

*Encore Showing*  
*THIS Sunday!*  
**SCIC 4th  
Annual Gala**

"Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds:  
Realizing a Better World for all of Humanity!"

August 28, 2022  
3-5 p.m. via Zoom

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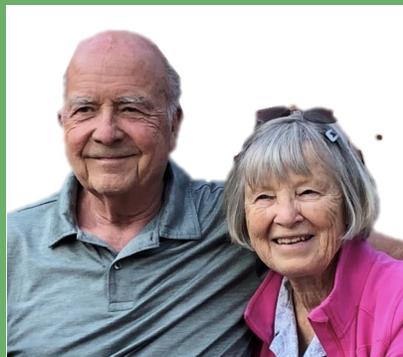
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## Meet the Honorees



**Alejandro Haezaert-  
House**

Notable Restorative Justice  
Advocate: Healing Harms,  
CCEJ



**Judy &  
Steve Gililand**

Renowned Interfaith  
Peacemakers



**Naomi Steinfeld**

Avid Bridge Builder of  
Cultures, National Council of  
Jewish Women Greater Long  
Beach & West Orange  
County



**Margurite Carter**  
World Humanitarian



**Dallas Brent Tolton**  
Champion of Refugees

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## Meet the Keynote Speaker



### **Tahil Sharma**

Regional Coordinator,  
United Religion's Initiative North America

Born to a Hindu father and a Sikh mother, Tahil Sharma became involved in efforts for interfaith literacy and social justice following the 2012 shooting of a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, WI. In addition to his role at URI NA, Tahil serves as one of three Interfaith Ministers in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and as the Los Angeles Coordinator for Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus.

[Join Tahil at the SCIC Gala](#)

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## Meet the Artists



### **Zachary Provost**

Zach toured the world as the pianist/musical director for multi-platinum recording artist Josh Groban and has performed alongside Elton John, Carlos Santana, Quincy Jones and Willie Nelson among many others. He will perform an original piece that he wrote for the gala!



## LA Jewish Community Children's Choir

The mission of the LA Jewish Community Children's Choir is to inspire young singers who come from diverse backgrounds to represent and appreciate their unique culture and heritage through song throughout the Los Angeles Jewish community.



## Paul Livingstone

Performing artist and activist Paul Livingstone spent a highly formative teenage year initiating his study of music in India, eventually becoming one of the few American disciples of the legendary Pt. Ravi Shankar. He has since toured as a performer around South Asia, Europe, and Latin America, developing a reputation as a serious proponent of North Indian raga music. He will be performing a sitar piece.



## Bill Grisolia

Bill Grisolia is the founder of Long Beach Blues Society (LBBS) and a critically acclaimed musician who has produced large public events in Long Beach for decades including the Wish Upon A Song series at the Terrace Theater, the Long Beach Performing Arts Center, and The New Blues Festival in three cities.



## Ali Youssefi

Ali Youssefi studied classical guitar in Chile before moving to Argentina to pursue a degree in Music Therapy. His musical curiosity and love for diversity combine to make him a versatile and original composer and performer, blending genres, instruments and cultures into a unique sound. His biggest delight comes when uniting people through music, which he strives for in all his musical endeavors.

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