2019 Friends of Fondren Library Gala

Honoring Phoebe and Bobby Tudor ’82
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cordially invites you to join us in honoring

Phoebe and Bobby Tudor ’82

at our 39th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction

Friday, March 22, 2019

Cocktails at 7 p.m.
Dinner at 8 p.m.

River Oaks Country Club
Houston, Texas

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Bobby Tudor is the founder and chairman of Tudor, Pickering, Holt, & Co. LLC, a leading energy investment bank with offices in Houston, Denver, New York and London. Bobby was previously a partner with Goldman Sachs & Co. During his nearly 20-year career with the firm, Bobby worked in the New York, London and Houston offices. He holds a B.A. in English and legal studies from Rice University and a J.D. from Tulane Law School.

Bobby is the chairman of the Houston Symphony Society and the vice chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership. He also serves on the boards of the New York Philharmonic, the National Petroleum Council and the Business Committee for the Arts and has served as chairman of the Rice University Board of Trustees since 2013.

While at Rice, he was a scholarship basketball player and a distinguished student-athlete. He is 27th in career points at Rice with 1,018, ninth in career assists with 297 and tied for fourth in minutes played at 3,470. He was team captain twice and won the Bob Quin Award, given to the university’s most outstanding all-around senior male scholar-athlete. His senior season, Bobby was named a CoSIDA Honorable Mention Academic All American. Rice’s basketball and volleyball arena — Tudor Fieldhouse — is named in honor of him and his
wife, Phoebe, for their major gift to renovate Autry Court. As a student, Bobby was also an officer at Hanszen College and served as the student representative on the University Committee on Examinations and Standing.

Bobby has served as president of the “R” Association’s Board of Directors and on the Association of Rice Alumni Board of Directors. In 2008, he received the Distinguished Owl Club Award. Bobby, along with Susie Morris Glasscock ’62, chaired the extraordinary $1 billion-plus Centennial Champaign, the largest in the university’s history.

Phoebe Tudor has a B.A. in art history from the University of Virginia and an M.A. in historic preservation from Columbia University. She is a preservationist and a community volunteer, primarily in the areas of the arts, quality of life and education. She was appointed the Mayor’s Preservationist of the Year in 2013 and received the President’s Award from Preservation Houston in 2014.

Phoebe is the founder and chairman of the Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners, responsible for raising funds and overseeing the restoration and addition to the city’s oldest library. She was the centennial chairman for Hermann Park, which raised money for a new Centennial Garden and Pavilion, and is currently the founder and chairman of the Astrodome Conservancy, a public-private partnership to help repurpose Houston’s Astrodome.

She also serves on the boards of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Nantucket Historical Association; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; the Houston Parks Board; and the Bond Oversight Committee for the Houston Independent School District. Phoebe also is the former board chairman of the Hermann Park Conservancy and the Houston Ballet.

Together, the Tudors were given the Meritorious Service Award from the Association of Rice Alumni in 2010, they were honored at the Houston Ballet Masked Ball in 2015, given the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy from the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2018 and were honored at the Asia Society’s 40th anniversary gala this spring. The Tudors have chaired many events and raised millions of dollars for the charities they support.

High school sweethearts from Louisiana, the Tudors have three wonderful children.
Live Auction Highlights

NANTUCKET HOME

Spend a week in this dramatic shingle style home, built in 2004, near the end of Cliff Road in beautiful Nantucket. It features eight bedrooms in the main house and an additional bedroom in the garage apartment. Comfortably decorated by nationally known Houston interior designer Ginger Barber, the house has been featured in Country Homes and Coastal Living magazines.

There are two master bedrooms, one on the first floor and one on the second floor, which have beautiful ocean views and spa bathrooms with Jacuzzi tubs and large showers that share the same view. The house features a kitchen suited for gourmet meals and has a finished basement with a game room, bar area, wine cellar and home theater. The back porches and terraces overlook an infinity pool, hot tub, pond and the ocean. The house is surrounded by large hydrangea bushes and climbing roses and features a charming garden in the back. Located just minutes from town, with great restaurants, art galleries and quaint shops, the house also is within walking distance to calm Dionis Beach and a short drive to the south shore beaches with their giant waves and surfing. Use of bicycles included.

