



ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE  
ANNUAL GALA  
2021



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***Annual Gala 2021: Sock Hop at the Drive-In***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1, 2021</b>
<b>EVENT</b>	Asolo Rep's Annual Gala returns with an all-new socially distanced format. The event will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a drive-in "movie" featuring Asolo Rep's greatest moments, followed by a seated dinner, paddle raise, performance, live music and dancing – all from the safety and comfort of your own drive-in lot! Gala proceeds support the artists in Asolo Rep's 2020/21 season and our award-winning Education & Engagement programs, which help students develop an appreciation for the arts while gaining empathy and insight into the lives of others through experiencing, discussing and creating live theatre.
<b>THEME</b>	Sock Hop – a lively, informal dance event popular among teenagers in the 1950s. It featured novelty dances and vinyl records playing early rock and roll music that celebrated young love and freedom. From the early days as Red Cross fundraisers, to participants dancing in socks in a high school gymnasium, sock hops bring back an irreplaceable, mid-century nostalgia. Approx. decade: 1950s
<b>GALA CHAIRS</b>	Mary Braxton-Joseph, Tammy Karp, Donna Koffman and Elisabeth Waters
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	Musical entertainment to be announced soon
<b>AUCTION</b>	A raffle and auction of unique items - all done via mobile bidding
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota 34235</b>
<b>TIME/PROGRAM</b>	5PM Cocktail Reception and Raffle 6PM Drive-In Movie 6:45PM Dinner, Performance, Live Auction and Paddle Raise 8:30PM Music and Dancing
<b>DRESS</b>	1950s Sock Hop-Inspired or Semi-Formal
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>	All food and beverage will be served safely by Michael's On East staff
<b>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b>	This event will adhere to all COVID-19 health and safety event guidelines. Guests will be expected to follow all guidelines. We will be monitoring and updating our guidelines continuously, so please go to <a href="http://www.asolorep.org/annualgala">www.asolorep.org/annualgala</a> for a full, up-to-date list.
<b>PRICES</b>	TABLES: \$15,000, \$10,000, \$6,000, \$4,000   TICKETS: \$1,000, \$600, \$400
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