MARCH CAME IN LIKE a lion and roared like a badass as the Bay Area’s most prominent innovators, influencers, leaders and entrepreneurs impacted Women’s History Month. The Cal Shakes Guiding Stars celebration honored Deborah Cullinan, CEO of Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, for her inspiring commitment to the theater and beyond. Lily M. Bowles Leo chaired Grace Cathedral’s Carnivale, which broke both attendance and fundraising records, bringing in $525,000. Patti Hume co-chaired Smuin Contemporary Ballet’s 25th anniversary Silver Celebration gala, generating a record-breaking $620,000 to support the company. Author Chelsea Clinton and illustrator Alexandra Boiger (She Persisted Around the World 13 Women Who Changed History) joined dance luminaries Yuan Yuan Tan for a fundraiser auctioning girls’ scholarships at the SF Ballet School, while principal dancer Mathilde Froustey took the stage at Cabernet for Connoisseurs, yielding over $1 million for Family House.

Michele Alioto chaired the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco’s Art & Fashion gala, raising more than $1.5 million. The 10th anniversary Under One Umbrella gala also broke records, with $3.6 million to fund an array of programs at the Stanford Women’s Cancer Center. And sister magazine Modern Luxury Silicon Valley staged a gorgeous event at the Rosewood Sand Hill for its Best of Silicon Valley issue—attended by cover star Amy Andersen—supporting the Junior League of Palo Alto•Mid Peninsula’s efforts to