A Grand Night for Singing

RIVERSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY
SPRING 2017 BENEFIT GALA
AUCTION CATALOG

Live Auction



1. Two 50-Yard line Tickets to a Pre-Season Giants Game | \$225 Value

Donated by Rachel Greenfield and Judith Johnston

See the Giants play in the MetLife Stadium, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and your parking pass is included. Your two tickets are on the 50-yard line, 21 rows up from the visiting team bench. You choose any one of the New York Giants' pre-season games, which will be in August. Visiting teams and dates will be announced on the Giants website. Bonus: a cool hat with the official NFL Giants logo.



2. Top-Shelf Liquor Basket of 7 Bottles | \$575 Value

Donated by William Benson, Drew Elliott, Pete Klosterman, Andrew Langerman, Simon Mason, Kevin Shalayda, Elliot Schnapp, and coordinated by Jonathan Wind

BOURBON — **BULLEIT.** A Kentucky straight bourbon, Bulleit has a bold, spicy character with a finish that's distinctively clean and smooth; it is medium amber in color, with gentle spiciness and sweet oak aromas. This bourbon has a high rye content (28% mash), is made in small batches and is aged in charred oak barrels for at least six years. Winner of the 2012 gold medal in the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. 45% ABV.



COGNAC — COURVOISIER VSOP, FRANCE. Courvoisier is among the four leading cognac houses in the world. Legend has it that the emperor Napoleon himself chose Courvoisier as his preferred cognac, therefore Courvoisier is often referred to as "The Cognac of Napoleon". The company dates back to 1828 and since has its headquarters in the town of Jarnac. This cognac is aged at least ten years in Limousin oak barrels. 40% ABV.



GIN — HENDRICK'S, SCOTLAND. The distiller writes: "Seek out those who embrace the unusual, and you'll find that our gin is much loved by a handful of curious individuals all over the world. We invite you to join the merry few." All gin derives its predominant flavor from juniper berries; however, Hendrick's botanical signature also includes flowers, roots, fruits, and seeds from the world over, complementing the juniper, rose petal and cucumber infusions. Hendrick's suggests that the gin be served with tonic water over ice garnished with cucumber. 44% ABV.









RUM — SANTA TERESA, VENEZUELA. Santa Teresa 1796 results from a careful blend of their finest aged spirits that is further aged in a style borrowed from the Spanish sherry producers. It is the first premium añejo rum in the world to be aged in the Solera method, which is unique to the entire rum world. One reviewer writes: "When I crave a sipping rum that is drier than most and not sugary-sweet on the palate, I reach for this... rich aromas of molasses, caramel, vanilla bean, coffee, allspice, apple, cherries, and banana... Santa Teresa utilizes a solera method of aging with a mother rum of at least 25 years to blend together vibrant and mature rums. The result is a consistent sipping rum with all the the right stuff: complexity, flexibility." 40% ABV.

SCOTCH — MACALLAN, SCOTLAND. The Macallan 18 Year Old Single Barrel is matured exclusively in a sherry oak casks. "Nose: Sherry, spiced plums, mixed berry preserves, warm cinnamon toast, butter. Palate: Sweet, dry sherry, salted butter... full and satisfying. Finish: Continued sherry notes from the nose right on through the finish. Charred oak on the back end with long, lingering tannic notes punctuated by sweet and very slightly salty caramel... It is simply exquisite... clean Highland scotch with bonus tracks of sherry." One bottle is valued at \$290, and, according to this reviewer, "worth the price." 43% ABV.

TEQUILA — **AVIÓN, MEXICO.** Touted as the world's best-tasting tequila, made from Agave (100%) and small-batch brewed. The taste is described as "sweet and crisp, with hints of grapefruit, pineapple, and black pepper." 40% ABV.

VODKA — CÎROC, FRANCE. Distilled from grapes, this distinctive vodka is unique. The name "Cî-roc" is a portmanteau of the French word cime, meaning peak, and the French roche, meaning rock, a reference to the high-altitude vineyards where the grapes are grown. Nose: Refined, citrus aromas. Taste: Smooth, lightly sweet and enriched by the natural character of grapes. Finish: Crisp and clean. 40% ABV.

