

# An Evening of Music and Art in the Gardens

Under a clear blue sky, loyal supporters for the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG)** came together to celebrate philanthropy, music, art and nature with *An Evening of Music and Art in the Gardens*. The annual *Gardens Conservancy* event celebrated Palm Beach resident and ANSG Board of Trustees member, **Sara McCann**, who received the Ninth Annual *Ann Norton Award for Philanthropy*. The award is extended to an individual who through their leadership and support, embraces the mission of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens to enrich lives with nature, art and history.

"I would like to recognize our Trustee Sara McCann, and her husband Jim, who have devoted their visionary leadership every step of the way to the growth of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens with innumerable contributions of their talent, time and support," said **Frances Fisher**, Board Chairwoman for the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. "We are grateful for Sara's leadership, generosity and service to the community for over 20 years and we are proud to honor her with the *Ann Norton Award for Philanthropy*."

During the event, guests were entertained with a musical performance by **Nicolas King**, a distinguished jazz singer of standards, classic jazz and Broadway show tunes.

In her absence, **Jim McCann** read remarks from his wife Sara. "I have enjoyed serving on the Board for several years," said Mrs. McCann. "When Frances Fisher asked me if I would consider joining, it was an easy yes. We started coming to the Gardens through our daughter Caroline who was attending Palm Beach Day Academy at the time. The two institutions have been great partners in education over the years. I have been in awe of the accomplishments of the Board under Frances' leadership — from the restoration of the sculptures to the renovation of the main *Norton House, Artist Studio* — the sculpture gardens is more vibrant than ever and is a true community resource with an ever growing number of offerings and events. We are delighted and proud to participate in the ongoing support for such a wonderful organization and all it does for our community."

Leadership for the 2023 event included **Christine and Bill Aylward**, **Caroline and Nick Rafferty** and **Sally and Bill Soter**, Honorary Chairmen; **Susan and Bob Wright**, Chairmen; **Sarah and Tim Benitz**, **Frances and Jeff Fisher**, **Pamela Cohen and Nick Korniloff**, **Karyn Lamb**, and **Jodi and Holden Luntz**, Host Committee Chairmen; **David Miller and Ray Wakefield**, and **Christina and Harvey Oyer**, Protecting a Legacy Chairwomen; and **Sara J. Griffen**, National Advisory Council Chairwoman.

**CIBC Private Wealth** was the presenting sponsor for the evening.

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**FIRST ROW:** Frances and Jeff Fisher; Susan Wright and Jim McCann; Bill and Christine Aylward; Sarah and Tim Benitz; Nick Korniloff and Pamela Cohen; Holden and Jodi Luntz; **SECOND ROW:** Susan Lloyd with Harry and Gigi Benson; David Miller and Ray Wakefield; Richard Pollack, Karyn Lamb, Cynthia Sulzberger and Steven Green; Sara and Tom Griffen; Elliott Davis and John Paoletta; **THIRD ROW:** James Hall and Mary Paige Evans; Diane and Clyde McNeal; Helene and Matt Lorentzen; Jackie and Beau Breckenridge; Thonda Long Sharp, Margaret Horan and Nicole Sharp