

Big-Name Artist, "Don't Call Me Francis' Band Both at 33rd Stockton Benefit Gala

Benefit for College's Scholarship Fund to Be Held at Revel April 27

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Galloway Township, NJ – A big-name artist whose identity will not be announced until the night of the event tops the entertainment provided by Revel at the 33rd Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Revel in Atlantic City.

"Don't Call Me Francis," a high-energy dance band also provided by Revel, will perform following the surprise entertainer's after-dinner show. The Stockton Faculty Band will play during the cocktail hour and dinner.

"Over the past 10 years, the Gala has raised more than \$5 million for scholarships, benefiting hundreds of students during that time," said Dr. Philip Ellmore, executive director of College Foundation of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

"The need for student scholarships has never been greater," Ellmore said, "and the Gala provides a wonderful way for Stockton's alumni and friends to make a difference in the lives of our students. Please join us for what promises to be a great evening."

Tickets are \$225 per person for the event, which includes a cocktail reception, a silent auction and dinner, followed by entertainment and dancing. **-more-**

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The Gala's honorary chairman is Dirk Schavemaker, senior vice president of Operations at Revel. Co-chairs are John Schultz and Gary Hill, co-founders of the Schultz-Hill Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting southern New Jersey arts, history and education. Lisa Johnson, president of Lisa Johnson Communications, chairs the auction.

Top sponsors to date for the event include Avalon Carpet, Tile and Flooring, IBEW Local 351, The Press of Atlantic City, Revel Entertainment, Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Chartwells, Follett Higher Education Group, Horizon Eye Care, NBC 40, Dr. Jo Frances Stow, Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA), Azeez Foundation, Caesars Entertainment, Cape Resorts Group, Ciccone, Gotthold & Koseff CPAs, Tony and Fran Coppola, Just Four Wheels, H. Paxson & Michelle Keates, Kramer Beverage Company, Liberty Mutual, Marathon Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., Metropolitan Business & Citizens Association, Nelbud Services Group, Inc., Dean and Zoe Pappas, Pennoni Associates, Inc., Pepsi Beverage Company, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Quantum Capital Management, L.L.C, South Jersey Industries, Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, Tropicana Casino and Resort, Trump Entertainment Resorts, U.A. Local Union 322 and the Yoh Foundation.

The Foundation is seeking additional sponsorships and donations to the silent auction. To donate or become a sponsor, visit www.stockton.edu/gala.

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