



Passion With a Purpose



Niki Chopra Richardson

2024 was nothing short of extraordinary for TOArts, the nonprofit fundraising and presenting partner of the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks, with its vision of making our community a place *Where the Arts Thrive for All!* Celebrating three decades of arts and culture at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, TOArts held its quinquennial CURTAIN UP! fundraising event on October 25th, marking the 30th anniversary of this iconic venue.

TOArts raises
over \$580,000
at CURTAIN UP

The CURTAIN UP! Masquerade Ball was a night to remember, featuring delectable cuisine, creative cocktails, and awe-inspiring performances by Le PeTiTe CiRqUe. The youngest performer was just 4 years old yet was part of

this breathtaking cirque show. The afterparty showcased incredible talent from the organization's YALA and Creators Conservatory programs.

But the real magic happened beyond the stage that night. The event raised an impressive \$583,600, with \$291,700 in donations matched one to one by TOLD Foundation. With a total match challenge of \$350,000, TOLD Foundation pledged to match an additional \$58,300 raised.

Adding to the excitement, TOArts announced the planned transition to Niki Chopra Richardson as its next executive director later this fiscal year, signaling a new era of leadership and growth for the organization.

The funds raised and leadership transition underscore TOArts' commitment to enriching lives through the arts and fostering a vibrant, inclusive cultural landscape in Ventura County and beyond. To join the journey, visit toarts.org. ●

