

Host Committee Overview for 2019 CYSO Gala: Chicago Soul

Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel

Event Details

Chicago Soul was born in the 1960s on the historic record row on South Michigan Avenue. The famous Chess Records taped legendary songs like “Rescue Me” (Fontella Bass), “At Last” (Etta James), and “Have You Seen Her” (Chi-Lites).

This year, CYSO will celebrate Chicago Soul at its gala, the single largest annual fundraising event of the year. Chaired by Board of Director Members Saurab & Anjani Bhargava and Kelly & Dennis Howe, the evening will feature a cocktail reception, mini-live auction, dinner, Symphony Orchestra and other student group performances, and a live auction for approximately 350 guests. The Note of Excellence award will honor Associate Conductor Terrance Gray for his 25th anniversary season with CYSO.

Host Committee Responsibilities

Host Committee members for the CYSO gala serve a critical role in the success of the event. By pledging to fill a full table of 10 at a minimum, the host committee helps to ensure that the evening raises both money and awareness for CYSO’s programs. Host Committee members also have opportunities to provide additional input on the event and are asked to provide introductions to potential sponsors and donors.

Table costs are \$4,000 for a full table or \$7,500 for a VIP table, which includes premium seating and wine during dinner service, and specialty desserts. Individual tickets are \$400 each and sponsorship options that include full tables range from \$5,000 - \$25,000. Kindly reserve your table by December 1.

Host Committee Benefits

- Recognition as Host Committee member on printed and emailed invitations, the CYSO event website, at the event, and in the evening’s event program book
- Early access to sponsorship opportunities, tables and event tickets
- Invitations for you and your guests to the VIP Kick Off Party (date TBA)
- Periodic updates on the progress of the event

To join the Host Committee, or for questions, contact Rachel Cantzler, Development Manager, at rcantzler@cyso.org or by phone at 312-939-2207 x 250