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1. Doug Freeman, Alec Glasser 2. Daniel Niazi, Mo Honarkar 3. Chris and Danielle Bressoud 4. Sam Winkler, Wendy Misner, Alec Glasser 5. Kevin Sadati and Nazli Azimi 6. Carol Eastman 7. The venue 8. Cueva Entertainment

**THE DRAKE AFTER DARK**

A speakeasy-themed event, The Drake After Dark raised \$190,000 on Dec. 1 at seven-degrees to benefit Save The Music Foundation through The Drake Gives, a Laguna Beach-based nonprofit that aims to provide underserved youth with music education, instruments and other materials. The Drake Gives was launched in 2021 by The Drake restaurant and live music venue, which was founded by Alec Glasser. This year's speakeasy event featured a Prohibition-era hideout with live entertainment, signature cocktails, dinner by chef Donald Lockhart's culinary team and a live auction. The event also honored Doug Freeman, CEO and executive chairman of OC Music and Dance, a nonprofit performing arts school in Irvine. He also established National Philanthropy Day and has supported numerous area nonprofits. Since The Drake Gives' inception, it has raised nearly \$500,000 to support Save The Music Foundation, which is able to provide one child with an instrument and music instruction for one year for every \$50 raised. Notably, funds raised at The Drake After Dark will directly impact underserved youth within OC public schools. (thedrakelaguna.com) —Sharon Stello

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