4. Private Guided Vertical Tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Gift Certificate to the Hungarian Pastry Shop | \$250 Value

Donated by Ruth Mueller-Maerki and Reidar Bornholdt

Climb more than 124 feet on a spiral staircase to the top of the world's largest cathedral. Get a close look at the magnificent stained glass windows. Study the architecture of the nave while standing on a buttress. Take in a wonderful view of the Morningside Heights area of Manhattan from the Cathedral roof. You'll have unusual vistas from the triforium gallery on up, including a view of the top of the vaulting. Whether you are interested in architecture, religion, or iconography, you will love this tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Consider this as a treat for your out-of-town visitors; you may bring a group of up to 10 people.

After your tour of the Cathedral, you'll walk across the street to the Hungarian Pastry Shop at 1030 Amsterdam Avenue, where you have a gift certificate to spend, enjoying delicious coffee drinks and European pastries, such as Rigo Jansci, a wonderful dark chocolate

pastry, or Dobos Torte, a many layered chocolate butter cream cake. Go when the weather's nice and sit outside, where you'll get the perfect view of the Cathedral!



6. Summer Weekend in the Country | \$800 Value

Donated by Ruth Mueller-Maerki

Experience a beautiful part of New Jersey at a private lake in Sussex County. Let the cicadas lull you to sleep, and the birds wake you the next morning. Simply relax, or enjoy swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, fishing in the lake, or go for a (guided) walk in the woods. Take an excursion to the highest point in New Jersey, aptly named High Point, or hike a section of the Appalachian Trail. Visit "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth), the 6-acre Warwick, NY estate of sculptor Frederick Franck—his sculptures are in the collections of the Tokyo National Museum, MoMA, the Whitney, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Or tour the Franklin mining museum, with its unique fluorescent minerals found nowhere else on this earth.

Stay 2 nights in a 3-bedroom cottage with kitchen, accommodating up to 4 guests. Your weekend includes a welcome drink, Friday and Saturday dinner with wine, Saturday and Sunday brunch, and a packed lunch for Saturday's excursion. The private lake is located 55 miles west of the George Washington Bridge, and is served by NJ Transit Bus #194 from Port Authority, with included pick up when you step off the bus. Date in June, July, or August to be agreed upon with host.



5. Wine Basket of 6 Bottles | \$500 Value

Donated by Mike Hertzberg, Elliott Kaback, Pete Klosterman, Jim Modula, Patricia Woodard, and Dennis Young.

Circle the Globe when you choose these undiscovered, exclusive wines.

CHATEAU MUSAR 2000. From Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, the Chateau Musar is the work of Gaston Hochar, who learned wine-making in Bordeaux and returned to produce unique wines in his homeland. Made from cabernet sauvignon, cinsault and carignan grapes, the 2000 vintage has been described as "complex, gamey, cedary and fresh, with spice and dried fruit notes. A complex, warm nose, with upright tannins and smooth, peppery acidity."

LA SANTISIMA TRINIDAD 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON. Produced near San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, this wine takes its name from the "most holy trinity" of vineyards, olive trees and lavender fields that reflect the Mediterranean character of the landscape surrounding the winery. Imported by a member of the choir, La Santisima Trinidad Cabernet Sauvignon is not available in New York wine stores.



DE TOREN FUSION V 2013. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec, cabernet franc, and petit verdot, this red has, according to Wine Spectator, "an old-school core of steeped currant, blackberry and plum fruit intertwined with notes of charcoal, tobacco and cedar. Shows some lovely polish, with enticing black tea and warm cocoa details filling in throughout. Well done." The Wine Enthusiast rated this South African red 27th among the top wines of the world for 2013. It may be drunk now through 2020.

SANDHI SANFORD & BENEDICT 2015 CHARDONNAY. This wine is vibrant, fresh, and made from grapes grown on old vines in the Santa Rita Hills of California. The Sandhi winemakers declare "We do not add water, sugar, acid, enzymes and other fixing agents. All wines are wild-yeast fermented. All Chardonnays go through malo-lactic with the lees not stirred." The resulting wines truly express a specific vineyards' terroir.

RHYS BEARWALLOW VINEYARD 2013 PINOT NOIR. Rhys Pinot Noirs have consistently been rated in the 90s. According to Eric Asimov, this vintner is "obsessively making some of the best pinot noir in the United States. With grapes grown primarily in vineyards that teeter on perilous hillsides in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Rhys produces wines that bewitch with a savory, stony, complex intensity that belies their graceful frames and elegant textures. The biggest problem with the Rhys wines is that so little is made."

