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Vision of Peace*

SIXTH ANNUAL PEACE GALA

SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Benefitting the Student Scholarship Fund



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Reception • Silent Auction • Gala Dinner • Live Auction • Dancing

Special Guest Entertainer

Grammy award-winning recording artist



Judy Collins



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Soka University Holds Sixth Annual Peace Gala to Provide Scholarship Funds for Students

"Celebrating a Vision of Peace" features Grammy award-winning artist Judy Collins

Aliso Viejo, Calif., Sept. 29, 2010 – Soka University of America (SUA) today announced that its sixth annual Peace Gala, "Celebrating a Vision of Peace," will be held on the Soka University of America campus on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Proceeds from the Gala will help provide full tuition scholarships for admitted students whose families make \$60,000 or less a year.

This year, SUA is honored to announce that Grammy award-winning recording artist Judy Collins will delight the audience with her impressive repertoire of music spanning 50 years. Ms. Collins has a very special interest in supporting the university, because her granddaughter Hollis is a student at SUA, and is now in her junior year.

Back by popular demand, Patrick Duffy, best known for his role as Bobby Ewing on TV's *Dallas*, and also as Frank Lambert on the long-running ABC sitcom *Step By Step*, will be returning for the sixth consecutive year as master of ceremonies.

Joan May and Dita Shemke will serve as event co-chairs for the fourth year, with John Marzullo and Terry Mitchell as honorary co-chairs.

"We're honored to have a woman with such talent and charm as our special guest," said Co-Chair Joan May. "Judy Collins is not only an enlightened, beautiful and articulate woman, but her exquisite voice will take your breath away. Recordings don't do her justice; you have to hear her sing in person. It's amazing to witness the collective gasp from the audience upon hearing those first few notes."

"This year's decor is more alluring and sensual than in prior years - sort of a Dr. Zhivago winter's night theme. It's always a challenge to come up fresh ideas to wow our guests when they enter the ballroom," said May. "Last year they were stunned by the vibrant reds, this year I hope they'll feel the enchantment of moonlight and candles."

Tax-deductible tickets to this enchanting evening are \$300. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and silent auction in the Founders Hall Art Gallery, and then proceed to the main venue for dinner, entertainment, live auction and dancing. Proceeds of the evening will provide scholarships for Soka University students who come from around the world to experience Soka's unique educational experience founded upon the principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life. SUA founder Daisaku Ikeda said, "The ultimate goal of a Soka education is to foster people of character who continuously strive for the greatest good – that of peace."

Soka University is a private, four-year liberal arts college and graduate school located on 103-acres overlooking a wilderness park in Aliso Viejo, Calif. SUA offers a 9:1 student/faculty ratio and study abroad for every undergraduate student. Soka University is founded upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life and is open to top students of all nationalities and beliefs. About half of SUA's students come from the U.S. and half from more than 40 other countries. SUA offers free tuition to eligible admitted students whose annual earned family income is \$60,000 or less.

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Editors Notes:

- Who:** Soka University of America
- What:** Sixth Annual Peace Gala, “Celebrating a Vision of Peace,” featuring special guest entertainer Judy Collins
- When:** Saturday, October 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Where:** Soka University Campus, One University Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
- Why:** Proceeds of the evening will provide scholarships for Soka University students who come from around the world to experience Soka’s unique educational experience founded upon the principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.
- Tickets:** \$300 per person, tables for 10 are \$3,000
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Judy Collins



Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of interpretative folksongs and contemporary themes. Her impressive career has spanned more than 50 years. At 13, Judy Collins made her public debut performing Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos but it was the music of such artists as Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, as well as the traditional songs of the folk revival, that sparked Judy's love of lyrics. She soon moved away from the classical piano and began her lifelong love with the guitar.

In 1961, Judy Collins released her first album, *A Maid of Constant Sorrow*, at the age of 22 and began a thirty-five year association with Jac Holzman and Elektra Records. She interpreted the songs of fellow artists - particularly the social poets of the time such as Bob Dylan, Phil Ochs and Tom Paxton. Judy was instrumental in bringing other singer-songwriters to a wider audience including poet/musician Leonard Cohen – and musicians Joni Mitchell and Randy Newman.

Judy Collins is also noted for her rendition of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" on her 1967 album, *Wildflowers* which has since been entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Winning "Song of the Year" at the 1975 Grammy Awards was Judy's version of "Send in the Clowns," a ballad written by Stephen Sondheim for the Broadway musical "A Little Night Music."

Judy has continued an impressive musical career with an extensive catalog from every decade throughout the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and up to the present. On July 27, 2010, Collectors' Choice Music will reissue (digitally remastered) nine CDs of Collins' Elektra titles: *Fifth Album* (1965), *In My Life* (1966), *Whales & Nightingales* (1970), *True Stories & Other Dreams* (1973), *Bread & Roses* (1976), *Running for My Life* (1980), *Times of Our Lives* (1982), *Home Again* (1984) and *Christmas at the Biltmore* (1997). These albums contain newly commissioned liner notes by Ritchie Unterberger that include interviews with Collins.

Judy has authored several books, including the inspirational memoir *Sanity & Grace*, focusing on the death of her only son and the healing process following the tragedy; it speaks to all who have endured the sorrow of losing a loved one before their time. She is also co-director, with Jill Godmillow, of an Academy Award-nominated film about Antonia Brico, the first woman to conduct major symphonies around the world—and Judy's classical piano teacher when she was young. In 1999, Judy founded her own record label, Wildflower Records - a grass roots artist driven label committed to nurturing fresh talent. The aim of the label is to develop long-term relationships with artists and their representatives in a way that Judy's own career was nurtured by major labels. For more information about Wildflower Records you can visit the label's website at www.wildflowerrecords.com.

