

In the Glow of the Northern Lights

27TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION THE CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

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Unique Capital Experiences

101.

Tennis and Lunch with The Ambassador of the Russian Federation and Mr. Bob Ryan

A doubles tennis match and lunch with Ambassador Ushakov and NBC's Bob Ryan at the Spring Valley home of Lindsay and Terry Eakin.

Restrictions: Court is open April-October. Date to be mutually agreeable.

Courtesy of His Excellency The Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Mr. Bob Ryan, and Lindsay and Terry Eakin

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$300

Increments: \$50

102.

Day Sail and Lunch for 4 with The Ambassador of Austria

Her Excellency Ambassador Nowotny, Professor Thomas Nowotny, and crew member Debra Kraft invite you and 3 guests for a day sail and lunch aboard the Ambassador's 37 foot private sail boat on the Chesapeake Bay.

Restrictions: Date to be mutually agreeable.

Courtesy of Her Excellency Ambassador Nowotny and Professor Thomas Nowotny

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$600

Increments: \$50

103.

Dinner for 16 at the Residence of the Austrian Ambassador

Courtesy of Her Excellency Ambassador Nowotny and Professor Thomas Nowotny

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$2000

Increments: \$100

104.

Dinner for 10 at the Omani Residence

Her Excellency the Ambassador to Oman, Hunaina Al-Mughairy, invites you and 9 guests for a special dinner at her residence.

Restrictions: *Date to be mutually agreeable. Alcoholic beverages will not be served.*

Courtesy of Her Excellency the Ambassador to Oman, Hunaina Al-Mughairy

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$700

Increments: \$50

105.

Cocktail Reception for 12 Guests at the Russian Embassy

Courtesy of His Excellency The Ambassador of the Russian Federation

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$600

Increments: \$50

106.

Dinner for 17 with the Ambassador of Singapore

Her Excellency Heng Chee Chan, the Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore, will entertain you and 16 of your guests for dinner at her residence. Enjoy the taste of traditional foods from Singapore, prepared especially for you by the Embassy's acclaimed chef.

Restrictions: *Date to be mutually agreeable. Winner must provide dietary restrictions of guests in advance.*

Courtesy of Her Excellency Ambassador Chan Heng Chee

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$2000

Increments: \$100

107.

Working Women's Power Lunch for 18 Hosted by Mrs. Laurel Colless at the Residence of the Finnish Ambassador

Accept an invitation from Mrs. Laurel Colless to a high energy, low calorie feast of Finnish food for a multi-tasking group of women who are active at the front-lines of society – that means mothers, wives, businesswomen and opinion leaders from all walks of life welcome.

Restrictions: Date to be mutually agreeable.

Courtesy of Mrs. Laurel Colless

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$1000

Increments: \$50

108.

A Meal with Norman Scribner

Enjoy a meal with Maestro Norman Scribner, Artistic Director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, with a \$400 Gift Certificate to Prime Rib.

Courtesy of Norman Scribner and Prime Rib Restaurant

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$600

Increments: \$50

109.

Lunch with Maestro Leonard Slatkin

Accept this once-in-a-lifetime invitation from Maestro Leonard Slatkin, departing Music Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, for a special lunch at Primi Piatti Restaurant.

Restrictions: Lunch between June 16-20. An alternative date can be discussed but is subject to the availability of Maestro Slatkin.

Courtesy of Primi Piatti and Maestro Leonard Slatkin

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$800

Increments: \$100

110.

Get on the tennis circuit with David Gregory!

Team up with two friends for a spirited doubles tennis match with NBC News Chief White House Correspondent, David Gregory, on an outdoor clay court on Chain Bridge Road.

Restrictions: Date and time to be mutually agreeable; expires December 18, 2008.

Courtesy of David Gregory and Fabiola Martens

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

111.

**Bob Ryan and NBC 4 Behind the Scenes Tour
For Your Family**

Bring the whole family for a special visit with Bob Ryan, Chief Meteorologist at NBC 4. You will tour the NBC 4 Weather Center and control room, as well as be invited to watch the 5 pm or 6 pm live newscast in the news studio.

Restrictions: Limited to a family-sized group. Date to be mutually agreeable.

Courtesy of Bob Ryan and NBC 4

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

112.

Behind the Scenes of “Hardball with Chris Matthews”

You and a guest will watch a live broadcast of “Hardball” in the NBC studios and enjoy a backstage tour with Chris Matthews following the broadcast. You will also receive an autographed copy of his new best-seller *Life’s a Campaign*.

Courtesy of Kathleen and Chris Matthews

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

113.

An At-Home Performance by the National Brass Quintet

Enjoy a one-hour performance by the National Brass Quintet at your home or event. Whether it is a salon concert or background music for a party, the National Brass Quintet can perform varied repertoire suiting your needs. The NBQ is made up of musicians who regularly perform with the National Symphony, the Kennedy Center Opera House, the Baltimore Symphony and the “President’s Own” Marine Band.

Restrictions: Performance dependant on the schedule of the quintet. One month’s notice prior to event is requested

Courtesy of the National Brass Quintet

Value: \$4000

Minimum Bid: \$1000

Increments: \$100

114.

The French Cooking Experience at L'Academie de Cuisine

Hone your cooking skills with 2 admissions to a "French Cooking Experience" class with Francois Dionot. M. Dionot is the founder of L'Academie de Cuisine and was trained at the prestigious Lausanne in Switzerland.

Restrictions: L'Academie de Cuisine certificate expires December 17, 2008 and cannot be used for any class except the French Cooking Experience.

Courtesy of L'Academie de Cuisine

Value: \$110

Minimum Bid: \$60

Increments: \$10

115.

Spend "An Evening for 2 With the NSO"!

This special evening with the National Symphony Orchestra includes two premium orchestra seats to a regular season concert, VIP access to the Circles lounge, and complimentary cocktails. Before or after the performance, enjoy dinner at 600 Restaurant at the Watergate with a \$100 gift certificate.

Restrictions: Expires June 28, 2008. Concert date must be mutually agreed upon and is non transferable.

Courtesy of the National Symphony Orchestra and 600 Restaurant at the Watergate

Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments: \$50

116.

An Intimate Kennedy Center Experience

You and your guest will be part of a select group treated to cocktails, a backstage tour, and a private concert by two NSO musicians on the stage of the Concert Hall. Following this performance, you will enjoy a buffet dinner on the box tier level. *Choice of dates: January 29, March 4, and May 28.*

Courtesy of the National Symphony Orchestra

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$150

Increments: \$25

117.

Washington Concert Opera - Rossini's *Bianca E Falliero*

Antony Walker conducts Anna Christy, Vivica Genaux and Teddy Taau Rhodes in Rossini's *Bianca E Falliero*. Voucher is valid for two tickets to the performance on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 6 pm at Lisner Auditorium.

Courtesy of Washington Concert Opera

Value: \$160

Minimum Bid: \$80

Increments: \$10

118.

