

a Night in Lights

STNJ Annual Benefit Gala

2026

Saturday, May 30

Coastal Cocktail Attire Inspiration:

Seaside Style, Elevated

Our dress code is Coastal Cocktail—a polished look inspired by relaxed seaside style.

Feel free to embrace coastal colors, breezy fabrics, and summer textures, keeping the overall look refined and event-ready. Think cocktail attire with a beachy nod—not beachwear itself.

Skip ultra-casual items like flip-flops, beachwear, or sporty attire and opt instead for stylish sandals, loafers, dress shoes, strappy heels, or wedges.

Dresses:

Effortless Elegance by the Shore:

- **Flowy Midi or Cocktail Dresses** are perfect for the evening—light fabrics, coastal colors, and elegant silhouettes.
- **Maxi Dresses or Elevated Sundresses** also fit the vibe—think breezy but polished, with stylish details that feel celebration-ready.



Suits:

Relaxed, Refined, and Ready for the Night:

- A **Lightweight Suit** or **Sport Coat** paired with a crisp shirt is a great choice! Linen, cotton blends, seersucker, and lighter tones capture the coastal feel while keeping things polished.
- A **Blazer with Dress Pants** or a **Stylish Ensemble** works perfectly, too—refined yet comfortable for an evening out.

Whether your style leans classic cocktail or coastal chic, we can't wait to see everyone dressed for a beautiful night celebrating the arts in our community!

Still have questions? Feel free to reach out! Contact us at gala@stnj.org.