SILVER OAK NAPA VALLEY 2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON. Elegant, mature, and balanced, this wine was aged in new American oak barrels for approximately 25 months and another 20 months in bottle. A blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, the wine has a complex nose of sandalwood, cedar, cassis, black cherry, dark chocolate and roasted coffee. On the palate, it is extremely rich and mouth-coating, with a long, fruity finish and moderate tannin. With proper cellaring, this wine should give drinking pleasure through 2033.



9. Two Tickets to Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players, with Restaurant Coupon | \$150 Value

Donated by The Jupiter Symphony, Lillian Redl and Judith Johnston

Reviews for the Jupiter Symphony Chamber Players are glowing: "the rarities glittered like jewels." You may choose your two tickets from either of two programs on different dates. Choose either Monday, April 3rd, at 2 pm or 7:30 pm — hear Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov—or Monday, April 17th, at 2 pm or 7:30 pm — hear Dotzauer, Pfitzner, and Brahms. For more information, see www.jupitersymphony.com.

Concert location: The Good Shepherd Church, 152 W. 66th Street. Enjoy Monday lunch or dinner at nearby restaurant Cafe Tallulah, 240 Columbus Ave (at 71st St), coupon good for one appetizer and two entries, if used by May 31st, 2017.



10. East Hampton Retreat | \$1400 Value

Donated by David A. Grunberg

Treat yourself to three days in a 3-bedroom, 2-bath East Hampton house, backed by very private woods, located in the trendy Hands Creek Harbor neighborhood. The house accommodates 5-6 people. The master bedroom has a private full bath and sliding doors open onto the large deck. There's an in-ground pool with a brick patio. A gas barbecue allows outdoor cooking on the deck, and the kitchen has an adjoining dining area and features double ovens and a brick hearth charcoal grill. There's a loft area (so this house is not for families with young children) with a big-screen Smart TV. The cathedral living room is perfect for making chamber music on the baby grand piano or just relaxing after a day at the beach.

The house is walking distance to Three Mile Harbor/Hands Creek, but you will need a taxi or car to drive 10 minutes to ocean or Gardiner's bay beaches. Except for the July 4th and Labor Day holiday weekends, you may choose any three-day period, including weekends.



29. 7 Bottles of Slovenian Premium Wines | \$250 Value

Donated by Emil Gaspari and Bob Harley

Slovenian vineyards produce a delightful variety of premium wines, and seven of them are in this auction basket: a Batič Rosé 2015, a Tilia Pinot Gris 2015, a Zanut Sauvignon 2014, a Crnko Yellow Muscat 2015, a magnum Vinakoper 2011 Cabernet, Vinakoper Rex sparkling white, and Vinakoper Rex sparkling red. The traditional Slovenian wine-making methods create biodynamic, or organic wines.

The Batič Rosé, made entirely from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, has a rich structure with a fresh sparkle, and a lovely pale pink color. The Tilia Pinot Gris is dry, with 3.8 grams residual sugar, a 13% alcohol content, and tastes of melon, pear, green apple, and lemon. The dry Zanut Sauvignon has 13% alcohol content, and a rich yellow color with greenish shades, and a spicy aroma of basil, rosemary, sage, paprika, and nutmeg. The Crnko Yellow Muscat is a luscious late harvest wine, with residual sugar of 9.5 grams per liter and 11.56% alcohol content. The Vinakoper Sixty 2011, made from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes blended with Merlot, Shiraz, and Refosco, is dry, with 14% alcohol content, a dark ruby red color, and a flavor reminiscent of ripe sour cherries. The Vinakoper is full magnum bottle! The two sparkling Vinakoper Rex are delightfully blended wines—excellent for a celebration! The fruity white Rex is made from Pinot Blanc, Malvasia, and Chardonnay grapes, and it has 11% alcohol content. The dry and full-bodied red Rex is made from Refosco and Merlot grapes, and it has 12% alcohol content.

Detailed wine specifications for each variety and further information may be found at www.slovenianpremiumwines.com. American wine aficionados are beginning to discover the excellent wines of Slovenia, thanks to wine importers such as Emil Gaspari of Tri-Wines, Inc., P. O. Box 492, Shrub Oak, NY 10588.



