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Entertainment In The Hamptons

preview: bay street summer gala benefit bash

Bay Street Theatre will be celebrating its 15th season of professional regional theatre with a Summer Gala Benefit Bash on July 29th. Camille and Kelsey Grammer will host the benefit. Kelsey Grammer is well-known for his roles on the award-winning television shows "Frasier" and "Cheers." The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Harding Farm on Lumber Lane in Bridgehampton.

"It's going to be the party of the summer," says Stephen Hamilton, Executive Director and one of the founders of Bay Street Theatre. "We're celebrating our 15th birthday in a big way and it's also our biggest fundraising event of the year."

The night will feature a silent and live "fantasy" auction with guest auctioneer, Danny Gerroll. Gerroll is an actor and director who will be directing Bay Street's upcoming production of *Darwin In Malibu* by Crispin Whittell, with the cast of Anna Chlumsky, Richard Easton, Neal Huff, and Hal Linden. The items to be auctioned include two premium tickets to Barbra Streisand's upcoming concert at Madison Square Garden, a walk-on appearance in the television series "Rescue Me" starring Denis Leary, a Treasure Chest of Truman Capote memorabilia, house seats for Broadway shows, jewelry, sports packages, catered dinner parties, celebrity memora-



abilia, and much more.

"We want to make our Gala the 'not to be missed' party of the summer," says Murphy Davis, Co-Artistic Director. "The celebration will be packed with surprises and fabulous music, so be sure to put on your dancing shoes."

Euan Morton and members of the cast of Bay Street's recent production, *The Who's Tommy*, will entertain all in attendance with special performances. Guests will also be dancing to the sounds of New York City's premiere orchestra, *The Hank Lane Revue*. In addition, the evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a sit-down dinner.

Slated to attend the event are actors Alec Baldwin, Anne Kalember, Kate Burton, and Patricia Bagert, as well as producers Darren Bagert, Stewart Lane, Jamie DeRoy, and Marty Richards. Also expected to attend Bay Street's fundraiser are Tony Walton, Stuart Epstein, Pat Malloy, Daniel and Joanna Rose, Martin Harding (owner of the Harding Farm), Judith Hope (former New York State Democratic Chair and former East Hampton Town Supervisor), Steve and Colleen Levy, Jeff Pfeifle (President of J. Crew), Steven Flaherty (composer), and Steve Kroft (CBS News Correspondent).

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