



Kudos: Opera PR director, businesswomen, artistic director, contractor

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The Examiner spotlights good people and good work on its daily Kudos page. Here's a look at Bay Area residents who are serving their community, reaching milestones, making discoveries and celebrating accomplishments.

JON FINCK

"I've had the good fortune to handle PR for many clients: from high-profile celebrities, music, theater and dance companies to jazz festivals and birthing pigs at county fairs. But I am truly honored to have the invitation to return to S.F. Opera. Ritorna Vincitor!"

Occupation Public relations director, San Francisco Opera

Home San Francisco

Achievement The publicist who worked at San Francisco Opera from 1989 to 1993 recently was named to the same post by general manager David Gockley. In between, he headed Encore Communications, a leading public-relations agency for the performing arts.

JEANINE CIECKO

"MS Waves to Wine raises approximately \$1 million every year to support multiple sclerosis research."

Occupation Business operations director

Home Oakland

Achievement The businesswoman's bike team raises funds for the San Francisco-to-Healdsburg Waves to Wine ride, a benefit for multiple sclerosis research, on Saturday and Saturday. The team is named after Ciecko's sister, who suffers from MS.

ROBERT MOSES

"Every time I make a dance, I feel a sense of achievement. Seeing something I've made onstage is always a thrill."

Occupation Artistic director, Robert Moses' Kin

Home San Francisco

Achievement The award-winning choreographer presents the world premiere of "Toward September" at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts from Sept. 18-20. The piece about the divine impulse of artistic creation was commissioned by the arts organization.

JENNIFER BOURGOYNE

“It’s great that at 42, I’m back to doing what I wanted to do when I was 9. That’s how life should be lived, right?”

Occupation Founder, Czela Bellies CesareanWear

Home San Jose

Achievement After a recent and repeat C-section delivery, she created Czela Bellies CesareanWear, a fashionable undergarment line for women who have recently undergone a C-section. Her inspiration came from feeling frustrated by the discomfort of other underwear.

MIGUEL GALARZA

“I am proud to accept this award ... for all who make up the Yerba Buena team, and for the clients and owners that trust ... us.”

Occupation President, Yerba Buena Engineering and Construction Inc.

Home San Francisco

Achievement The contractor’s company was recently named Minority Construction Firm of the Year by Minority Business Development Agency.

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