



PASADENA  
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*for the Arts*

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## **2017 PASADENA SHOWCASE HOUSE OF DESIGN HAS UNIQUE TIE TO CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIE “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”**

*This year marks 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of beloved film*

**PASADENA, CA**— “Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings,” has become a part of the holiday lexicon just as watching the movie the sentences is from, “It’s a Wonderful Life” has become a treasured holiday tradition. The American Film Institute has recognized the movie as one of the 100 best American films ever made. The organization also named it the number one most inspirational American movie of all time. Not bad for a film released 70 years ago this season.

The adored classic film has a special relationship to the 2017 Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts. The actor Samuel S. Hinds, who played Peter Bailey—father to James Stewart’s character George Bailey and the founder of the Bailey Building and Loan—was the builder and first owner of the 2017 Showcase House.

Hinds was a law school graduate and spent 32 years as an attorney. When his finances were devastated in the stock market crash of 1929, at the age of 54, he retired as a lawyer and began acting in Broadway shows and eventually Hollywood. He went on to perform in more than 300 films before his death in 1948. Hinds was also one of the founders of the Pasadena Playhouse.

Although the location of the 2017 Showcase House has yet to be disclosed, Hinds built the magnificent English Tudor home in 1916. Eventually, other families owned the property.

The Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA) invites you to tour the 2017 Showcase House for the Arts when it opens to the public from April 23 through May 21, 2017. Golden Tickets, which allow entrance to the home anytime it is open to the public, are available now through January 31 for \$60. New this year, VIP Packages include one Golden Ticket and one invitation to a coveted event never before available to the public: the Showcase Empty House Party. VIP packages are available through December 31, 2016. Visit [www.pasadenashowcase.org](http://www.pasadenashowcase.org) to purchase tickets.

### **About Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts**

PSHA supports local music education with one of the nation’s oldest and most successful house and garden tours. Through broad community support over the past 52 years of its annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design, PSHA has donated more than \$20 million to community music education programs. The all-volunteer, non-profit organization was founded in 1948. To

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