

Southport Law Firm Hosts Event for 2025 Heida Hermanns International Music Competition.

Southport, CT. (October 24, 2025) Last night, October 23rd, Family Law Firm Conlon Amendola, in partnership with MoCA/CT, hosted a vibrant event at their elegant Southport offices to celebrate the 49th year of the Heida Hermanns International Music Competition.

The event drew renowned attorneys, art collectors, and VIPs, who savored delicacies from a “jaw droppingly beautiful” grazing table as well as a selection of passed hors d'oeuvres from A&S Westport Catering & Events.

“The Heida” competition, a prestigious platform for pianists aged 18-30 worldwide, was highlighted by remarks by MoCA/CT Performing Arts and “Heida” champion Kristin Foster, and the presence of longtime Heida sponsors Suzanne and Norman Sorensen. In his remarks, Mr. Sorensen emphasized the need for increased funding to sustain opportunities for talented musicians who lack resources to showcase their skills. Dr. Joan Miller shared heartfelt insights, noting the competition’s impact on inner-city youth, exposing them to transformative cultural experiences. “On the bus ride home, their faces light up, animatedly discussing the pianists’ hand movements and the music’s emotional impact,” she remarked.

The evening underscored the vital role of local businesses in supporting arts and culture. Family Law attorneys Jacquelyn Conlon and Bonnie Amendola, hosts of the event, summed up the sentiment: “We believe it’s important to support MoCA/CT to keep creativity alive, challenge our perspectives, and ensure artists have the freedom to keep moving culture forward.” The event was a resounding success, shining a spotlight on the importance of community-driven cultural initiatives.