2 Tickets to the Washington National Opera's Performance of *The Flying Dutchman*

Get lost in the legend of *The Flying Dutchman*, Richard Wagner's impeccable opera about a ship captain condemned to sail until Judgment Day. This certificate is good for two tickets to the performance on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:30 pm Before or after the performance, enjoy dinner at 600 Restaurant at the Watergate with \$100 gift certificate.

Restrictions: *Cannot be used for another performance.*

Courtesy of the Washington National Opera and 600 Restaurant

Value: \$380

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

119.

Piano performance by Garrick Ohlsson at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson has been recognized worldwide as a masterful interpreter of a wide ranging repertoire and one of the world's leading performers of Chopin's music. The evening's program will include works by Prokofiev, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Scriabin. Voucher is valid for two tickets to the Sunday, April 6, 2008 performance. Before the performance, enjoy dinner for two at the Roof Terrace Restaurant.

Restrictions: *Must be redeemed 10 days before performance.*

Seats based on availability.

Courtesy of the Washington Performing Arts Society and Restaurant Associates

Value: \$240

Minimum Bid: \$140

Increments: \$20

120.

Box Seats at Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts

Experience Musical Theatre at Wolf Trap! This certificate entitles you to 2 VIP box seats at a Summer 2008 Musical Theatre matinee performance.

Restrictions: This certificate may not be exchanged for an evening performance or a non-musical theatre performance and is only valid for the 2008 Summer Filene Center. Because of some artist contract restrictions, selected performances may be excluded and some performances may be "sold out"

Courtesy of Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts

Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$60

Increments: \$10

121.

Your Child the Conductor #1

Make this holiday season one to remember! Receive four tickets for your family to one of the December 22nd Family Christmas Concerts. At the concert, your child will assist Dr. Joseph Holt in conducting Joy to the World and will be able to meet the holiday characters.

Restrictions: This package is for the December 22nd 2 pm performance

Courtesy of The Choral Arts Society of Washington

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments: \$50

122.

Your Child the Conductor #2

Make this holiday season one to remember! Receive four tickets for your family to one of the December 22nd Family Christmas Concerts. At the concert, your child will assist Dr. Joseph Holt in conducting Joy to the World and will be able to meet the holiday characters.

Restrictions: This package is for the December 22nd 4 pm performance

Courtesy of The Choral Arts Society of Washington

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments: \$50

123.

Be a Shadow Conductor with Norman Scribner

Experience life behind the scenes of Choral Arts! First, you will have a private session with Maestro Norman Scribner where you will review a score for a CASW concert in Spring 2008. You will also attend two rehearsals, one of which will be a dress rehearsal where you will have the opportunity to conduct the chorus. Finally, you and a guest will enjoy box seats to the concert.

Courtesy of The Choral Arts Society of Washington

Value: Priceless
Minimum Bid: \$1500
Increments: \$100

124.

Violin and Harp Recital

You and your guests will enjoy an elegant in-home concert with husband and wife team Joseph Scheer and Susan Robinson, co-founders of the IBIS Chamber Music Society. Joseph, concertmaster of the Boston POPS Esplanade Orchestra, and Susan, principal harpist of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, will perform a 45-60 minute program for your special event. The program will include such favorites as Massenet's Meditation from Thais, and Debussy's Beau Soir.

Restrictions: *Event to be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date; Joe and Susan are not available during Summer 2008.*

Courtesy of Susan Robinson and Joseph Scheer

Value: \$1500
Minimum Bid: \$750
Increments: \$100

125.

Round of Golf for 4 and One-on-One Golf Lesson

Work on your swing with PGA Director of Golf Matthew C. Gallagher, then show your skills in a complimentary round of golf for four players at the Country Club of Fairfax.

Restrictions: *Valid Monday through Thursday, includes Green Fees and Cart Fees. Expires December 31, 2008.*

Courtesy of Bob and Terry Barnes

Value: \$500
Minimum Bid: \$250
Increments: \$50

126.

Round of Golf for 4 at TPC Avenel

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of golf for four, including carts, at TPC Avenel. The par 71, 7005-yard, 18-hole championship golf course is designed to challenge some of the game's best players while still making for an enjoyable round for players of all skill levels.

Restrictions: *Valid through March 2008.*

Courtesy of TPC Avenel and PGA Tour

Value: \$900
Minimum Bid: \$500
Increments: \$50

Exotic Travels

Tour the Exotic Galapagos with one of these famed Tour Operators!

The Galapagos Islands, located 600 miles west of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean, have long been a place of extraordinary biological discoveries, made famous by Darwin.

201.

Lindblad Expeditions offers a 9 night/10 day package for two including a pre and post overnight in Quito and a week on either the comfortable 80-guest MS Polaris or 48-guest Islander to experience close up encounters ashore with unique animals such as the blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, domed giant tortoises and more! You will enjoy a category 2 cabin, and the package includes transfers, all meals, and guiding.

As a counterpoint to the Galapagos, before or after the cruise experience Ecuador's colorful Highlands for 4 nights at the authentic **Hacienda Cusin**, a restored 17th century Andean estate, 7 miles north of the Equator and 90 minutes north of Quito. Enjoy a Sierra double room with all meals included. Activities include horseback riding, valley and mountain walks, craft and market villages, and the colorful Otavalo markets. Offer includes round trip transfers from Quito. Private touring extra.

Restrictions: Winner must depart by December 1, 2008. Departure date is based on availability and confirmation is given 45 days prior to sailing. Round trip air transportation to Ecuador and the Galapagos, gratuities, baggage/accident/cancellation insurance and other items of a personal nature are the responsibility of the guests. Blackout dates for Hacienda Cusin are December 18-January 10 and Easter Week

Courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and Hacienda Cusin

Value: \$10,960

Minimum Bid: \$6000

Increments: \$500

202.

INCA (International Nature and Cultural Adventures)

offers a 9 night/10 day Origins of the Species Galapagos package for two, including pre and post hotel nights at the Hilton Colon Quito, one night at the Royal Palm Resort on the Island of Santa Cruz, and 6 nights aboard the 16-guest, 141-foot luxury yacht Integrity. Each stateroom features large picture windows, en-suite bathroom, and modern conveniences such as satellite telephone and an entertainment center. Meals are served at tables for six not far from a galley designed for gourmet chefs.

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Courtesy of INCA-International Nature and Cultural Adventures and Hacienda Cusin

Value: \$10,990

Minimum Bid: \$6000

Increments: \$500

203.

“Scandinavian Splendors” Journey for Two from Oceania Cruises-July 16-30, 2008

Unpack once and yet visit 9 Baltic and North Sea cities in 2 weeks on this wonderful Oceania cruise from Dover to Stockholm. Imagine sipping cocktails on your penthouse suite balcony as you bid farewell to Copenhagen on your way to Helsinki and to three days in exquisite St. Petersburg, so rich with history.

You won't want to miss a morning sail through the Stockholm archipelago, one of the world's most spectacular sights with 24,000 islands, inlets and rocks. It's even possible to take a full day excursion to Berlin. Take this opportunity to come on board the elegant Regatta, a perfect mid-size ship (only 684 passengers) with superb cuisine and all the amenities & entertainment you'd ever want!