Judy Collins' social history has always been linked with her musical history. Judy is drawn to social activism and is a representative for UNICEF and campaigns on behalf of the abolition of landmines, amongst many other causes.

Patrick Duffy



Patrick Duffy is one of the best loved and most recognized faces in America today. As one reviewer said, "There's no doubt that his strength and genuine, warm presence makes him one of television's favorite leading men."

Duffy is best known as Larry Hagman's younger brother, Bobby Ewing on the television series *Dallas* and as Suzanne Somers's husband, Frank Lambert on the television sitcom, *Step by Step*. In 1976, Duffy got the role of Mark Harris in the television series *The Man from Atlantis*. Two years later, he got his big break in the role of Bobby Ewing on the TV series, *Dallas*, a role he played until 1991 (except for his notorious one-year absence from 1985 to 1986 that culminated in the surprise season finale where Duffy mysteriously reappeared in his wife Pam Ewing's shower; she had dreamed up his writing-off and the season after his "death").

During this time, he continued to hold a variety of roles in various TV specials. He also did some independent film work like 1984's *Vamping* with co-star David Booze.

By the end of *Dallas*' run in 1991, Duffy switched to another popular television role, as the head of the Lambert family (alongside TV wife Suzanne Somers) on the family sitcom, *Step by Step*, a role which ran until the show's cancellation in 1998. During that time, he also starred in the *Dallas* reunion movies "JR Returns" and "War of the Ewings."

Both actor and director, Duffy directed more than 30 episodes of "Dallas" and alternated as director of "Step by Step."

Duffy continues to act in the occasional guest or voice acting appearance, including the shows *Family Guy* (in which he appeared once, in person, as Bobby Ewing with Victoria Principal's Pam), *Justice League* and *Touched by an Angel*. Recently Patrick has starred in television movies *Falling in Love With the Girl Next Door* and *Desolation Canyon*. In 2006, Duffy began a limited run on the daytime soap *The Bold and the Beautiful* and the Hallmark Channel miniseries *Broken Trail*.

Duffy's most recent endeavor can be seen on YouTube in the Patrick and the Crab series that was created by his son, Conor Duffy, and his daughter-in-law, Emily Cutler, who are television producers/writers.

Duffy is married to Carlyn Duffy and has two sons, Padraic and Conor; the family has homes in Los Angeles and Oregon.

Daniel Y. Habuki, PhD



Japan, Habuki introduced American-style instruction inside and outside of the classroom, setting a standard that has been followed throughout the university system.

Habuki received his PhD in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University in 1984 where he received a prestigious grant from the Hops Administrative Committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He received his MA in Economics from the University of Southern California in 1980 and his BA in Economics from Soka University in Japan in 1975. Habuki also studied economics at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. He is the author of a number of papers on the U.S. rice and hop industries and is a member of the American Association of Agricultural Economics and the Agricultural Economics Association of Japan.

Habuki and his wife, Hiroko, have two daughters, Kaneko and Takako.

Daniel Habuki was appointed in 1993 as the first President for Soka University of America. He is responsible for the administration, academic programs and development of the university. Habuki previously served as Executive Vice President for Soka University of America and as Director of the Overseas Academic Affairs Office for Soka University in Japan.

The SUA Board of Trustees selected Habuki as the university's first president because his international experience, administrative skills and dedication to teaching exemplified the mission of Soka University of America. As an Associate Professor with the Institute for Comparative Studies of Cultures at Soka University in

Facts About Soka University of America

Soka University is a private, non-profit, four-year liberal arts college and graduate school located on 103-acres in south Orange County, California in the City of Aliso Viejo. SUA is just one mile from the beach, and located in the heart of Southern California's abundance of cultural, educational, sporting and adventure opportunities.

SUA offers a 9:1 student/faculty ratio (average class size 13) and study abroad is included in tuition so that every undergraduate spends a semester living and learning another culture. Proudly founded upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life, SUA offers a non-sectarian curriculum that is open to top students of all nationalities and beliefs. About half of our students come from the US and half from more than 40 other countries.

SUA offers generous financial aid to both US and International students, with free tuition available to eligible admitted students whose earned family income is \$60,000 or less (room and board fees still apply.) The mission of Soka University is to "foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life."

Application Deadlines: October 15 (Early Action) and January 15 (Regular Deadline).

- An independent, non-profit, public-benefit co-educational institution of higher education
- Graduate School opened in 1994
- Liberal Arts college opened in 2001
- Open to top students of every nationality and belief
- Outstanding faculty
- 9 to 1 student/faculty ratio
- Small seminar classes (average class size 13 for undergraduate program, 8 for graduate program)
- About half of SUA students have come from the U.S. and half have come from more than 40 other countries.
- Library with 225,000-volume capacity, reading rooms and rare books facility. We currently offer: Print Books: 80,850 volumes; Electronic Books: 47,700 titles; Print Periodicals: 300 titles; Electronic Periodicals: 18,500 full-text titles; Databases: 70 (Most of them with full-text access); VHS/DVDs: 1,700 titles; Audio CDs: 430 titles
- Computer access in classrooms, library, residence halls and central outside gathering areas.
- Beautiful 103-acre campus in South Orange County, California is one mile from the Pacific Ocean and Laguna Beach's main beach (if you're a bird.) It's about 7 miles to drive to the beach.
- SUA is located in the city of Aliso Viejo and is 400 ft. above sea level.
- Campus surrounded by a 4,000-acre wilderness park on 85 percent of its border.
- Laptop computer for each entering undergraduate student included in tuition.
- Semester of study abroad for undergraduates in the junior year included in tuition.



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