



This September, Grammy honoree Burt Bacharach performs at the Sunset Center Gala, a fundraiser for arts education which includes a live auction and dinner.

Bacharach Brings a Touch of Broadway to Carmel

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Sunset Center Executive Director Christine Sandin spent several years trying to book eight-time Grammy honoree Burt Bacharach, who co-wrote hits like “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head” and “That’s What Friends Are For.”

When he finally takes the stage on September 29, he’ll headline the sixth annual Sunset Center Gala.

Special “An Evening with Burt Bacharach” tickets cover a red-carpet reception, dinner by Chef Kurt Grasing of Grasing’s Restaurant, a live auction and the show. An exclusive after party features an opportunity to meet Bacharach.

“We’re thrilled about this event. Burt Bacharach is a multigenerational performer who appeals to a broad range of our members, and he’ll draw new fans, too,” says Sandin.

Gala proceeds benefit the Sunset Center’s arts education initiatives including Classroom Connections, a 10-year-old campaign that takes performers into local classrooms and welcomes students at private Sunset Center shows.

Money raised also supports curriculum development through the Kennedy Center’s Partners in Education program and Turnaround Arts outreach in Greenfield and Seaside schools.

As it raises funds for the arts, the annual gathering strengthens community connections.

“This really feels like a locals’ event, full of old friends and new,” Sandin says.

The 2018 Sunset Center Gala tickets are \$400; show-only entrance ranges from \$95-\$135. For reservations, please visit www.sunsetcenter.org.