

Catalina Island Chimes Tower now shines at night

'BELLissimo!' fundraiser for tower set for July 28

FOR THE ISLANDER

The Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation is excited to report that the timeless lines of the beloved structure can now be enjoyed into the evening, thanks to J. Scott Gillespie, of Persa Designed Landscape Lighting, who generously contributed the entire cost of designing and installing the lights.

"The Chimes Tower is approaching its 100th anniversary in just a few years, and we are working hard on restoring and highlighting its beauty, so it will continue to shine in the next 100 years" says Alison Wrigley Rusack, foundation Chair.

It was Ada Elizabeth Wrigley's hope that the classic tower and melodic chimes would be a lasting presence in Avalon, bringing enjoyment to all, and adding another bit of character to the magical island that had captivated her family.

The foundation is look-

ing forward to continuing its work following its second annual "BELLissimo!" fundraiser, which will take place on Saturday, July 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Castillo del Mar, One Crescent Ave., Avalon.

Tickets are \$150 for what is sure to be a fun-filled evening of entertainment—including hors d'oeuvres, libations, a silent auction, opportunity drawings and a special chimes concert from the base of the tower.

"The silent auction items look exciting this year, and are pouring in" says Blanny Avalon Hagenah, foundation vice chair.

A "sneak preview" selection of them will be available to view on the foundation's website, CatalinaChimes.org, during the week prior to the event.

Tickets can be purchased online at CatalinaChimes.org/ events, and will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by applicable law.

Those wishing to attend are encouraged to get their tickets soon, as a limited number are available.

Please contact info@CatalinaChimes.org with any questions.



New lighting allows visitors to see the Chimes Tower by night. Courtesy photo

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