



# GALA FAQ

## **What is the Auction Gala?**

The Gala is a yearly event that brings the Lycée community together to **raise funds** for the school. Volunteer parents and the Advancement Department organize an evening with dinner, bidding and entertainment, during which attendees are invited to bid on donated prizes. There is a “Silent Auction”, a “Live Auction”, and a call for “Fund for the Future”.

## **Who Can Attend?**

Any ticket holder with the intention to have fun and raise money for our kids.

## **When and where can I purchase a ticket?**

Now and [online](#) (\$250 per ticket)

## **What/When is the “Silent Auction”?**

During the evening of the Gala, guests can browse items placed on tables. Guests can bid and view status on their phones using an electronic bidding system.

## **What is the “Live Auction”?**

During the dinner course of the event, an auctioneer leads the bidding process for big ticket items as well as the “Fund for the Future”.

## **What is “Fund for the Future” (FFF)?**

Every year, the Lycée chooses a project to improve all three campuses based on feedback from teachers and the community. The FFF is the fundraising campaign designed to finance this project. It is launched during the live auction portion of the event with a donation drive, also known as a “raise the paddle”.

## **What is this Year’s FFF?**

Building kitchens and cafeterias spaces across all three campuses!

## **What is the “Class Art Project”?**

Each class creates something, such as a painting, a sculpture, a giant board game to be auctioned during the Gala. Individual and or group creations can be viewed prior to the Gala usually during the Semaine des Arts or at a “Vernissage” event.

**How do I make a donation?**

Fill out the donor form and mail, deliver or email the Lycée. All donations are tax-deductible: Tax ID #94-1660059. For further information contact the Advancement Department [advancement@lelycee.org](mailto:advancement@lelycee.org).

**What is the deadline to make a donation?**

Mail, deliver or email [advancement@lelycee.org](mailto:advancement@lelycee.org), your completed form to the Lycée Français de San Francisco by February 7, 2024.

**What type of donation can I make?**

You can donate by purchasing an ad or sponsorship, goods, and services.

**How are the donations used?**

All donations are auctioned either online (10 days before gala), during the “Silent Auction” and the “Live Auction”.

**How is the money raised used?**

All proceeds, except for the Fund for Future, go toward the Lycée general operating budget.

**What happens to donations after the Gala?**

Items not sold during the auction will be available for purchase online after the auction for a given period of time.

**More questions?**

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