July 16-30, 2008, includes upgradeable international coach airfare, transfers, and \$100 shipboard credit (excludes taxes, government fees, and insurance)

Restrictions: July 16 – 30, 2008 only.

Courtesy of Oceania Cruises

Value: \$27,000

Minimum Bid: \$15,000

Increments: \$500

204.

Escape to Hidden Aquapura Douro Valley, Portugal

Enjoy a 2-night stay for two in a suite with breakfast and one dinner in this new luxurious hideaway - Portugal's first "six-star resort" near Oporto, snuggled down in the Douro Valley, UNESCO-protected and smothered in vine draped hills.

Escape the beaten path and enjoy surroundings where culture, gastronomy, traditions, and stunning landscape all meet. Luxury and relaxation abound throughout this historic property, designed with an innovative blend of carefully selected materials, textures and original pieces collected from around the world. Recently featured in the New York Times.

Restrictions: Expires April 30, 2008.

Courtesy of Aquapura Douro Valley, Portugal

Value: \$1200

Minimum Bid: \$600

Increments: \$25

205.**Cambridge Beaches Resort in Bermuda for 2**

Experience relaxation and romance surrounded by the sparkling blue waters at **Cambridge Beaches**. This resort sits on a private peninsula on the western end of Bermuda, overlooking pink sand beaches and panoramic views. Take advantage of world-class spa facilities, tennis, sunset snorkeling cruises, nearby championship golf, and ferry to Hamilton for duty-free shopping. Your 4 nights in a Deluxe Room includes breakfast, taxes, and gratuity.

Restrictions: *Valid from January 2, 2008 to May 15, 2008*

Courtesy of Cambridge Beaches

Value: \$3200

Minimum Bid: \$1500

Increments: \$100

206.**Find the Sun in Caneel Bay, U.S. Virgin Islands**

Make a beeline for the tropical warmth and charm of the Virgin Islands on this 3-night, 4-day getaway for two at the luxurious **Caneel Bay Resort** on St. John. This incredible vacation includes complimentary use of the Caneel Bay ferry to and from St. Thomas, use of sailboats, sea kayaks, and snorkeling equipment, as well as eleven all-weather tennis courts.

Restrictions: *Confirmation is subject to availability, or black out period of high occupancy. Valid May 15, 2008 - November 15, 2008*

Courtesy of Caneel Bay, St. John

Value: \$1750

Minimum Bid: \$900

Increments: \$100

207.

A Weekend in Medieval London

Splurge with a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to London February 9 -12, 2008! You will participate in the festivities surrounding former CASW Board Chair Eric Fraunfelter's induction as Master of the Fruiterers Guild, with 2 nights accommodation at the elegant **Milestone Hotel**.

After arriving on Saturday, you will attend an evening cocktail party with Eric and Harriet Fraunfelter and their US and foreign guests. Then, wake up on Sunday for Choral Morning Prayer at the Temple Church . Built by Knights Templar in 1185, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in the City. Following Church will be a grand English Sunday lunch in Middle Temple Hall. This medieval Hall was the site of the first performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" before Queen Elizabeth I.

On Monday morning, you can choose from (1) guided tours of sites in the City of London connected to the Livery Companies. These organizations have evolved from the mediaeval trade guilds and form the foundation of civic life in the Square Mile to this day. Or (2) Take a private tour of the two Houses of Parliament conducted by guides from the Noteworthy Travel Management Service.

On Monday evening, you will attend the grand white tie Annual Livery Banquet honoring Eric Fraunfelter. The evening will begin with a Choral Anglo-American Evensong at St. Laurence Jewry, the parish church of the Livery Companies which was designed by Christopher Wren. Then, the Banquet will take place at the Guildhall, a great Medieval Hall built on the foundation of the Roman forum. Tonight you will dine with top local dignitaries connected to the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers and the City of London. It will be a unique evening full of the pomp and ceremony that the English do so well—there will be trumpet fanfares, processions, toasts, speeches, and the Loving Cup ceremony.

Accommodation in London for 2 nights of your visit is at the 5 star **Milestone Hotel** in a deluxe double room with complimentary breakfast. The Milestone Hotel is a showpiece of the Victorian era restored to its architectural splendor. Located in fashionable Kensington, this elegant 19th Century hotel overlooks Kensington Palace and offers uninterrupted views of the Gardens and Hyde Park.

***Restrictions:** Milestone Hotel stay must be booked at least 15 days in advance. Some blackout dates may appear due to special events. Valid until December 31, 2008*

Courtesy of Eric Fraunfelter, The Noteworthy Group, and the Milestone Hotel London

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$1200

Increments: \$100

208.

Irish Getaway for 2 at The Merrion in Dublin and Sheen Falls Lodge Ireland

Explore Dublin from **The Merrion**, Dublin's prestige address for discerning travelers. This gracious and intimate 145 room hotel is hewn from 4 beautifully restored Georgian residences opposite the Parliament buildings. Enjoy 2 nights accommodation for two in a Superior Queen Room in the Garden Wing, full Irish breakfast each morning, a welcoming bottle of Champagne on arrival and complimentary use of the world-class Tethra Spa.

Travel (not included) to the southwest of Ireland to Kenmare Bay in Kerry for 2 nights in a Deluxe Room at the 5 star **Sheen Falls Lodge**, "Ireland's Best Hotel" according to Travel and Leisure Magazine. This luxury manor is a privately owned country house hotel off the Ring of Kerry. Facilities include pool, spa, golf, salmon fishing, tennis courts. Includes full Irish breakfast and one evening meal for two in La Cascade Restaurant.

***Restrictions:** The Merrion: Package includes all taxes and there is no service charge at The Merrion. All offers are subject to availability and demand.*

Courtesy of The Merrion in Dublin and Sheen Falls Lodge

Value: \$3000

Minimum Bid: \$1500

Increments: \$150

210.

Unique Newport Excursion

Head to Newport, Rhode Island for a memorable weekend. You and a guest will stay at the prestigious **New York Yacht Club** and awake on Saturday morning for a day of sailing on an America's Cup 12 meter boat with a local yachting expert! Your stay includes accommodations Friday and Saturday nights with breakfast. During your visit to Newport, take advantage of two passes for a tour of five of the beautiful **Newport mansions**.

***Restrictions:** Excursion must be arranged by mutual agreement with Mr. Parker*

Courtesy of Mr. Anthony Parker and the Preservation Society of Newport County.

Value: \$1575

Minimum Bid: \$800

Increments: \$50

211.

A Museum Getaway in New York City

Relax in a Grand Luxe Room for two at the prestigious **Peninsula New York Hotel**. During your 2-night stay in New York City, enjoy two complimentary admissions passes to both the **Museum of Modern Art** and the **Whitney Museum of American Art**.

Restrictions: The Peninsula Hotel stay is valid January 1, 2008 through November 28, 2008; winner must arrive on a Friday or Saturday. Museum passes are valid through December 31, 2008.