3. Two-week Vacation in an Apartment in Chamonix, France | \$1600 Value

Donated by Maureen Kline

Near Mont Blanc in the French Alps, this 3-bedroom apartment is within walking distance of a ski lift, as well as buses to all other ski lifts in the area. In a 5-story building in the heart of Chamonix, this 4th-floor walk-up apartment is fully furnished, including linens. Chamonix, only an hour from Geneva, is an ideal setting for both summer and winter vacations. Except for Christmas/New Years, you may choose any other two-week period in the year.

Guests will have access to parking. The three bedrooms include one with a double bed, a second with bunk beds for 2, and a third with bunk beds accommodating 3. The apartment has two bathrooms (1 tub, 1 shower), living room, dining area, small kitchen, and on the building's ground floor, a common ski room.

Silent Auction: Experiences



16. Spectrum Symphony 2017-2018 Season Tickets for Two | \$300 Value

Donated by Spectrum Symphony through David A. Grunberg

Performing at St. Peter's Church, Citicorp Center, Lexington Ave at 54th, Spectrum Symphony is a professional symphony orchestra whose mission is to present concerts that break down barriers between performer and audience, by presenting works of living composers alongside the classics.

You will get season tickets for 2 people, for the entire 2017-2018 season! Programs and dates will be announced at www.spectrumsymphony.org



28. One Matinee Ticket to Broadway musical, War Paint | \$169 Value

Donated by Deb Poppel

See and hear the sparks fly in this new musical about Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden. Seated in Row A, you'll really appreciate the singing and acting of Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole, portraving these fierce rivals in the beauty business.

This is one matinee ticket, for the performance of War Paint on Wednesday, March 29th, at 2:00, at the Nederlander Theatre, 208 West 41st Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues). Treat yourself or a friend!



32. Ice Theatre of New York — 2 Tickets. June 8th, 2017 | \$50 Value Donated by Ice Theatre of New York, through Peter Brown

Founded in 1984, Ice Theatre of New York is a professional ice dance company that celebrates dancing on ice as an ensemble performing art form. Come experience stunning choreography combined with the balance, flow and flight of figure skating by 15 world-class competitors and performers in several new works and repertory pieces. This year's show is called "Unplugged," because the performance is in natural light, with the focus on choreography.

There is one performance only (50 minutes), Thursday, June 8th, 7:00 P.M at Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers (23rd Street & West Side Highway – Pier 61).



7. Dinner, Drinks, and Conversation with Patrick Gardner | \$900 Total Value

Minimum bid \$75 per guest, top 12 bids win Donated by Susan and Peter Brown and Patrick Gardner

Enjoy a social evening in the Upper West Side apartment of Susan and Peter Brown. Relax over drinks, indulge in a lavish dinner, and after dessert - participate in entertaining conversation on musical topics with Patrick Gardner.

Attendance at this delightful evening is limited to only one dozen guests. Make a minimum bid of \$75 per person. There may be up to 12 winners in the silent auction. The hosts will arrange a date with the winners.



11. Lunch with Susan N. Herman, ACLU President | \$400 Value

Donated by Susan N. Herman

The American Civil Liberties Union, founded in 1920, has more than doubled its membership since the election. Susan N. Herman, Centennial Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, has been national president of ACLU since 2008.

Get briefed by her on President Trump's policies and what the ACLU is doing to fight back. Bring along 2 friends or family members who might want to know more about the ACLU — or maybe have a good fight.

Enjoy lunch with Susan at a Syrian restaurant, First Oasis, 9218 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, where the chef creates authentic food. Try a savory domed pie called ouzi, made with phyllo pastry over a filling of vegetables or lamb, seasoned with rice, nuts, and raisins. Select crispy sesame seed-coated falafel or delicious beef kibbeh. The date will be arranged by mutual agreement.



31. Tour of Inwood | \$200 total value

Minimum bid \$25 per guest, top 8 bids win Donated by Peter Brown

10034 — That's the Inwood Zip Code, encompassing the northernmost, and wildest, reaches of Manhattan Island. It's a neighborhood of steep contours and steep contrasts, surrounded on three sides by water and little known to outsiders—except the most intrepid New Yorkers. Come discover the neighborhood with Peter Brown, a one-time Inwood resident and an experienced hike leader.