Date to be mutually agreed upon with availability May 1–June 15 and Sept. 5–Nov. 2, 2019.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Phoebe and Bobby Tudor ’82
UTAH MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Enjoy a week at this modern, yet cozy, townhouse at Deer Valley Resort in Utah. Located in Little Belle, a 20-townhouse midmountain community, the townhouse is only a five-minute walk from Silver Lake Village, featuring skiing, shopping and great restaurants, and directly adjacent to Stein Eriksen Lodge, a five-star rated hotel and spa. Getting from the house to the lifts is a breeze, and during the winter, you can take advantage of Deer Valley's free ski storage services. At other times of the year, it is a great base for hiking, golf, trout fishing and mountain biking.

This townhouse is less than four miles from Park City's Main Street, and the free Park City bus stops at Little Belle's driveway to take you to town for additional shops, dining and entertainment.

This spacious 3,000-square-foot Deer Valley home has breathtaking views of the mountains and ski slopes. The home has a fireplace in the living room, a hot tub in the solarium and high-speed wireless internet throughout the house.

The three-level townhouse includes four bedrooms with attached baths, consisting of two bedrooms with king beds, one with a queen bed and a kid's room that has three twin beds with trundles. There also is a den with an attached bath that has a sleeper sofa.

This end unit townhouse provides ample parking and a one car garage. For the hard-core skier who likes variety, there are six world-class ski resorts within 45 minutes of Deer Valley. Date to be mutually agreed upon with availability for the next 12 months, excluding the week of July 4th.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Catherine and Brian James '78
**Live Auction Highlights**

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE**

Mark your calendar for Oct. 26–Nov. 3 for eight days of adventure, celebration, reflection and reverence. Your lodging is the lovely Casa Catalina just five short blocks to El Jardin, the central plaza, in historic San Miguel de Allende, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This colonial-era town, steeped in Baroque Spanish architecture with cobblestone streets, remains as much a part of its past as it does its future.

Your home away from home is a beautiful three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath home that will accommodate six guests. The master bedroom features a king bed and en suite bath. The other two bedrooms both feature en suite baths, one with a queen-size bed and the other with twin beds. There are two rooftops, one on the third floor and one on the fourth floor, which provide unlimited stunning and spectacular vistas for photographs of the town’s famous pink spired Parroquia, other churches, the hills around San Miguel de Allende and the most incredible sunsets imaginable.

This week is special, because you will see the village children trick or treat on the Jardin, see Dia de Los Muertos para Los Ninos (Day of the Dead for the Children), which is a festive and fun celebration held Nov. 1, and finally, see the Mexican families turn out for All Souls Day Nov. 2 — a true celebration of life where the cemetery becomes a lively, but reverent, party to welcome back the souls who have departed.

Witness life on the Jardin, wander the enchanting Mercado des Artisans, enjoy the sumptuous meals offered by the many international chefs that populate San Miguel and shop the wonderful art galleries that call San Miguel home.

San Miguel is the best — a sanctuary for the heart — a place to live, laugh, learn, love and enjoy life. You will fall in love with this precious town again and again.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Amy and Robert Taylor ’74
CITY KITCHEN IN-HOME DINNER FOR 8

Imagine an elegant dinner for eight in your home, prepared by the incomparable City Kitchen Catering. Plan your menu with the City Kitchen Catering events team and sit back to watch the magic happen as their team creates an unparalleled dining experience, selecting the best seasonal ingredients and crafting creative new offerings that showcase exceptional flavors and contemporary presentations.  

Date to be mutually agreed upon. Excludes holidays and the month of December. Buyer provides rentals and beverages.

