

Burn camp and radio fundraisers

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JOIN CONDUCTOR LAUREATE LEONARD SLATKIN and friends for a gala evening to benefit Radio Arts Foundation starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Blvd. in Grand Center. Slatkin's friends are classical guitarist Sharon Isbin, pianist Olga Kern, violinist Cho-Liang Lin, and cellist Frederick Zlotkin. So what is the Radio Arts Foundation, you may ask? It is a nonprofit founded in 2013 with the mission to support and advocate for the growth of a classical music station broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Broadcasting at 107.3 FM and located in Clayton, the station features a variety of genres, including orchestral, chamber, jazz, blues, opera and symphonic music.

Tickets include cocktails, dinner and the performance and start at \$500 each. For reservations or information, visit rafstl.org or call 314-881-3523.

“MORE THAN A FASHION SHOW” is this year's Midwest Children's Burn Camp fundraiser, chaired by *Jewish Light* trustee Sheri Sherman and Faith Berger (for their third year in a row). The camp's 90 children, all survivors of serious burn injuries, attend at no cost to their families. The camp is held at the Jewish Community Center's Camp Sabra.

Neiman Marcus will host the fundraising event, featuring cocktails, light bites, and fashion and special presentations from young burn survivors, who will share their stories of triumph over their injuries.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Neiman Marcus in Plaza Frontenac. For tickets, which are \$55, visit brsg.org or call 314-997-2757.

Hearing from co-chairs Sheri and Faith convinces me that the camp is essential for these boys and girls, who need the week of conquering fear, learning determination and building self-esteem. The camp, the only one in Missouri addressing issues specific to burn injuries, also provides support throughout the year so the kids can maintain friendships they develop at camp.

“AND IN THIS CORNER ... CASSIUS CLAY” is a play about the fighter who lived in Jim Crow Louisville. As a youngster, he believed that his potential was unlimited despite the segregation and



Midwest Children's Burn Camp

Sheri Sherman (left) and Faith Berger (right) are co-chairs of a March 9 fundraiser for Midwest Children's Burn Camp. At center is Allen Barber of Neiman Marcus, where the fundraiser will be held.