You'll explore the twisting byways of Inwood Hill Park, take in sweeping views of the Harlem River and the Henry Hudson Bridge, and stroll up a forest road built on top of millions of shells tossed there by generations of pre-Columbian Native Americans — all just a few minutes' walk from the A train and the Hispanic bustle of Dyckman Street. You'll photograph the ruins of 19th-century country estates, and gaze at the Hudson River and the Palisades from the top of one of

the highest perches on Manhattan Island. You'll even get to visit a secret "Indian Cave."

Peter will lead a 2-hour walking tour for up to 8 people. You may wish to form a group to bid, or you may bid individually. Minimum bid: \$25. Peter will arrange a date that is mutually agreeable.

Silent Auction: Services



8. Parody Lyrics Written for You | \$250 Value Donated by Deb Poppel

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Celebrate a family member, wow your best friend, or tease your worst enemy with a gift of individualized parody lyrics crafted especially for you by an established lyricist and member of the Advance BMI Musical Theater Workshop, Deb Poppel (remember her own performance at the RCS Fall 2016 Cabaret).

Deb will work with you to determine the tone and specifics of the lyric, and choose the appropriate song to parody, and consult with you on performance or recording of the finished product.



12. A Winning Resume | \$125 Value

Donated by Bruce Cogan

These days there are often hundreds of resumes received for a desirable job, fellowship or other opportunity. In seeking one of those opportunities, do you want to craft a resume that will make you stand out? Bruce Cogan, long-time lawyer and "resume doctor," can help. Just send your resume in "Word" form and a description of the job or other opportunity for which you are applying to Bruce. He'll provide specific comments and language changes, as necessary, for your resume to help make clear why you should be the one they choose.

Make a minimum bid of \$75 per person. There may be up to 5 winners in the silent auction.



13. Dreaming of a Children's Book Manuscript? | \$200 Value

Donated by Janet Pascal

If you dream of publishing your original children's book, seek a good reader for your manuscript! Before you send your book to a publisher, have it critiqued by a professional editor. Janet Pascal has 24 years of editorial experience working at Viking Children's Books. She's offering to read and give you practical advice on revisions, whether your manuscript is fiction or nonfiction, or a picture book, whether it is directed to a very young audience or to readers of any age up to young adult. As a bonus, Janet will select and give you a published children's book, of the same genre as your manuscript, a gift that you can give to your favorite young reader.



21. JCC Manhattan Health Club Membership for 3 Months | \$595 Value

Donated by JCC, through Eliza Lansdale

With this 3-month membership, you can exercise on the upper west side, in a state-of-the-art fitness center, with the latest cardio and conditioning equipment. Swim in a 25-meter heated lap lane pool & an adjustable-depth training pool, both with phenomenal city views. Sign

up for free group fitness classes, including aerobics, conditioning, Pilates, spin, yoga, martial arts, Nia, and more.

Your membership includes one complimentary fitness evaluation with a personal trainer. There are steam rooms and towel service in the locker rooms, with private locker rentals. You have access to the Beit Midrash, the Makom meditation space, the Belda K. and Marcel Lindenbaum Library, the rooftop playground, the Amy & Larry Robbins Parent Resource Center, and the Rachel and Joseph Nash Older Adult Center. JCC Manhattan is conveniently located at 334 Amsterdam Ave at 76th St.



33. Pipe Organ Lesson with Ray Nagem | \$200 value

Donated by Ray Nagem

Raymond Nagem is the Associate Music Director and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where he has primary responsibility for service playing and choral accompaniment and regularly works with the Cathedral Choir, Chorale, and Choristers. He completed his DMA studies under Paul Jacobs as a C.V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at The Juilliard School, at which he also taught the survey course in organ literature. He is currently teaching the organ improvisation class at the Manhattan School of Music and directing a choir at Queens College. Nagem gives solo organ recitals around the country as well as at the Cathedral. In 2014, he recorded a CD, Divine Splendor, under the Pro Organo label, which you can take home and enjoy tonight! His lesson earned rave reviews from the previous years' winners.

Silent Auction: Food and Drink



14. Brooklyn Pride Gift Basket | \$75 Value

Donated by Clara Goetz and Susan N. Herman

Want to bring home a basket of quality treats all made in Brooklyn? Makes a terrific gift for friends and family to enjoy. Includes Brooklyn Vodka, kale chips, baked goods, chocolates... m-m-m!