Donated by City Kitchen

VILLA IN SPAIN

Discover Frigiliana, the most beautiful village in Spain, while spending seven days in a restored villa just five miles north of the Mediterranean in Andalusia. There are two bedrooms each with a queen-size bed and two shower baths. The living room, dining room, kitchen and terrace have breathtaking views of the Sierra de Tejada Almijara natural park and openings to ancient caves. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Not included: Airfare, ground transportation, car rental, activities, meals, beverages and tips

Donated by Barbara Byrd
Concerto Chat: Performance and Conversation
Jon Kimura Parker
Professor of Piano

Jon Kimura Parker, professor of piano at the Shepherd School of Music since 2000, has an internationally active performing career as a guest soloist with symphony orchestras from New York’s Carnegie Hall to the Berliner Philharmonie, Beijing Concert Hall and the Sydney Opera House. Drawing from his popular YouTube series “Concerto Chat,” Parker will take you into the world of symphony orchestras and demonstrate how and why the great composers’ writing style for concertos shows the piano at its most impressive and expressive.

Hosted by Catherine and Brian James ’78
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

notes of a mad girl
Karin Broker
Professor, Visual and Dramatic Arts

Our home and my studio is a 6,000 square foot renovation of a former transmission shop and landscaping firm. There will be a tour of our warehouse and my creative works with a short introduction about each piece. I draw on large Formica panels and paper with Conte Crayon; wire objects with rhinestones and crystals; hammer metal onto wood; and weld formed steel into 2D drawings and make prints. These works are my personal and not-so-quiet conversations with melancholia; the 1,500-mile separation from my family; religion, gender inequality, acts of violence toward my sex, acts of courage and brilliance by my tribe, and as I age the subtle and not so subtle physical changes to our bodies over time. The final objects, I hope, also revel in optimism and fairness with a heavy dose of beauty. Dinner is included.

Hosted by Jennifer and Steve Harding
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Two Deans: Reminiscences of Rice

Mary McIntire and James Pomerantz

Retired Dean, Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, and Professor, Psychological Sciences

Mary McIntire ’75 and Jim Pomerantz both served as deans at Rice (Mary from 1986–2017 and Jim from 1988–1995). Individually or together they witnessed — and sometimes initiated or helped to make happen — major changes and events at Rice. The Bush Library proposal, which did not succeed, and the Baker Institute, which did. Baker Hall, the Economic Summit and the naming of the Susanne M. Glasscock School, a new home for Continuing Studies, were all successful endeavors involving Mary and Jim. Throughout, they encountered humorous and bizarre moments and some surprises in navigating the rapidly changing Rice landscape.

Hosted by Julie ’72 and David Itz ’72

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019

New Ways of Looking: Rice Public Art

Evan Garza

Director, Rice Public Art

The role of public art at Rice has evolved dramatically in recent years with the addition of exceptional new campus artworks. What role does the viewer play in the future of public art at Rice? Join Evan Garza as he details how public art and the immersion of artists on the Rice campus can alter the nature of research, investigation and our collective perception.

Hosted by Leslie Davidson and Robins Brice ’67

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
Molecular gastronomy takes the old cuisine as a base and turns it into something magical. It enhances the presentation of any food, boosts its flavor to the extreme and makes mealtime a fun event. Eating an apple is delicious but by taking the whole apple — juice and peel — and turning it into a sphere will double the natural flavor of the apple and make a stunning presentation. Molecular gastronomy requires a lot of research, precision, patience and a high level of culinary skills. After dinner, guests will enjoy a spectacular dessert prepared by Chef Roger.

Hosted by Shelley and Arthur Gottschalk

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

With a significant international presence on and off campus, Rice mirrors what a global university looks like, and how its ripple effects help to build international community. Adria Baker will describe the international student and scholar population, reference the breadth of Rice’s education abroad and share heartwarming examples of international touches as a result of Rice’s globalization efforts.

