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San Marco philanthropists named Guardians of the Arts

Jennifer Clock and Michael Ward were honored by supporters of Cathedral Arts Project as the 2019 Guardians of the Arts during the 15th Annual Spring for the Arts April 26 at The River Club. CAP Board Chair Beth Jennison was event chair for the fourth year in a row, inspiring all with her passion for and dedication to CAP’s mission to unleash the creative spirit of underserved young people in the community. Major sponsors included FIS, Black Knight, Fidelity National Financial, Merita and Bob Lucas, Merita and Frank Martin, Fasor and Irving Montana.

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