15. Gift Basket, Kosher for Passover | \$120 Value

Donated by Carrie Radna and Judith Johnston

A perfect gift for a hostess! Choose a gift basket of Kosher for Passover wines, liquor, and other non-perishable treats. The basket includes both sweet and savory snacks, such as chocolate and nuts, as well as four bottles. Boukha Bokobsa fig brandy (eau de vie, France) has 40% alcohol content and is usually served chilled. Teperberg red moscato 2014 Samson (Israel) is fresh and youthful, with a tempting sweetness and bright acidity. Psagot chardonnay (Israel) has appealing aromas & flavors of pears, green apples and tropical fruit. Psagot rosé (Israel), with a very clean and fresh flavor, will pair nicely with Mediterranean cuisine. These award-winning wines are certified Kosher for Pesach.

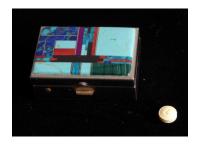


18. Fudge, 6 pounds | \$90 Value

Donated by Larry Wurzel through Evan Sarzin

Treat all your friends at a party, or surprise your co-workers with delicious Calico Cottage fudge! This is freshly made, small batch fudge — an old-fashioned treat. Calico Cottage produces fudge that is visually gorgeous, creamy in texture, and has amazing flavor.

Silent Auction: Jewelry



19. Pillbox, Zuni turquoise in silver inlay | \$100 Value

Donated by Judith Johnston

Take home this exquisite little pillbox, hand-inlaid in silver by a Zuni artist using multi-colored stones (turquoise, malachite, coral or spiny oyster, and lapis) in a rectilinear pattern. You store your daily pills inside the 1" by 1 $^{1}/_{2}$ " box, which is a miniature work of Native American art that you can enjoy every day as you use it.



20. Pavé Hoop Earrings by Adriana Orsini | \$150 Value

Donated by Catherine Budd

You, or the lucky person who gets your gift, will look fabulous wearing these Adriana Orsini pavé crystal hoop earrings. They are elegant enough for formal events yet pair equally well with smart casual wear. Measuring 1-1/4" long, these will become a favorite accessory.



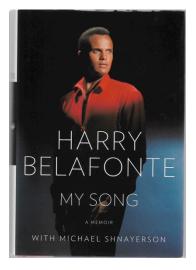


30. Peacock Feather Earrings | \$55 Value

Donated by Margaret Lundin

The design is from a delicate peacock feather brooch (French, 1925-35) in the Met Museum collection. The earrings have 18K gold overlay and Czech Swarovski crystals of sapphire, emerald, topaz, and amethyst colors. With gold-filled wires, for pierced ears. The en tremblant earrings gently sway as the wearer moves.

Silent Auction: Books

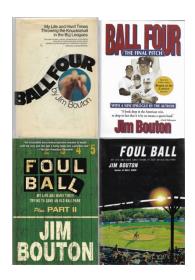


22. Harry Belafonte, My Song: A Memoir | \$100 Value

Minimum bid \$100 Donated by Dory Green

Harry Belafonte, My Song: A Memoir (with Michael Schnayerson), Knopf, 2011. DJ. Signed.

Harry Belafonte, not only one of America's greatest entertainers but also one of our most profoundly influential activists, eloquently narrates his story in an era of enormous cultural and political change. Nourished by the saga of W. E. B. Du Bois, Belafonte worked on causes with Eleanor Roosevelt, Paul Robeson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and his best friend Sidney Poitier. His activism included the Civil Rights Movement, the anti-apartheid movement, famine relief in Sudan and Ethiopia, opposition to the Iraq War, and continues today. This is a revelatory memoir.



23. Jim Bouton, 4 Baseball Memoirs | \$125 Value

\$125 minimum bid for all 4 volumes Donated by Dory Green

Jim Bouton

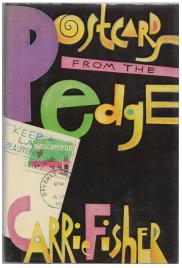
Ball Four: My Life and Hard Times Throwing the Knuckleball in the Big Leagues, ed. by Leonard Shecter, World, 1970. DJ. Signed and personalized.

Ball Four: The Final Pitch, Bulldog Publishing, 2000. (15th printing) Signed and personalized.

