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FIRST ANNUAL SARCOMA FOUNDATION OF AMERICA GALA

Cocktail Reception, Dinner Dance, Entertainment June 22, 2003 6-11 PM Laura Belle 120 West 43rd Street New York City

The Sarcoma Foundation of America's (SFA) First Annual Gala promises to be a festive and memorable evening with a cocktail reception, dinner, entertainment, dancing, and silent auction. Distinguished individuals from all walks of life--arts, entertainment, business, politics, and medicine--will be coming together to raise funds and awareness for sarcoma, a devastating form of cancer that effects the connective tissue of the body and is responsible for 20% of cancers in children. • Honored at the Gala will be United States Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas, a sarcoma survivor, who will receive the "Sarcoma Foundation of America Leadership in Courage" award, and Dr. George Demetri, Director, Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard, who will receive the "Sarcoma Foundation of America Nobility in Science" award. Dr. Demetri's groundbreaking work and research is focused on developing innovative strategies for the treatment of sarcomas, which in turn will help unravel the mechanisms of other, more common and complex solid tumors such as breast, colon and prostate cancers. -more- • Chairing the Gala are Addie and Gary Tomei (parents of Marisa and Adam Tomei) • Addie and Gary Tomei became champions for sarcoma research after their son Adam was stricken with sarcoma last year. "While Adam is currently doing very well, since his illness, to our amazement and disappointment, we learned that there has been very little research in funding targeted for treatment, prevention and cure of this malady. Therefore, my wife Addie and I have become very active in The Sarcoma Foundation of America, whose mission is to act as advocates for medical research" Gary Tomei says. Honorary Board members include Peri Gilpin (Roz, from the hit show Frasier) Yoko Ono and Sean Lennon. Benefit Committee Members include Marisa Tomei and comedian Richard Lewis. Actor, Ed Fry will be the MC for the Gala with special performances by John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey, Robin Skye, Capatha Jenkins, Keith Byron Kirk and Clarke Thorell who will all be directed by Nick Corely. Also featuring the Paul Bernhardt Orchestra. Press comps available. For photo ops and interviews and further information contact Lisa Johnson at 914.827.3926 or email LJS888@aol.com

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Quick Facts About Sarcoma

Sarcoma is a rare cancer in adults (1 percent of all adult cancers) but rather prevalent in children (about 20 percent of all childhood cancers). At any one time, 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma. Every year, about 10,000 new cases are diagnosed, and about 5,000 people die from sarcoma.

About the Sarcoma Foundation of America

The Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization, is an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies with which to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA raises its own funds to provide research grants to sarcoma researchers. SFA also interacts with public, private for-profit, and private non-profit organizations to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients. For more information, please visit www.curesarcoma.org.