

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



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Scott Rixe

Value
\$1,500

1. SPECIALIZED COCKTAILS FOR YOUR TABLE BY AWARD-WINNING MIXOLOGIST SCOTT RIXE

Be the MVP of your table and savor this exclusive cocktail menu tonight! Mixologist Scott Rixe, winner of the Movember Cocktail competition and Bar Manager for Ethan Stowell Restaurants, will mix his custom creations fresh for your table throughout the evening. Inspired by shows in the upcoming 2019/20 season, the menu includes cocktails themed after *Rigoletto*, *Cinderella*, and *Charlie Parker's Yardbird*, plus a specialized mocktail for the upcoming school touring opera, *Earth to Kenzie*.



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**Sue Buske and
Marla Beck Hosogi**

Ticket Price
\$250 per person

2. RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT SEATTLE OPERA'S FIREWORKS SOIREE

Celebrate the end of 2019 and the start of 2020 at the Opera Center with extravagance, friends, fireworks, and delicious seafood. Arrive at ten o'clock for hors d'oeuvres and bubbles, enjoy a performance by a Seattle Opera artist, and mingle with fellow opera-lovers as you ring in the new year from the Eulalie Schneider Terrace, featuring one of Seattle's best views of the annual Space Needle fireworks.



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**Susan Coughlin and
John Lauber**

Value
Priceless

Please note
Airfare is not included.

3. VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND FOR TWO AT KENTUCKY OPERA

Enjoy an insider's experience at Kentucky Opera! Celebrate Valentine's Day with a performance of *The Marriage of Figaro* from your premium seats, plus venture backstage with a personalized tour. This behind the scenes weekend includes dining with Kentucky Opera General Director Barbara Lynne Jamison and Stage Director Kelly Kitchens at award-winning bar and restaurant, Proof on Main, and three nights at the boutique 21C Hotel in a Deluxe Room (February 13-15, 2020). Finally, don't miss the chance to take in more of what the Bluegrass state has to offer with a Bourbon Trail Tour. Historic Louisville has so much to offer visitors, including the largest collection of Victorian mansions in the U.S., the Louisville Riverwalk, the Louisville slugger museum and bat factory, the Kentucky Derby museum, and the Indiana Caverns, among other local attractions.



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**Rebecca Ebsworth,
Poggi Bonsi, and
Susan Detweiler.**

Value
\$4,000

Please note
**The final menu may
vary and the date will be
confirmed for a mutually
agreeable time beginning
in August, 2019 and
expiring March 31, 2020.**

4. PRIVATE CONCERT WITH ITALIAN COOKING & WINE EXPERIENCE FOR 8

Buon appetito! Enjoy an evening of learning how to make a delectable five course Italian meal, including an antipasti salad, a savory tart, pasta or gnocchi with sauces, and a crostata with gelato for dessert. The dinner is paired with an Italian wine tasting featuring sparkling, red, and white wines from Tuscany, Veneto, and Piedmont. Learn about the grape varietals and the regions they come from. This enchanting evening will take place at the gorgeous home of Seattle Opera Board member Susan Detweiler. Enjoy the expansive view of Puget Sound while you savor your meal. You and your guests will also be treated to a private performance from a Seattle Opera artist to add to your enjoyment. This experience is for up to 8 people.



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**City Catering Company,
Jonathan Vanderweit,
Susan Davis and
Seattle Opera**

Value
\$4,500

Please note
**Date to be confirmed for
a mutually agreed upon
time by May 9, 2020.
Guests must be aged
13+.**

5. COUTURE COSTUMES: OPERA FASHION PARTY IN SEATTLE OPERA'S COSTUME SHOP FOR 10

Ever wonder what it would be like to wear the dazzling gowns of Tosca or the embellished matador suit of Escamillo? Have you dreamed of posing in your own cinematic dress-up montage? This is your chance! Your group of 10 will enjoy an evening of food, bubbly (alcoholic or non-alcoholic!), and high fashion at the Marks Family Foundation Costume Shop at the Opera Center. This is a perfect alternative to a classic birthday party or a treat-yourself night out. Your group of 10 will spend the evening learning from Seattle Opera Costume Director Susan Davis, and try on outfits from the Bruce R. McCaw Family Foundation Costume Collection. A professional photographer will capture you and your guests donning beautiful pieces from our vast collection. This party is perfect for both young adults and the young at heart.



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Gene and Jean Stark

Value
\$3,800

Please note
Valid for Summer 2020.
Airfare not included.