Foul Ball: My Life and Hard Times Trying to Save an Old Ballpark, Bulldog Publishing, 2003. DJ. Signed and personalized.

Foul Ball: My Life and Hard Times Trying to Save an Old Ballpark Plus Part II, The Lyons Press, 2005. Paperback wraps. Signed and personalized.

Former Major League Baseball pitcher Jim Bouton's original 1970 book is a diary of Bouton's 1969 season spent with the Seattle Pilots and then the Houston Astros, exposing himself and his teammates during their lives on the road, "probably the most controversial book and the most honest book ever written about baseball." Bouton revealed the "everyday stupidity that sometimes colossally bored baseball players got up to. Not to mention the rampant alcohol and drug abuse... Wrapped around all this was the serial infidelity that was just considered one of the perks of being a professional ball player." Successor books detail later developments of Bouton's "life and hard times," including a rollarcoaster ride through small town politics as Bouton attempted to revitalize a New England minor league baseball park.

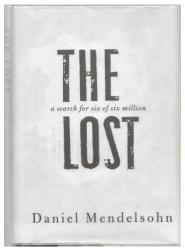


24. Carrie Fisher, Postcards from the Edge | \$175 Value

\$175 minimum bid Donated by Dory Green

Carrie Fisher, Postcards from the Edge, Simon & Schuster, 1987. DJ. Rare copy (not signed)

This semiautobiographical novel, made into a movie with Shirley MacLaine and Meryl Streep, takes the reader inside Carrie Fisher's difficult upbringing with famous parents who blurred the lines between private and public. The multi-talented Star Wars Princess Leia used her "wit, talent, and experiences to entertain audiences everywhere from movie screens to Twitter streams." She lived in the shadow of her famous mother Debbie Reynolds and her distant and disappointing father Eddie Fisher.

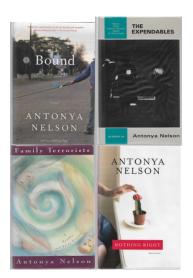


25. Daniel Mendelsohn, The Lost | \$120 Value

\$120 minimum bid Donated by Dory Green

Daniel Mendelsohn, The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million, HarperCollins, 2006. DJ. 2006 NBCC Award. Signed.

This book tells the story of the Holocaust by encompassing both vast geopolitical and its intimately personal dimensions, restoring one family's survivors of the massacred Jewish community of Bolechow, Poland (now Ukraine). The book was triggered by actual letters of a long-dead great uncle who so resembled the author that relatives would cry when he appeared at family gatherings. Mendelsohn cumulatively recreates a prewar community "caught between medieval spirituality and modernity once shared by Jews, Poles and Ukrainians in deceptive comity," relating "the truth of a single act, a single decision involving hiding and betrayal."



26. Antonya Nelson, 4 Books of Fiction | \$120 Value

\$120 minimum bid for all 4 volumes Donated by Dory Green

Antonya Nelson

Bound, Doubleday, 2010. DJ. Signed.

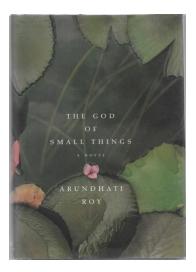
The Expendables, Univ. of Ga. Press, 1990. DJ. Flannery O'Connor Prize for Short Fiction. Signed.

Family Terrorists, Houghton Mifflin, 1994. DJ. Signed.

Nothing Right: Short Stories, Bloomsbury, 2009. DJ. Signed.

Antonya Nelson's superlative novels and short stories span "familiar subjects: love affairs, rivalrous siblings, wayward adolescents, unwanted sex, [unintended] pregnancies, alcoholism, complicated idealism, car crashes, doomed dogs, mental illness — all united by strangely durable loyalties, the scarred, truthful topography of the American landscape." These four volumes intimately home in on

modern life's contradictions.



27. Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things | \$90 Value

\$90 minimum bid Donated by Dory Green

Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things, Random House, 1997 (later printing). DJ. 1997 Booker Prize. Signed.

Arundhati Roy's groundbreaking book tells the story of a "dread-filled dance between the calamitous past and the bleak present" in a formerly elegant South Indian family in the throes of a decline and fall described by the shape-shifting, brilliant, and devastating narrative. It is full of smoldering longings and resentments ignited by larger historical pressures with "no single tragedy at the heart of this devastating first novel." The reader remains enthralled all the way through to the book's agonizing finish.