culinary feast, a program, emceed by Dr. Jim Siebert, and consisting of the recognition of the Noyes Fine Arts Foundation’s large donors, sponsors, musical performances and even a special secret surprise will give guests an evening of fun and delight. After dinner, the **SILENT AUCTION** tables will go live and guests will have the opportunity to bid and outbid each other for items donated by local businesses and artisans in the Greater Houston Area. During this time, **Dr. Jim Siebert will become our auctioneer** and will facilitate the auctioning of our large live auction items all while guests are enjoying **MINI CONCERTS** provided by local Katy talent. The event will end with a showstopper musical event on the gazebo on the lake followed by **FIREWORKS** over the lake symbolizing the celebration of the business community and the fine arts community coming together to build the Katy Grand Theatre and give the performing arts in Katy a home.

For more information about the Katy Grand Theatre Project and the “Puttin’ on the Ritz” Gala, please feel free to visit our website at www.nfaf.org