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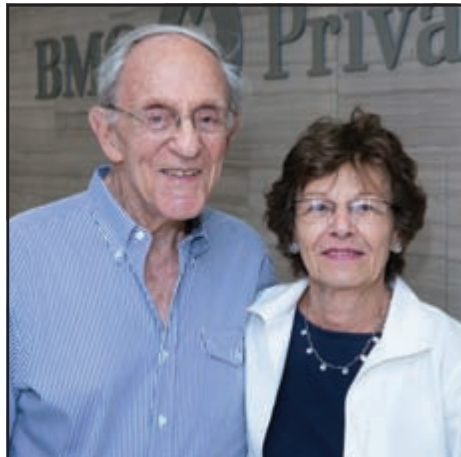
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Top physicians and scientists from Mass. Eye and Ear present free symposium at The Colony

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Anyone seeking information on vision and hearing loss is invited to a free symposium by physicians and scientists from Massachusetts Eye and Ear, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach.



LOEWENSTEIN

Massachusetts Eye and Ear is home to the world's largest privately funded vision and hearing research programs, including the Schepens Eye Research Institute, Center for Human Hearing and the Ocular Genomics Institute.

Registration, complimentary coffee and a continental breakfast buffet, as well as a display of low vision aids provided by Magnifying America will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the program from 10 a.m. to noon. A Q&A session concludes the event.

Those attending will learn about vision-saving research and the latest treatment options for age-related macular degeneration and other blinding eye diseases. Research and treatment for restoring hearing will also be presented.

John Loewenstein, M.D., will present "New Frontiers in AMD Research." Dr. Loewenstein is vice chair for medical education and associate professor of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School as well as the associate chief for graduate medical education and associate clinical chief of ophthalmology at

Massachusetts Eye and Ear.

Richard A. Godfrey, on staff at Mass. Eye and Ear, will provide a personal perspective on living with macular degeneration.

Steven Rauch, M.D., will present "Advances in Age Related Hearing & Balance Disorders." Dr. Rauch is vice chair for academic affairs and professor of otology and laryngology at Harvard Medical School. In addition, he is chief in the department of otolaryngology, vestibular division, at Massachusetts Eye and Ear. President and CEO of Mass.



RAUCH

Eye and Ear John Fernandez will welcome guests and introduce the speakers.

Kathryn Vecellio and Hermé de Wyman Miro will once again serve as honorary co-chairs.

The 2015 co-chairs will be Sandy Krakoff and Mary Freitas.

Sponsors include The Broadhurst Foundation, The Daphne S. Culpeper Memorial Foundation, Hermé de Wyman Miro, The International Society of Palm Beach and John Palmer, Magnifying America.

Media sponsors include Classical South Florida Radio, *Florida Weekly* and Palm Beach Society magazine.

Call 617-523-7900 or visit MassEyeAndEar.org. Seating is limited; registration is required.

To register, visit MassEyeAndEar.org/symposia or call 800-536-8327. ■

Conductor Stewart Robertson to retire from Atlantic Classical Orchestra

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Atlantic Classical Orchestra is losing its leader at the end of the 2015 season.

Artistic Director and Conductor Stewart Robertson also plans to discontinue his worldwide conducting activities because of health complications associated with Parkinson's. The ACO has appointed a committee led by ACO Chairman Ed Lahey to conduct a national search for a new artistic director and conductor.



ROBERTSON

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Robertson joined the orchestra in 2004, bringing international experience from both the opera house and concert hall. Under Mr. Robertson, the ACO expanded its programming to include pre-concert lectures, a three-concert

Chamber Music Series, and a four-part educational program, Behind the Baton. Mr. Robertson also pushed for collaborations, including one with Miami's Dranoff International Two Piano Competition. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Robertson directed the ACO and guest artist Elmar Oliviera in the Schumann violin concerto, which was recorded live in 2012 at Lynn University in Boca Raton. The performance led to the ACO's first commercial recording, an all-Schumann CD in 2013.

"I fully expect to remain involved in music in a non-performing capacity such as artistic consultancy, development of an online version of my Behind the Baton seminars, and to continue my work with younger composers and conductors," Mr. Robertson said in a statement.

The ACO's 25th Anniversary Season continues with "The World of Strauss & Beethoven" concerts on Feb. 10, 12 and 13 in Palm Beach Gardens, Vero Beach and Stuart. Call 772-460-0850 or visit ACO-music.org. ■

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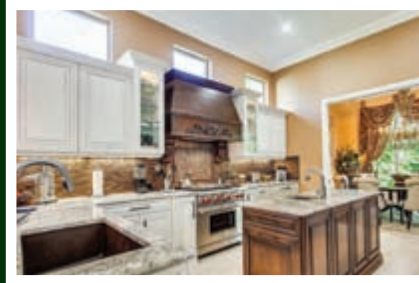
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Vision, hearing program Feb. 12

Massachusetts Eye and Ear, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, will present its Palm Beach vision and hearing research symposium on Feb. 12 at The Colony.

Topics include New Frontiers in Age-related Macular Degeneration Research, Blinding Diseases: A Patient Perspective and Advances in Age-related Hearing and Balance Disorders. The program is set to begin at 9 a.m. A question-and-answer session will follow.

To register or for more information, call (800) 536-8327 or visit www.MassEyeAndEar.org/symposia.

—**DAVID ROGERS**



Vision & Hearing Research Symposium

KICKOFF

The latest treatments and clinical research on vision and hearing loss were presented by Harvard-affiliated scientists from **Massachusetts Eye and Ear**, when **Mary and Mark Freitas** hosted a cocktail reception at their Palm Beach home to kickoff the *Vision & Hearing Research Symposium*.

John Fernandez, President and CEO of Massachusetts Eye and Ear, traveled from Boston to attend the gathering and to welcome supporters. **Dr. Tina Stankovic**, an Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology and Laryngology at Harvard Medical School and Associate Surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology and **Dr. John Loewenstein**, Vice Chair for Medical Education and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School as well as the Associate Chief for Graduate Medical Education and Associate Clinical Chief of Ophthalmology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, discussed the newest research and clinical treatments available for hearing and vision loss.

Offered as a community service and free to the public, the annual symposium included a complimentary continental breakfast, display of low vision aids and a question-and-answer session. **Kathryn Vecellio** and **Hermé de Wyman Miro** served as Honorary Chairmen for the Palm Beach Symposium. **Mary and Mark Freitas** along with **Sandra Krakoff** served as Co-Chairmen.

For more information call 617.523.7900 or visit MassEyeAndEar.org.

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Scene+Be Seen

More than 200 Palm Beach supporters of Massachusetts Eye and Ear, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, met to learn about vision-saving research and the latest treatment options for age-related macular degeneration. The "2015 Vision & Hearing Research Symposium" took place at The Colony Hotel. The presentation also explored research and treatment for restoring hearing.

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Christi Thompson and Michael Dyer



Kathryn Vecellio and John Fernandez



Mary and Mark Freitas



George Elmore and Marti LaTour



Kimberly Kosanovich, left, Sandy Krakoff and Angela Godfrey



Suzanne Kouri and John Palmer



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