

OVERVIEW OF THE 2017 PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE OF DESIGN



WHO: Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA), a non-profit organization bringing music enrichment programs to Southern California.

WHAT: PSHA's annual fundraiser, the Pasadena Showcase House of Design, is one of the oldest, largest and most successful house and garden tours in the country. Now in its 53rd year, approximately 25,000 guests visit the Showcase annually.

WHEN: April 23 to May 21, 2017.

WHERE: Parking and complimentary shuttle service is at Pasadena Rose Bowl – Lot I, 360 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91103.

TICKETS: Tickets cost between \$35-45 and can be ordered by mail, online at PasadenaShowcase.org or by calling 714-442-3872.

OVERVIEW:

This year's Showcase House is a magnificent English Tudor designed by the prominent architectural firm of Marston & Van Pelt. It was constructed in 1916 at a cost of \$25,000 for lawyer-turned-actor Samuel Hinds and his wife.

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The 7,479 square foot main residence features six bedrooms, four bathrooms and two half-baths. The majestic two-acre compound includes a pool and badminton court on park-like grounds.

The grounds have numerous rose bushes, an arbor and more than 100 trees of various species. A pool is tucked among trees in a peaceful setting. With its several water features, faux bois bridge, leafy trees and sitting areas, the gardens feel a world away from the city.

The legacy of this estate is infused with Hollywood glamour. The original owner, Mr. Hinds, appeared in more than 200 films and is best known for playing Peter Bailey, the father of James Stewart's character and the founder of the Bailey Building and Loan, in *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946). Most recently, the house served as a set for several movies and television shows including the multi-award winning *La La Land* (its loggia and garden were the setting for a garden party at which Ryan Gosling's character played the piano), *Beaches* (it was the home of Barbara Hershey's character) and the 1985 version of *Alice in Wonderland*, along with television episodes of *Columbo*, *Parks and Recreation* and *Mad Men*.

The success of the Pasadena Showcase House of Design has enabled PSHA to make cumulative donations of more than \$21 million to support community music and arts programs throughout the community.