6. SUMMER GET AWAY TO SANTA FE

Experience summer opera in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the setting utilizes Mother Nature in all her glory to add to an always amazing evening of sensual pleasure. This two-person, five-day trip gives you the chance to experience opera, taste the local cuisine, and relax in luxury. Stay four nights at the breathtaking Inn of the Five Graces in the historic downtown heart of Santa Fe. Dine at Geronimo and Bistro 315, two of the city's best restaurants. See two incredible performances from Santa Fe Opera's 2020 Season in the magical open-air theater with panoramic mountain views and stunning sunsets. This arts lovers' package also includes tours of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and the Museum of International Folk Art.



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Tom Douglas Restaurants,
Moya Vazquez, and
Carissa Castaldo

Value
\$3,000

7. BEHIND THE SCENES AT TOM DOUGLAS RESTAURANTS & SERENADING

Join Tom Douglas Restaurants CEO Pam Hinkley for a VIP tasting tour of six of our local celebrity chef's restaurants. Delicious bites and drinks will be served at each restaurant restaurant. We'll provide a ride to each location so you can sit back and relax. Your group of 8 lucky insiders will make a 'backstage' visit to each kitchen. Seattle Opera Chorus member Carissa Castaldo will serenade you with a song inspired by the cuisine of the final restaurant. What an exquisite Saturday afternoon of food and entertainment!



Generously Donated by
**Maryanne Tagney and
David Jones, and Aidan
Lang and Linda Kitchen**

Value
Priceless

Please note
**Performances are
June 9-13, 2020.
Airfare not included.**

8. WELSH NATIONAL OPERA EXPERIENCE FEATURING BRYN TERFEL

Cymru am byth! Experience a once in a lifetime trip to Wales, where you will stay in the home of Maryanne Tagney before heading to Cardiff for Welsh National Opera's Summer Season. You'll be staying at one of the city's best hotels—St. David's Cardiff. Enjoy a double bill of Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle* starring Bryn Terfel and Stravinsky's *The Nightingale* followed the next night by Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*. Join Aidan Lang and Linda Kitchen for dinner (maybe even a barbeque?) with special guest and internationally recognized opera superstar Welsh bass-baritone, Bryn Terfel. Sir Bryn Terfel, knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017, has had a tremendous international career that has seen him become one of the great bass-baritones of the modern era. He has starred in prominent roles at the Metropolitan Opera and Royal Opera House, recorded numerous albums, and has won Grammy and Classic Brit awards.



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Greg and Darlene Chan

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9. PRIVATE CHEF DINNER WITH SEATTLE OPERA'S NEXT GENERAL DIRECTOR, CHRISTINA SCHEPPELMANN, FOR 6

Your group of 6 will be wined and dined at the waterfront home of Darlene and Gregory Chan during an evening of food, wine, and conversation with our next General Director, Christina Scheppelmann. Experience a feast for your eyes and your tastebuds while overlooking the spectacular Puget Sound in West Seattle with full view of the Olympic Mountains. Chef Dominique Place, co-founder of Gerald & Dominique Seafoods, will present classic French cuisine. Dominique is the winner of the Merite Agricole from the French government—an honor created in 1883 to recognize those with exemplary contribution to the preservation and spreading of French culinary culture. Dominique is officially recognized as a Knight in the Order of Agriculture Merit. Feast on his extraordinary offerings while you and your guests enjoy fine wine pairings from the Chans' extensive cellar. C'est magnifique!



Generously Donated by
Zeghram Expeditions

Value
\$19,960

Please note
**Expedition is
Sept 22–Oct 4, 2019.
Airfare not included.**

10. TWO WEEKS CRUISING AROUND SICILY, THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS, AND MALTESE ISLANDS FOR 2

Spend 13 days soaking in incredible scenery, natural and historic wonders, and culture and cuisine! Your trip begins with a brief visit to Malta, exploring historic and enchanting capital city, Valletta. From there, you'll board the *Serenissima* and begin a circumnavigation of Sicily, exploring picturesque coastal towns, sampling and preparing traditional dishes, enjoying wine & olive oil tastings, and visiting local farms and markets to sample the freshest traditional cuisine. Shore excursions, led by expert guides in art history and archaeology, will include Monreale's fabled 12th-century cathedral and the Palatine Chapel in Palermo, hailed as two of Italy's most beautiful Norman churches, followed by Greek and Roman ruins of Agrigento and Syracuse, which are both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Back aboard the *Serenissima*, you'll cruise among the scenic Aeolian Islands and enjoy up-close views of the still-active Stromboli Volcano before heading back to Valletta, Malta.