Courtesy of The Peninsula Hotel, the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art

Value: \$2220

Minimum Bid: \$1000

Increments: \$100

212.

A Weekend in New York City

Treat yourself to a higher standard of living for 2 nights in a suite at **The Sherry Netherland**. Located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 59th, The Sherry reflects the intimacy and grace of another era. During your stay, spend an afternoon at the **Museum of Modern Art** with two complimentary passes.

Restrictions: The Sherry Netherland must be a Friday and Saturday night stay. Reservations are subject to availability and must be made through Executive Office at least two weeks in advance. Valid from January 3, 2008 through August 31, 2008. Taxes are included but gratuities and incidental charges are not included. Museum passes are valid through December 31, 2008.

Courtesy of The Sherry Netherland and the Museum of Modern Art

Value: \$2580

Minimum Bid: \$1100

Increments: \$100

213.

The Big Apple Package for Two

Stay at the center of it all for 2 nights at the **W Hotel** in Times Square! The sleek and stylish W Hotel provides an oasis of calm amid the hustle and bustle of the Big Apple. Complete your New York City experience with two premium tickets to a **Broadway** show.

Restrictions: Hotel offer includes room and tax only. Extensions beyond the expiration date cannot be honored. Certificate redemption is based on availability and advanced reservations. When checking availability it is suggested to have alternative dates as certificate is only valid for a Friday-Sunday night stay. Blackout dates do apply and are subject to change. Please note that the Broadway tickets will be selected for you by the donor.

Courtesy of W Hotels and Elizabeth Holleman

Value: \$1300

Minimum Bid: \$550

Increments: \$75

214.

VIP Tickets to “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart”

Make a special trip to Comedy Central studios in New York City with 4 VIP tickets to a taping of “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

Restrictions: Winner must e-mail request for tickets 3-6 weeks in advance. Must be 18 years or older. Please note that the Daily Show tapes Monday-Thursday.

Courtesy of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments: \$50

215.

2 nights for 2 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, British Columbia

Experience the best accommodations in Victoria in your Signature Room at this chateau-style landmark hotel. The hotel overlooks Inner Harbour across from Parliament and Royal British Columbia Museum. With its turn-of-the-century beauty, **The Fairmont Empress** captures the grandeur and elegance of a bygone era, while its facilities and services meet the needs of the sophisticated traveler.

Restrictions: Advanced reservations required. Includes room and taxes only. Expires October 31, 2008

Courtesy of the Fairmont Empress

Value: \$800

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

216.

Luxurious Italian Getaway on Lake Como for 2

This can be your romantic dream vacation on Italy’s Lake Como! Experience 3 nights in an Executive Deluxe Double room in the **Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni**. Experience fine Italian luxury overlooking breathtaking Lake Como and surrounding mountains, or arrange for a tour to take in Lake Como’s famous villas. Includes breakfast served in the Salone Reale, tax and service charges, use of the fitness center, sauna, steam bath, swimming pools.

Restrictions: Prize is non-transferable and is of no cash value. The original letter must be presented at the time of check-in. The recipient of the gift certificate should request their reservations as outlined on the gift certificate. Subject to availability. Valid April 17 - November 1, 2008

Courtesy of the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

Value: \$3380

Minimum Bid: \$1600

Increments: \$100

217.

Historic Helsinki Hotel for 2 with Air

Visit the capital city of Finland and enjoy a 2-night stay for two in a Deluxe Room at the 5-star luxurious **Hotel Kämp** located in the heart of Helsinki. Guest rooms have been completely re-furnished retaining the original character of the hotel from the late 19th century. All rooms have air-conditioning and wireless internet connection. Taxes and services are included. Includes round trip airfare for two on Iceland Air.

***Restrictions:** Hotel Kämp is subject to availability, expires December 31, 2008. Iceland Air vouchers are not valid between December 15-January 5 and between May 20-September 5. Taxes and other airport charges are not included. Reservations cannot be made more than 60 days prior to departure. Please note that Iceland Air flies out of BWI on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday only.*

Courtesy of Hotel Kämp, Helsinki

Value: \$3600

Minimum Bid: \$1500

Increments: \$100

218.

5-Day Stay for Family of Four at HF Bar Ranch, WY

Journey to the rugged beauty of Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains to experience the fresh air and western lifestyle of **HF Bar Ranch**, one of the oldest Wyoming guest ranches, nestled in the mountains at an altitude of 5,280 feet. Tailor your own daily schedule for 4 nights and 5 days to allow just the right combination of structure and relaxation. Activities to choose from include hiking, trail running, horseback riding, mountain biking, fly fishing, challenge course, massage therapy, heated outdoor swimming pool, yoga, aerobics classes, and much more. There will also be evening activities to add to your options: guest speakers, movies, cookouts, hayrides and campfires. Bring the whole family for a rejuvenating and invigorating Western vacation. Includes all room and board expenses.

***Restrictions:** Certificate does not include sales tax, personal expenses and gratuities. No expiration date. Season runs from May through September. Contact the ranch in early winter to make reservations for the following season.*

Courtesy of HF Bar Ranch

Value: \$4500

Minimum Bid: \$2800

Increments: \$200

219.

Four nights at Mandorla Ranch B&B Montana Retreat

Located 1 hour north of Missoula and 2.5 hours south of Glacier National Park, the elegant and inviting **Mandorla Ranch** is an exclusive B&B Spa in the foothills of the Mission Mountains! The Ranch is quiet and beautifully secluded with 360 degree views overlooking the Mission Valley and upward into the Mission Mountains. Enjoy stunning Western sunsets, hiking, biking, riding and wildlife viewing. Includes breakfast.

Courtesy of Mandorla Ranch

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$450

Increments: \$50

220.

Week-long Palm Springs Getaway for Four at La Quinta Resort & Club, Palm Springs with Air

Set in Palm Springs' "La Quinta" neighborhood, the legendary **La Quinta Resort & Club** has offered celebrities and society leaders refuge in the quiet of the Santa Rosa Mountains. The resort features some of the country's best golf, a world-class spa, tennis courts, and 7 restaurants. Over your 7-night stay, you will relax in accommodations for up to four guests in the comfortable 1-bedroom, 2-bath downstairs area of a Premium Spa Villa, which features cathedral ceilings and a dining area that opens out to a gated private patio. The living room has a fireplace, queen size sleeper sofa, and its own bathroom with shower. The master bedroom offers a king size bed and deluxe bathroom. For convenience, the unit also has a full kitchen and washer and dryer. The semi-private pool and courtyard allow guests the chance to unwind and enjoy the natural beauty of the resort grounds. A whirlpool is also available. Includes airfare for two from AirTran Airways.

Restrictions: Winner must use in 2008 and contact Emily Riffle at CASW 6-8 weeks in advance to arrange stay. Not available March 10-23, 2008

Offered by Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Riffle

Value: \$6400

Minimum Bid: \$2800

Increments: \$250

221.

