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Chef's Table event benefits Park Theater renovation fund

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Laura Magu and Chef Paul Lecugy-Magu of Lafayette's local, Michelin-acclaimed, REVE Bistro hosted an intimate, sold-out Chef's Table event, "Meet me in Paris ... No Flight Required," in the REVE garden on Sunday, May 15. The themed-event featured an exquisitely prepared tasting menu with wines especially selected by REVE master sommelier, Rebecca Fineman. All food and wine were generously donated by REVE Bistro, along with the service by their excellent wait staff. Laura and Chef Paul were also very generous with their time in the planning and organization of this event, which quickly sold out and raised over \$30,000 for the Park Theater renovation capital campaign.

"Thanks to REVE very generously donating their staff and lovely garden, champagne for the pre-dinner reception, all the wine (which was handpicked to accompany the meal by their sommelier), and the fantastic, truly exceptional six-course meal, we raised almost \$33,000 toward the \$5 million goal," said Tracey Karsten Farrell, Park Theater Trust board member.

Peter Hartlaub, culture critic for the San Francisco Chronicle, and operators-to-be, Adam Bergeron and Jaimi Holker of CinemaSF, were panelists in a conversation that focused on the role of the Park within the greater East Bay community, and the importance of independent cinema in general, Farrell said. The French jazz duo, Duo Gadjo, provided the live music.

The evening was made even more memorable by the elegant garden design donated by Randall Barnes,

and gift bags of goodies from Wine Thieves, La Chetaigne, Susan Goldie Art, and Cinema SF. The event co-chairs were Susan Goldie and Courtney Anderson.

"It is generous partnerships like these that make such a difference in our community," TPTT board members Farrell and Kathy Bowles said, "and will have such impact on efforts like the restoration of our historic and much-loved Park Theater."

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