



## Laguna Beach Community Foundation donors underwrite original musical masterpiece at Crystal Cove celebration

Lisa and John Mansour's love of Laguna and the performing arts led them to sponsor the original composition "Into the Heart of the Earth: Crystal Cove" through their donor advised fund managed by the Laguna Beach Community Foundation (LBCF).



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***Celebrating the VIP opening of the Michael and Tricia Berns Environmental Study Loop on January 31 at Crystal Cove. (Left to Right): Lisa and John Mansour, Lyn Burke, Rick Balzer (Board Chair), Mary Ferguson, and James & Cindy Fletcher***

The Mansours established a DAF (Donor Advised Fund) through the Community Foundation last year and joined their board of trustees in late 2013. With a deep respect of composer Pamela Madsen's work and a genuine appreciation for Crystal Cove State Park, the couple felt compelled to support the musical project with a portion of their fund.

Madsen, an acclaimed composer, performer and scholar, the piece premiered at the California State Park's 150th Anniversary and VIP opening of the Michael and Tricia Berns Environmental Study Loop on January 31 featuring the Laguna Concert Band.

"We love using our Donor Advised Fund to give back to the community and the causes we believe in. It was our honor to sponsor the new work by Pam Madsen and hearing the premiere performance in Moro Canyon was exhilarating," said Lisa Mansour.

Tricia and Michael Berns are long time ambassadors of Laguna Beach Community Foundation, which maintains Crystal Cove Alliance's endowment fund. The Michael and Tricia Berns Environmental Study Loop is a unique, innovative facility that engages visitors in the science of park management and conservation. It consists of an amphitheater, a student staging pavilion, and a half-mile ADA-accessible loop trail with eight science field stations.

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