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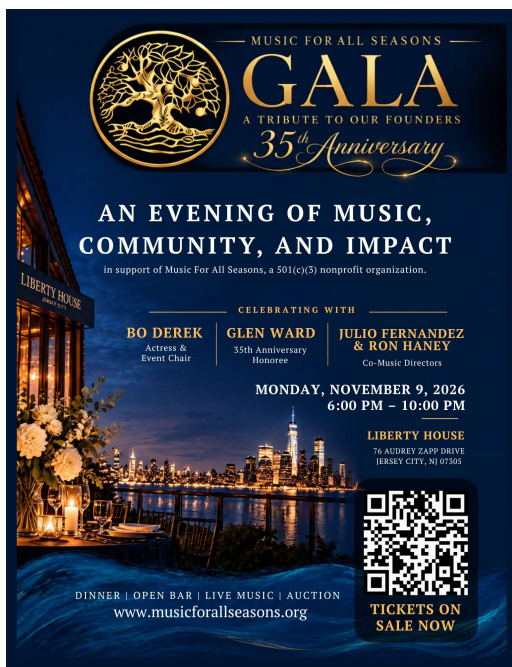
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Music For All Seasons Marks 35 Years with November 9 Fundraising Gala

Bo Derek chairs “A Tribute to Our Founders” at Liberty House in Jersey City



JERSEY CITY, New Jersey— Music For All Seasons (MFAS) will celebrate its 35th anniversary with “A Tribute to Our Founders,” a Gala on Monday, November 9, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Liberty House in Jersey City.

Proceeds support the professional musicians, staff, and resources needed to bring meaningful musical experiences to communities that may otherwise be unable to afford these programs.

Actress and philanthropist Bo Derek will serve as Event Chair, with Grammy-nominated artists Julio Fernandez and Ron Haney serving as Co-Music Directors. The evening will pay tribute to co-founders Rena H. Fruchter and the late Brian F. Dallow, whose vision established Music For All Seasons in 1991. Glen Ward, founder and president of Rhythm & Relief, and a past MFAS Board Member, will be recognized as the 35th Anniversary Honoree.

Set against the New York City skyline, the evening will feature dinner, an open bar, live music, special guests, Veteran guests, and an auction.

For 35 years, Music For All Seasons has brought professional musicians into community and care settings, including domestic violence shelters, juvenile detention centers, foster care residences, senior living communities, hospitals, and hospices. Its flagship Interactive Music Experiences invite people to listen, sing, explore instruments, and participate in live music.

Youth initiatives include the collaborative songwriting and recording programs Voices of Empowerment and Voices of Change, along with the Wide World of Music Project, which introduces music and cultures from around the world. MFAS also partners with Montclair State University's John J. Cali School of Music through the Cali Collective Ensemble to prepare emerging professional musicians for community engagement.

Through Voices of Valor, Veterans work with professional musicians to turn their experiences, thoughts, and words into lyrics and original music. Together, they record their song in a professional studio and celebrate its completion. No musical experience is needed. The program received the 2019 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award for Public Service.

"Voices of Valor in and of itself, they make you feel like family," said Valerie M. Johnson, a U.S. Navy Veteran and Voices of Valor participant, during an appearance on Advice Unfiltered Podcast with Chris and Tony.

Taking place two days before Veterans Day, the Gala will help sustain Voices of Valor and the organization's broader work with youth, adults, and seniors.

General admission tickets are \$275.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please visit www.musicforallseasons.org.

Payment options:

- Online: GiveButter — <https://givebutter.com/vl2dyg>
- By phone: Credit card payments can be made by calling (908) 322-6300
- By mail: Make checks payable to: Music For All Seasons, Inc. and mail them to:
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Supporters who are unable to attend are welcome to make a donation to support Music For All Seasons.

Liberty House is located at 76 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305, in Liberty State Park.

About Music For All Seasons

Founded in 1991, Music For All Seasons is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that nurtures human connection with under-resourced communities through healing musical experiences and inspiring creative collaborations with professional musicians. Through its programs and specialized initiatives, including Voices of Valor, Music For All Seasons brings the restorative power of music to Veterans, survivors of domestic violence, seniors, young people, and other communities.

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