4 Night Stay for 2 at Canyon Ranch Resort, Tucson with Air

Escape for a 4-night stay at the wonderful **Canyon Ranch Health Resort** in Tucson, Arizona. You and a guest will enjoy deluxe accommodations, nutritionally balanced gourmet meals daily, state-of-the-art spa facilities, over 40 daily fitness activities, round trip airport transfers and an allowance (per person) of \$560 for services. Includes round trip airfare on **Southwest Airlines**.

***Restrictions:** Gift certificate is non-transferable and retains no cash value. Reservations are accepted on a space available basis. Valid January 5, 2007 - March 1, 2008 and April 1, 2008 - December 1, 2008*

Courtesy of Canyon Ranch Health Resort and Southwest Airlines

Value: \$7300

Minimum Bid: \$3000

Increments: \$250

222.

A Weekend Getaway in the Park Hyatt

Park Hyatt Washington re-opened its doors in summer 2006 following a \$24 million renovation and redesign by celebrated New York designer Tony Chi. With its Tea Cellar offering rare and vintage tea selections, spa-inspired bathrooms, and a signature fragrance designed exclusively for the hotel by artisan perfumer Blaise Mautin, Park Hyatt Washington offers guests a unique experience in the nation's capital. The newest and most innovative luxury hotel in Washington, D.C., it combines dynamic modernism with classic American style that pays homage to the city's cultural and natural attributes. Certificate is for a 2-night weekend stay in the signature Park Deluxe Room with full American breakfast for two each morning.

***Restrictions:** Expires December 31, 2008.*

Offered by The Park Hyatt, Washington D.C.

Value: \$1500

Minimum Bid: \$600

Increments: \$50

223.

Bed and Breakfast at the Ritz Carlton West End

Immerse yourself in the luxury of the **Ritz Carlton** at 1150 22nd Street NW. Enjoy one night in deluxe accommodations and complimentary breakfast.

***Restrictions:** Reservations are required. Not transferable, not replaceable, subject to availability and black out dates.*

Courtesy of Ritz Carlton

Value: up to \$600

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

224.

The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA for 2

A destination for centuries, a tradition for generations. You and a guest will spend 3 days and 2 nights at **The Homestead**. This magnificent resort hotel has been recently renovated and offers historical tours, three championship golf courses, tennis, one of the world's premier spas, a world-class shooting club, fly-fishing, and one hundred miles of trails to explore. In winter, a ski slope with chair lift caters to beginning and intermediate skiers. This package includes afternoon tea and use of the fitness center. Service charges and taxes included.

Restrictions: *Valid through August 31, 2008.*

Courtesy of Homestead Inn

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$350

Increments: \$100

225.

A Night in the Virginia Hunt Country

The venerable **Red Fox Inn and Tavern** stands at the center cross-roads of Middleburg, VA, an historic village in a valley steeped in the lore of both the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars. In the shadow of the Blue Ridge and Bull Run mountains, the original fieldstone structure maintains a simple yet romantic bed-and-breakfast charm. You and a guest will have the pleasure of an overnight stay including buffet continental breakfast. While in the area, you may visit nearby battlefields and monuments, drive past land-grant estates and antebellum houses, attend local steeple-chases and horse shows, see a meet of foxhounds, or browse Middleburg's many fine shops and galleries.

Restrictions: *Sunday-Thursday only. No holidays or holiday weekends. Expires December 17, 2008.*

Courtesy of Red Fox Inn and Tavern

Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments: \$30

226.

Make Yourself at home in Hilton Head, SC

Enjoy a week in this 3 bedroom home in **Hilton Head, SC**. The house has a master suite, one bedroom with two sets of bunk beds, a third bedroom with twin beds, and a pull out couch in the living room. Take a nap on the large screened in porch, walk to the beach for a quick dip, or hop on your bike for a ride to the South Beach marina.

Restrictions: *The dates for the week will be a mutually-agreed-upon time in May or June 2008, no smoking, but pets are allowed.*

Offered by Mary and Douglas Bowers

Value: \$1500

Minimum Bid: \$700

Increments: \$100

227.

One-week stay in Rehoboth Beach, DE

Bring your family, your bridge group, or anyone else you like up to 4 adults for one week of your choice at a two-bedroom, two-bath first floor condominium located one half mile from the beach. The condo sleeps four comfortably and comes fully furnished, including a washer/dryer, linens, and towels. Rehoboth features great restaurants, sales tax-free outlet shopping, public golf courses, and is a great getaway anytime of year.

Restrictions: *Excludes Christmas-New Year's, no pets, no smoking, expires December 17, 2008.*

Offered by Karen Gifuni & James Zumwalt

Value: \$1500

Minimum Bid: \$700

Increments: \$100

Photography, Art, and Design

301.

Birmingham - Portrait Gift Certificate

Portraits are a wonderful way to hold onto time. Take this opportunity to have your family photographed with a personal consultation, a family portrait session, and a credit toward your order at **Philip Birmingham Photography**. Philip Birmingham is one of America's leading portrait photographers. Although his speciality is portraits of children and families, Mr. Birmingham has photographed numerous chief executive officers including Bill Marriott, General Colin Powell, General Norman Swarzkopf and Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush. **Restrictions:** *Certificate is non-transferable and is not redeemable for cash. One certificate may be used per sitting. The certificate may not be used in conjunction with bridal, wedding, or executive photography. Expires December 17, 2008.*

Offered by Philip Birmingham Photography

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$450

Increments: \$50

302.

Gregory Fine Portraits - Portrait Gift Certificate

Celebrate your family with a beautiful photograph portrait by Gregory Fine Portraits. Included are a pre-portrait studio consultation, studio portrait session, and a 12" classic portrait.

Restrictions: *Portrait gift certificate may only be redeemed by the winner. An in-studio consultation is necessary prior to any portrait session. Only one gift certificate may be used towards a single portrait session.*

Offered by Gregory Fine Portraits

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

303.

Lynn Hornor Keith Photography

Photograph your next special birthday, family reunion or corporate event! Ms. Keith will provide up to 3 hours of shooting for your next event. You will receive at least 200 photos including a CD.

Restrictions: *Date to be mutually agreeable. Excludes weddings.*

Offered by Lynn Hornor Keith

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments: \$50

304.

Nokia N95 Cell Phone #1

The sleek and stylish N95 cell phone by cutting-edge Finnish company Nokia is one of the most feature-packed smart phones to date. It features integrated GPS, Bluetooth, and advanced multimedia capabilities including a 5-megapixel camera that produces good-quality photos and videos. It is optimized for U.S. third generation networks and is GSM-compatible, including AT&T and T-Mobile.

Restrictions: *Cannot be returned or exchanged; please note that these phones are GSM-compatible.*

Courtesy of Nokia, Inc.

Value: \$800

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

305.

Nokia N95 Cell Phone #2

The sleek and stylish N95 cell phone by cutting-edge Finnish company Nokia is one of the most feature-packed smart phones to date. It features integrated GPS, Bluetooth, and advanced multimedia capabilities including a 5-megapixel camera that produces good-quality photos and videos. It is optimized for U.S. third generation networks and is GSM-compatible, including AT&T and T-Mobile.

