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Pittsburgh Opera presents Maecenas XXVII
Honoring Cardinal Donald Wuerl with the Lifetime Achievement Award

Pittsburgh, PA... [Pittsburgh Opera](#) presents its 27th annual Maecenas benefit gala on Saturday, May 14 at 6:30 PM in the Company's Strip District headquarters at [2425 Liberty Avenue](#). Consistently recognized as one of Pittsburgh top ten parties, Maecenas XXVII honors Cardinal Donald Wuerl with the Lifetime Achievement Award and Kathe and Jim Patrinos with the Maecenas Award.

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Pittsburgh Opera's Maecenas Gala is named for Gaius Cilnius Maecenas, the wealthy Roman statesman whose name has become a byword for patrons of the arts. Known to attendees as a glamorous evening with a healthy dose of panache, the gala begins with a private reception for VIPs with Cardinal Wuerl in the Company's transformed performance space, then continues with cocktails at 6:30 PM, followed by an elegant three-course meal at 7:30 PM, staged by tastemaker Bob Sendall and *All In Good Taste Productions*.

Following dinner, Pittsburgh Opera will honor Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patrinos with this year's Maecenas Award, in recognition of their long-standing support of the Company, and for their role in the acquisition and refurbishment of the Opera's new home in the former George Westinghouse, Jr. Air Brake Factory. Pittsburgh Opera will present its Lifetime Achievement Award to Cardinal Donald Wuerl, for the far-reaching and profound effect that his work and influence has had on the city and region. While the only other Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Mrs. Nadine E. Bognar, former Pittsburgh Opera Board President and philanthropist, the award's scope is not limited to Pittsburgh Opera benefactors. "It is intended to honor those who give so much of themselves to Pittsburgh and its people, enriching us all," said Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn.

Throughout the evening, the [Resident Artists of Pittsburgh Opera](#) will delight attendees with a number of appearances and surprises, then guests will hit the dance floor to the sounds of [In the Mood](#). This year's Maecenas party again features a special entrance at 10:00 PM for late-nighters who can drop in to enjoy drinks, desserts, and dancing.

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Tickets for the entire gala evening are \$750 for individuals, with sponsorships beginning at \$2500. Tickets for the 10:00 PM entrance are \$100 each. To make a tribute gift, purchase a table or to make single reservations, contact Samuel Badger at (412) 281-0912 ext. 225 or sbadger@pittsburghopera.org.

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