Hosted by Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019
The Need for New Understanding and New Leadership in STEM Higher Education
Richard Tapia

University Professor
Maxfield-Oshman Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics

Richard Tapia will discuss the extreme growth in the nation’s Hispanic population, primarily Mexican American, which is forcing educational challenges to a crisis level for the country. Because the country’s economic health is based in large measure on technical advances, we must incorporate this growing population into the mainstream of scientific and technical endeavors. Tapia’s remarks will focus on the successes and failures of the nation’s tier 1 institutions regarding their representation at all levels in science, engineering and mathematics. This presentation and dinner will be accompanied by Rice’s own Mariachi Luna Llena and feature a delicious Mexican cuisine buffet.

Hosted by Molly and Jim Crownover ’65
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

How Will the V2C2, Second Decade Impact the Rice University Campus?
Kathy Jones

Associate Vice President for Facilities Engineering and Planning

Kathy Jones will discuss the potential impact of the V2C2, Second Decade on the Rice campus relative to new construction, major renovations, utility infrastructure and the city of Houston’s Hurricane Harvey ordinance.

Hosted by Amy and Robert Taylor ’74
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Colleges and universities are among the most highly regulated industries in the United States, and the regulatory environment seems constantly to expand in amount and complexity regardless of which political party controls Congress or the White House. Richard Zansitis, Rice’s general counsel since 2001, will discuss the role that the university counsel plays in aiding the university in fulfilling its mission and some of the current legal issues being faced by colleges and universities.

Hosted by Susan ‘75 and Ken Alexander ‘75

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019

Are college athletics just business? Should student-athletes be paid? Tanner Gardner will discuss macro trends in college athletics, the inner workings of the Rice Athletics Department and its position in the college athletics landscape, and his life-changing experience as a student-athlete, which led him first to the Boston Consulting Group and then to Rice. The evening’s dinner will be catered by Jim Ewing’s City Kitchen.

Hosted by Debby and Clif Crabtree ‘73

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Support the library by underwriting Fondren Library’s Kanopy subscription, an online streaming service that gives faculty access to thousands of hard-to-find documentaries and art films to use in the classroom and for assignments. Each $150 donation underwrites the use of one film.
Silent Auction Highlights

FRONT ROW SEATS
Exhilaration, excitement and extraordinary all in one evening. Watch and cheer on the Houston Astros from four front-row seats offered courtesy of Bess ’82 and Matt Wareing ’81. It will surely be a game to remember.

Value: $700

GOURMANDS AND GASTRONOMES GATHER AND DELIGHT
Ibiza offers a lovely Chef’s Dinner for four. What a great date night with your spouse or significant other and two additional guests. It will surely be an evening to relish for years to come.

Value: $400

RUN AS ONE WITH THE HOUSTON ROCKETS
Cheer for the Rockets up close from these spectacular floor seats when they play the Phoenix Suns, Sunday, April 7. Game time is 6 p.m. This package, donated by Coventry Homes, includes four tickets in Section C108, Row 3, and two parking permits.

Value: $1,926

JOURNEY BACK TO HOUSTON’S TREASURED HISTORY
Tour historic Glenwood Cemetery where the likes of Howard Hughes and Eugene Heiner, famed Texas courthouse architect, are buried. Bear witness to the wonderful old graveyard architecture that is quintessential to one of the oldest cemeteries in Houston and hear the stories of Houstonians past. It all comes to life with Jim Parsons, director of special projects for Preservation Houston, who will lead the tour for up to 20 guests. An elegant picnic lunch, catered by Rice’s Karen Hess Rogers ’68, will follow the tour that will certainly leave you transformed.

Value: $500

GALVESTON, OH GALVESTON
You will see Galveston’s sea waves crashing from a beautiful three-bedroom, three-bath condominium at Maravilla for a lovely, long, unwinding weekend donated by Jim and Donna Wade. The visit includes a round of golf for two at the Galveston Country Club courtesy of Dan Thelen. A great way to recharge.

Value: $1,160
For more information, please call 713-348-5157,
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