Restrictions: *Cannot be returned or exchanged; please note that these phones are GSM-compatible.*

Courtesy of Nokia, Inc.

Value: \$800

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

306.

18" x 15" Color Photograph – “The Thai Puppet Portfolio”

An elegant, exotic and darkly foreboding Fine Art photograph. The immediate image is of authentic, antique Thai puppets, dressed in costumes created from the Bangkok Opera gowns in rich reds and golds, with subtle reflections and layered depth. Ms. Harrison’s works have been acquired by The Corcoran Gallery of Art, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, among other international corporate and private collections.

Courtesy of Fine Art Photographer Carol Harrison

Value: \$750

Minimum Bid: \$350

Increments: \$50

307.

20" x 24" original litho painting - “Pennsylvania Avenue” by Mary Anne Reilly

Display this beautiful painting by a world-renowned Washington artist. Perfect for the office or home. Signed and numbered.

Offered by Mary Anne Reilly

Value: \$600

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

308.

18" x 24" Oil Painting - “Summer Island in Maine” by Carrita Smith

Well known in the Washington area, Ms. Carrita Smith brings a fresh and vibrant palette to her most recent works. Working with oils and watercolors, you can see how she interprets light and shadow through a contemporary post-impressionistic style. Ms. Smith has exhibited throughout the US and her works are included in many private and corporate collections including AT&T, Gannett News Service and numerous law firms.

Offered by Carrita Smith

Value: \$800

Minimum Bid: \$350

Increments: \$50

309.

8" x 10" Painting - "Pears on Table" Painted by local artist Steve Tidball

This wonderful impressionist painting could be hanging in your dining room! Includes French Provincial 3" frame.

Offered by Steve Tidball

Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments: \$30

310.

Fiskars 8-piece Scissors Collector Set

Finnish Company Fiskars offers this exquisitely crafted, ergonomically designed, 8 piece scissor set with a storage case.

Courtesy of Fiskars Craft - A Division of Fiskars Brands, Inc.

Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$80

Increments: \$10

311.

Two Glass Bird Decorative Set by iittala

These two pieces are part of a limited edition collection designed by Oiva Toikka, a famous Finnish designer. They were commissioned by the Finnish government in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Finland's independence from Russia on December 6, 2007.

Courtesy of iittala

Value: \$500

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

312.

Translucent Royal Blue Vase by iittala

This bold and versatile translucent vase, designed by Suomi, is an exquisite addition to any home or office.

Courtesy of iittala

Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments: \$50

313.

Royal Blue & White Vase by iittala

Royal blue on the inside and classic white on the outside, this uniquely shaped vase is sure to turn heads. Designed by Alvan Aalto, a famous Finnish designer.

Courtesy of iittala

Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments: \$25

314.

Set of 3 Faux Stone Elliptical Mosaic Vases

Courtesy of J. Lambeth & Co. Showroom

Value: \$380

Minimum Bid: \$120

Increments: \$20

315.

5' x 6' Hand Tufted Rug

Tibetan Collection II, Design #10.

Courtesy of Stark Carpet

Value: \$2400

Minimum Bid: \$1000

Increments: \$100

316.

Hungarian Hand-painted Porcelain Teapot, Sugar and Cream Bowls

Hand-painted porcelain has a long tradition in Hungary going back almost two centuries. Anna Weatherley's unique designs are inspired by the early botanical illustrators and flower painters of the 18th Century Europe.

Designed by Anna Weatherley

Value: \$575

Minimum Bid: \$225

Increments: \$50

317.

Landscape Design Services

A new front yard design, a new patio, a fresh look for your backyard! Design services to include appropriate drawings and consultation to help with installation.

Offered by Carol Gale Designs

Value: \$1000

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

318.

Fabiola Martens Interior Design

Experienced interior designer Fabiola Martens offers a keen eye for detail and a reputation for good taste. Voucher includes approximately 3 hours of design consultation at your home.

Restrictions: Within Washington metro area (MD, VA, DC).

Offered by Fabiola Martens

Value: \$600

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

319.

Remodeling and Interiors

Grossmeuller's Design Consultants, Inc. is a local award winning design firm featured on HGTV and in *Woman's Day Kitchen and Bath*. This certificate entitles the winner to a 2 hour in-home design consultation for remodeling and interiors.

Offered by Grossmeuller's Design Consultants, Inc.

Value: \$500

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

High Fashion + Beauty

401.

Red State Package

Show your loyalty to the Republican Party by wearing this stunning red silk custom necktie and pair of 18K plated elephant cufflinks from Ann Hand. Includes an autographed copy of *Herding Cats: A Life in Politics* by Senator Trent Lott, 1 can of Senate Bean Soup, and a commemorative Bean Soup mug.

Restrictions: Cannot be returned or exchanged

Courtesy of Ann Hand, LLC and Frances Norris

Value: \$225

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments: \$50

402.

Blue State Package

Show your loyalty to the Democratic Party with this blue silk custom necktie and pair of 18K plated donkey cufflinks from Ann Hand. Includes an autographed copy of *Like No Other Time: The 107th Congress and the Two Years that Changed American Forever* by Senator Tom Daschle with Michael D'Orso, 1 can of Senate Bean Soup, and a commemorative Bean Soup mug.

Restrictions: Cannot be returned or exchanged

Courtesy of Ann Hand, LLC and Frances Norris

Value: \$225

Minimum Bid: \$100

Increments: \$50

403.

"Jaipur" Lariat Style Necklace

A fiery combination of orange & red, this beautiful lariat-style necklace is designed by noted Texas jewelry designer Yvonne Betts. It features hundreds of bright orange carnelian & garnet gems individually wire-wrapped onto a gold chain and is finished with large pink tourmaline pendant drops.

Courtesy of Yvonne Betts

Value: \$450

Minimum Bid: \$150

Increments: \$50

404.

Corby Collection Accessories

Steal the show in this striking accessory combination. Includes a silk-wool blend heather brown scarf with blue ribbon detail and oversized chocolate brown leather purse.

Courtesy of Corby Collection

Value: \$530

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

405.

Dramatic Mahogany Mink Cape

Courtesy of Mr. David Cowling

Value: \$4000

Minimum Bid: \$2000

Increments: \$100

406.

Luscious Black Sheared Mink Reversible Coat

Courtesy of Mr. David Cowling

Value: \$16,000

Minimum Bid: \$7000

Increments: \$300

407.

Wooley & Co. Handbag

Restrictions: Cannot be returned or exchanged

Courtesy of Ms. Connie Carter

Value: \$500

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

408.

Handmade Venetian Glass Intaglio Earrings

Courtesy of Elizabeth Locke Jewels

Value: \$3025

Minimum Bid: \$800

Increments: \$100

409.

Sterling Silver Necklace with Swarovski Crystals

This bold piece, which clasps around itself, makes a sophisticated statement with its style and colors. The necklace is all sterling silver and it is interlaced with vibrant purple stones and Swarovski crystals, which both add a sense of glamour to the classy sterling drops.

