



**SAN FRANCISCO OPERA GUILD AND NEIMAN MARCUS PRESENT
THE ART OF FASHION RUNWAY SHOW AND LUNCHEON ON MAY 28**

Proceeds Benefit San Francisco Opera Guild Education Programs



Photos: San Francisco Opera Guild fashion shows (Drew Altizer Photography)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (May 21, 2025) — San Francisco Opera Guild and Neiman Marcus, a Saks Global luxury retailer, present *The Art of Fashion*, a luncheon and runway show on Wednesday, May 28 at Neiman Marcus' San Francisco store. The benefit event, with a special appearance by **Chloe King**, Director of Fashion & Lifestyle at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, spotlights the latest fashion trends while supporting the future of music education in the Bay Area.

The event features a champagne reception, followed by a fall fashion trends presentation by King and a runway show showcasing Neiman Marcus' latest collections from beloved designers, including Brunello Cucinelli, Carolina Herrera, Etro, Libertine, Monique Lhuillier, Michael Kors and Tom Ford. Guests will also enjoy an exclusive luncheon in an elegant setting designed by **J. Riccardo Benavides** and an exclusive opportunity for a personal fitting experience with a Neiman Marcus expert style advisor.



"*The Art of Fashion* showcases the pinnacle of seasonal style from our most beloved brands. We're delighted to bring this thoughtfully curated collection to San Francisco for this exclusive event," says **Chloe King**. "Our San Francisco clientele is bold, discerning and fashion-forward—we're confident they'll be captivated by this exceptional runway presentation and the selection crafted especially with them in mind."

Proceeds from the event, co-chaired by **Robert H. Beadle**, **Katie Colendich** and **Kathy Huber**, will go towards helping thousands of Bay Area K–12 students develop confidence, compassion, critical thinking and other life skills through the San Francisco Opera Guild's award-winning music education programs.

The event co-chairs said: "We are so excited to be putting a new spin on San Francisco Opera Guild's spring fashion show this year as we team up with Neiman Marcus to present *The Art of Fashion* Runway Show and Luncheon. Our guests will receive an exclusive sneak peek of upcoming fall fashion trends. We are aiming for *The Art of Fashion* Runway Show and Luncheon to reflect the diversity of our audience's fashion tastes through showcasing a multitude of meticulously curated designer collections. This event format will broaden people's fashion landscape and have everyone in attendance leaving with new pieces they love!"

Opera Guild President **Courtney Labe** said: "We are thrilled to bring *The Art of Fashion* to San Francisco. This event is one of the San Francisco Opera Guild's biggest fundraisers of the year; reserving a ticket helps bring vital music education programs to over 60,000 children across the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Co-chairs Robert H. Beadle, Katie Colendich and Kathy Huber have put a tremendous amount of work into this event; I am grateful for their dedication."

This fundraiser event will take place at Neiman Marcus' San Francisco location (150 Stockton Street), beginning with a champagne reception at 11 a.m. At 12 p.m., guests will be treated to *The Art of Fashion* runway fashion show, followed by a luncheon, with décor by J. Riccardo Benavides.

Tickets are priced at \$500/Patron; \$1,500/Benefactor; and \$2,500/Grand Benefactor (limited availability). Guests at the Benefactor and Grand Benefactor levels will receive an invitation to an intimate champagne reception with King the evening prior to the fashion show (May 27). Grand Benefactor level patrons will also be invited to stay for a private dinner with King that same evening. For tickets and more information, visit sfopera.com/FashionShow or contact Teddy Reich/San Francisco Opera Guild at treich@sfopera.com or (415) 565-6433.

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ABOUT SAKS GLOBAL:

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ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO OPERA GUILD

Founded in 1939, San Francisco Opera Guild is a leader in music and arts education across Northern California. Its mission—"to give voice to potential"—centers on celebrating diverse voices in education and community settings, as well as developing a forward-thinking, philanthropic community committed to fostering the future of opera. San Francisco Opera Guild produces some of the most prestigious events on the Bay Area's philanthropic calendar,

including partnering with San Francisco Opera to present *Opera Ball*. The Guild's education programs engage students of all ages, employing artists and educators to share the beauty of this art form through the Opera Previews series, workshops and a full menu of in-school and community programming for children from early childhood through high school.

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