

NOCTURNE XXIII

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2026
RITZ-CARLTON NEW ORLEANS



AN EVENING WITH EMANUEL AX

NOCTURNE XXIII promises to be another unforgettable evening! This beautiful celebration of the piano includes a festive champagne reception, a multi-course seated dinner and the opportunity to hear internationally renowned pianist and recent winner of Musical America Awards' '2026 Artist of the Year' EMANUEL AX in an intimate concert setting of music lovers and musicians in support of the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans (MASNO)

PROUDLY SUPPORTING A VIBRANT MUSIC COMMUNITY AND THE ARTISTS VITAL TO ITS FUTURE.

For 46 years, the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans, home of the New Orleans International Piano Competition, has united artists and audiences through a shared love of music. We've dedicated ourselves to making the most of our funding to educate, enrich, and celebrate the vibrant culture of the city we call home, while sharing the beauty of New Orleans with the world. Through vital sponsorships, philanthropic support, and enthusiastic patrons, we continue to be an instrument for good.

NOCTURNE XXIII, our annual gala fundraiser, represents the collective investment in the work of MASNO. Through unwavering support of friends, patrons, and sponsors like you, NOCTURNE XXIII raises funds to support our mission of providing opportunities to hear some of the world's best musicians, developing enthusiastic audiences, nurturing talent, and championing music education. Funds from NOCTURNE XXIII will sustain and expand our core programs such as the New Orleans International Piano Competition, the New Orleans Piano Institute & Keyboard Festival, our local concert series' supporting area musicians, and educational initiatives throughout our region. This in turn helps launch musical careers, support families, enrich our community and inspire future generations of artists — all through the power of music.



NOCTURNE XXIII IS PRESENTED WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY FOUNDATION, RICHARD GOULA AND THE THISTLEWOOD FOUNDATION, THE RITZ-CARLTON NEW ORLEANS, STEINWAY & SONS, STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY OF NEW ORLEANS, WWO CLASSICAL NETWORK

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\$10,000+

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\$250

TICKET LEVELS

PATRON \$250

YOUNG PATRON (under 40) \$150

TABLE OF 10 (10 Patron tickets) \$2,500

Tickets include the Champagne Reception, Concert, by Emanuel Ax, and Seated Multi-Course Dinner

A portion of each ticket purchase is tax-deductible.

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