Courtesy of Talia Don Designs

Value: \$510

Minimum Bid: \$200

Increments: \$50

410.

Amethyst and Jade Serpentine Necklace

This long double strand necklace sparkles with the multi-faceted colors of amethyst and jade.

Restrictions: *Cannot be returned or exchanged*

Courtesy of Michelle DuPont Inc.

Value: \$325

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments: \$25

411.

Jet Necklace, Bracelet, Earrings Set

This elegant set includes a necklace, bracelet, and earrings, all featuring a Tiger Eye design and vermeil beads.

Restrictions: *Cannot be returned or exchanged*

Courtesy of Michelle DuPont Inc.

Value: \$675

Minimum Bid: \$300

Increments: \$50

412.

Triple Strand Nugget Necklace with Vermeil Beads

This extraordinary necklace is made of faceted clear quartz and features vermeil beads and a 14k gold clasp.

Restrictions: *Cannot be returned or exchanged*

Courtesy of Michelle DuPont Inc.

Value: \$875

Minimum Bid: \$350

Increments: \$50

413.

Blue Lace Agate and Pearl Necklace and Earring Set

This gorgeous set includes a blue lace agate, potato pearl, and sterling triple strand necklace and a blue lace agate and pearl gold-filled wire wrapped earrings.

Restrictions: Cannot be returned or exchanged

Courtesy of Michelle DuPont Inc.

Value: \$900

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$50

414.

Massage, pedicure, and manicure at Red Door

Pamper yourself with this gift certificate to Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Salon and Spa in Washington, D.C.

Restrictions: Must be redeemed at Washington, DC location on Wisconsin Avenue

Courtesy of Elizabeth Arden Salon and Spa

Value: \$125

Minimum Bid: \$60

Increments: \$10

415.

Ibiza Day Spa and Salon

Whether it's a makeover or a touch-up, Master Colorist and Master Stylist Charles is an expert in hair. Treat yourself to hair color, cut, and styling.

Courtesy of Ibiza Day Spa and Salon

Value: \$150

Minimum Bid: \$60

Increments: \$10

416.

Facial Rejuvenation Package

Rejuvenate yourself with this facial package from local Virginia expert Shahram Salemy, M.D. Includes a skin care consultation, a treatment of Botox, a dermal filler (Juvederm, Restybane or Radiesses) and a microdermabrasian treatment.

Restrictions: Expires March 31, 2008.

Courtesy of Shahram Salemy, M.D.

Value: \$1500

Minimum Bid: \$700

Increments: \$100

417.

Orlane Beauty Party for up to 12 at Neiman Marcus

Experience pure beauty. Bring up to 11 of your friends to Neiman Marcus in Chevy Chase for facials and makeovers from Orlane, followed by a luncheon.

Courtesy of Orlane

Value: \$1200

Minimum Bid: \$500

Increments: \$50

Wine + Dine

501.

Sushi Dinner at the Home of CASW's Board Chair

Enjoy an authentic Sushi Dinner for 4 couples (8 people total) in the home of CASW Board Chair, Anne Keiser, and her husband Doug Lapp. Your dinner will be prepared by the expert sushi chef from Tono Sushi Restaurant.

Restrictions: Date to be mutually agreed upon by all guests. Offer expires July 31, 2008.

Courtesy of Tono Sushi Restaurant and Ms. Anne Keiser and Mr. Douglas P. Lapp

Value: \$1200

Minimum Bid: \$700

Increments: \$100

502.

The Capital Grille

Enjoy this \$100 Gift Certificate to the Capital Grille, downtown Washington's highly praised steakhouse. The food is matched with exceptional service and a comfortable, relaxed ambiance.

Courtesy of the Capital Grille

Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$60

Increments: \$10

503.

Centro \$300 Gift Certificate

This popular Bethesda restaurant specializes in simply done yet elegantly presented dishes—fresh seafood, delicious veal chop, shrimp tempura and excellent cuts of meat grilled to perfection. The walls are sponged in warm gold tones reminiscent of the Tuscan grain fields and the light fixtures above the bar were hand-blown in Venice.

Courtesy of Centro

Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$180

Increments: \$20

504.

Brunch Package

Enjoy brunch at two of Washington's hot spots! Includes brunch for 4 at Ardeo in Cleveland Park. Enjoy a contemporary setting and Modern American cuisine incorporating Asian, Mediterranean, and traditional French flavors. Then enjoy brunch for 4 at Lia's in Chevy Chase. Chef Geoff's latest adventure, Lia's offers seasonal comfort food utilizing Italian, Mediterranean, and American flavors. The contemporary and comfortable atmosphere features wine glass chandeliers, a wood burning fireplace, and patio seating.

Restrictions: *Ardeo: Sunday only; excludes tax, tip, and alcohol; expires September 19, 2008. Lia's: Excludes beverages and gratuity; expires December 17, 2008.*

Courtesy of Ardeo and Lia's.

Value: \$205

Minimum Bid: \$120

Increments: \$15

505.

Brasserie Beck \$200 Gift Certificate

Chef Robert Wiedmaier of Marcel's invites you to his newest restaurant, Brasserie Beck. Known for its authentic Belgian selections, mussels, and other Alsatian food, this art deco-themed restaurant was named "The Real Deal" by Esquire magazine.

Restrictions: *Certificate is valid Monday-Thursday, no holidays.*

Courtesy of Brasserie Beck

Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$120

Increments: \$20

506.

Brunch for 4 at the Four Seasons Restaurant

Treat three of your friends to a fabulous brunch at the Four Seasons in Georgetown! You can choose from the raw bar, breakfast station, omelet station, quiches, and more.

Restrictions: *Reservations required and based on availability; winner must mention certificate when making reservations; not valid during holidays; expires December 17, 2008.*

Courtesy of the Four Seasons Restaurant

Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$175

Increments: \$25

507.

Dinner for 4 at Westend Bistro

Be among the first to try the Ritz Carlton's new American Bistro from Eric Ripert, the 3-star Michelin Chef of Manhattan's Le Bernardin! Indulge in the first-rate quality and freshness of Westend Bistro's straightforward menu and bask in the energy of the vibrant bar and stylish banquettes and booths. Includes food and beverages.

Restrictions: *Gratuities not included. Blackout dates include major holidays; certificate expires December 17, 2008.*

Courtesy of Ritz Carlton's Westend Bistro

Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$150

Increments: \$50

508.

A Night Out at L'Auberge Chez Francois

Celebrate a special occasion with a \$400 gift certificate to this renowned, charming French country restaurant in Great Falls, VA. L'Auberge Chez Francois is a Washington tradition for over 50 years. A lush, relaxing setting provides the background for this elegant restaurant experience.

Restrictions: *Reservations are required.*

Courtesy of L'Auberge Chez Francois

Value: \$400

Minimum Bid: \$250

Increments: \$50

509.

Le Mistral \$200 Gift Certificate

Located in McLean, Le Mistral is a Capitol Hill restaurant specializing in eclectic yet classic cuisine. The style is Mediterranean with sumptuous touches that are very tempting as well as visually pleasing. An extensive wine list completes the experience.

