

National Jewish Health Beaux Arts FREEDOM Ball Celebrates America

20th Anniversary Event on Feb. 25 Salutes Past Grand Marshals

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DENVER — The 20th Anniversary Beaux Arts Ball, one of the most anticipated gala events in Denver, takes place on February 25 at Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum. This year's event will recognize the 2017 Grand Marshals as well as the many honorees before them who have made a difference in the Denver community. The Beaux Arts FREEDOM Ball is presented by **Morgridge Family Foundation** and benefits care and research at National Jewish Health.



Beaux Arts FREEDOM Ball grand marshals Richard & Cathey Finlon, Donald Kortz & Mary Lou Blackledge Kortz, Michael & Debbie Feiner, and Julie & Brent Morse.

[Debbie and Michael Feiner](#), [Cathey and Richard Finlon](#), [Mary Lou Blackledge Kortz and Donald Kortz](#), and [Julie and Brent Morse](#) will join the prestigious group of Beaux Arts Ball Grand Marshals, honored for their business, community and philanthropic leadership. Honorary Chair [A. Barry Hirschfeld](#) will be recognized for his dedication and leadership of the Beaux Arts Ball since 1998, when he and his wife, Arlene, were Grand Marshals.

This gala is the largest local fundraising event for National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Last year's event raised more than \$2 million. Translated from French, Beaux Arts means "fine arts" and over the years, that connection has translated into some of the hottest themes and entertainment to come to the Denver area.

This year's theme, Beaux Arts FREEDOM Ball, will raise a glass to America's exciting and dramatic history circa the 1770s. The New York-based Bobby Attiko Band will be accompanied by a cast of two dozen additional performers that will transport guests to colonial streets, where music of past and present will make for a revolutionary celebration.

Luxury auction packages include a trip to the Chanel vineyard in Napa, Calif., and a Chanel timepiece from Hyde Park Jewelers, tickets to the Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn., and a private suite from AEG for the Bon Jovi concert at the Pepsi Center.

Over the years, some of [Denver's most distinguished and philanthropic humanitarians](#) have been honored as Beaux Arts Ball Grand Marshals. Many of the nearly 100 past Grand Marshals will join the festivities and be recognized at this 20th anniversary event.

Carrie and John Morgridge, two of the past honorees, will receive the National Jewish Health Arthur B. Lorber Award for Distinguished Service. This is the institution's highest award, given to recipients who have shown leadership in an area that has impacted the reputation, service, science or mission of National Jewish Health.

The Beaux Arts Ball supports the mission of National Jewish Health to heal, to discover and to educate as a preeminent health care institution. Guests at the event also will have a special opportunity to donate to a specific area of need through the Fund-A-Need program. Fund-A-Need became a part of the event in 2008 and since then has raised more than \$4 million for care and research at National Jewish Health, in areas such as severe asthma, cystic fibrosis, autoimmune deficiency in infants, the Morgridge Academy for chronically ill children and post-deployment lung disease.

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