Courtesy of Le Mistral

Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$120

Increments: \$20

510.

Authentic Moroccan Meal for 10 at Marrakesh

Delight in a seven course Moroccan meal while immersed in a traditional atmosphere. Marrakesh will serve nine of your friends like a Moroccan family would at their home, starting with washing your hands and placing a large towel on your lap. Rich tapestries decorate the walls while the rhythms of Moroccan music fill the air above professional belly dancers.

Restrictions: Sunday-Thursaday only; excludes beverages, tax and service.

Courtesy of Marrakesh

Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$175

Increments: \$25

511.

Dine Out in Potomac Village

Enjoy Dinner for 4 at Renato's, a local Italian favorite in Potomac Village. Then, have the benefit of a \$50 Gift Certificate for Bezu. Named after the French word for "kiss", the French-Asian Fusion menu focuses on seafood enlivened by Pacific Rim flavors.

Restrictions: Renato's dinner does not include alcohol and gratuity.

Courtesy of Renato's at River Falls and Bezu

Value: \$225

Minimum Bid: \$125

Increments: \$25

512.

French Dining Package

Experience a taste of France in the heart of Washington with these gift certificates for \$120 to Les Halles Brasserie and dinner for 2 at Café du Park: Authentic French Bistro at the Willard Intercontinental, and \$50 for brunch at Matisse Restaurant.

Restrictions: Reservations required; gift certificates expire December 18, 2008.

Courtesy of Willard InterContinental and Les Halles Brasserie

Value: \$270

Minimum Bid: \$140

Increments: \$25

513.

A Special Evening at Black Salt Restaurant

A tasting menu for 6 in the tasting room at Black Salt with wines paired for the dinner by Addy Bassin of MacArthur Liquors.

Restrictions: Gratuity not included.

Courtesy of Black Salt Restaurant and MacArthur Liquors

Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$400

Increments: \$100

514.

2000 Ledson Harmony Club Meritage #1, a bottle

Complex, yet approachable, the robust varietals of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet and Merlot create this Meritage in a limited release from the Ledson Winery in Sonoma, California. The oak, fruit & tannins in this wine are perfectly integrated showing respected finesse. The wine boasts of rich textures and subtle flavors of black cherry, blueberry, and black currant and unfolds to a long lusty finish on the palate.

Offered by Dr. Joseph Holt

Value: \$125

Minimum Bid: \$70

Increments: \$10

515.

2000 Ledson Harmony Club Meritage #2, a bottle

Complex, yet approachable, the robust varietals of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet and Merlot create this Meritage in a limited release from the Ledson Winery in Sonoma, California. The oak, fruit & tannins in this wine are perfectly integrated showing respected finesse. The wine boasts of rich textures and subtle flavors of black cherry, blueberry, and black currant and unfolds to a long lusty finish on the palate.

Offered by Dr. Joseph Holt

Value: \$125

Minimum Bid: \$70

Increments: \$10

516.

1989 Lynch Bages Bordeaux Blend, a bottle

Full-bodied and very juicy, with big velvety tannins and a ripe long finish. Opulent aromas of berries and hints of eucalyptus and fresh herbs. An imposing concentration of ripe fruits mixed with smoky undertones. Firm tannins are hidden by the richness of the fruits and its balancing acidity. A powerful wine!

Offered by Charles Hoyt

Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$120

Increments: \$10

517.

Champagne Sampler

Get ready for New Year's Eve with this fine champagne package! Includes a Nambe wine coaster, one bottle each of Mumm's Cordon Rouge, Henri Abele, and Veuve Cliquot, and Moet Chandon.

Courtesy of Circle Liquors, Ms. Barbara Greene, and the Auction Committee

Value: \$150

Minimum Bid: \$80

Increments: \$10

518.

Bordeaux Gift Basket

This special wine basket includes wine charms, a corkscrew and two bottles of Bordeaux:

Chateau Calon Segur 2000

Chocolate, spice and currants. Full-bodied, with super, velvety tannins and loads of fruit and smoke on the finish. Gorgeous.

Chateau Montrose 2000

A sensational Montrose, the 2000 may be the finest produced since the 1996 and 1990 vintages. A blend of 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot (56% of the crop was utilized in the final wine), this sensational, opaque purple-colored 2000 offers a terrific nose of melted licorice, creme de cassis, blackberries, minerals, and smoke. The finish lasts for over 40 seconds!

Courtesy of Howard Weir III

Value: \$270

Minimum Bid: \$160

Increments: \$20

The Choral Arts Society of Washington

In the Glow of the Northern Lights

Monday, December 17, 2007

SILENT AUCTION GUIDELINES

Thank you for participating in our Silent Auction. Should you place a winning bid, you are not just making a purchase, you are contributing vital funding to the Choral Arts Society. The money raised allows Choral Arts to provide the highest quality performances, offer educational outreach programs, and expand its reach through tours, recordings, and radio broadcasts.

RULES

1. Select items may be purchased outright by bidding the Buy Now value listed on the bid sheet.
2. The Silent Auction will be held at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC, on Monday, December 17, 2007, closing at the time posted, unless otherwise verbally extended.
3. All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds on auction items are permitted unless otherwise stated, and the Choral Arts Society is not responsible for replacing items that are lost, damaged, or stolen.
4. All items are sold "as is." The Choral Arts Society makes no warrants or representations of any kind with respect to any item or service sold.
5. Neither the Choral Arts Society nor the donor is responsible for any personal injuries or damages to property or persons that may result from the use of property or services sold.
6. Certain items may have restricted use, expiration date(s), or qualifications that may affect the value to the bidder. Unless otherwise specified, all services must be used before December 1, 2008. Bidders are bound by the precise restrictions specified by the donor, and terms are not negotiable. Services are neither exchangeable nor transferable from the buyer to anyone else without approval from the donor. All items are non-refundable.
7. The Choral Arts Society does not offer delivery of items. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to pick up the item(s) at the Kennedy Center, Washington, DC, on December 17, 2007 following the close of the auction, or from the Choral Arts Society office the following day (phone 202.244.3669, ext. 20).
8. Values indicated for items are good faith estimates.
9. Hotel stays and airline tickets are subject to availability. Blackout dates apply, incidentals are excluded, and advance reservations are required. Restaurant packages exclude tax, gratuity, and alcohol, except where indicated. Arrangements for homes of, and services with, private donors are by mutual agreement.
10. Original gift certificates must be presented upon redemption.
11. Payment in full is due at the close of the auction on December 17, 2007, and may be paid with cash, personal check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover.

TAX INFORMATION

1. Your charitable deduction for the purchases of the items at the Choral Arts Society Silent Auction is limited to the amount, if any, by which your payment exceeds the fair market value of the item.
2. You will be provided with a receipt for tax purposes for each auction item purchased. Your receipt will include a good faith estimate of the fair market value of the item.
3. It is advisable to consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax deductibility of an individual item.