



A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

2016 WASHINGTON CONCERT OPERA GALA

Silent Auction Catalog

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Glamorous Get-Aways

1. One Week at Alta Ski Resort in Utah

This condo in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah comfortably hosts up to 8 people. Located at the base of the Alta Ski Resort, the condo is equipped with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, private hot tub, and ski-in/ski-out capabilities.

Fair Market Value: \$5,000

Minimum Bid: \$2,500

2. Picnic Cruise on the Pautuxent

Enjoy a picnic lunch and libations for eight while cruising historic and picturesque waters.

Fair Market Value: \$600

Minimum Bid: \$300

3. Weekend in Flint Hill, Virginia

Relax for a three-day weekend in a charming two-bedroom cottage with a gorgeous view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Fair Market Value: \$500

Minimum Bid: \$250

Glamorous Get-Aways

4. Weekend in Prouts Neck, Maine

Enjoy a long weekend on the Maine Coast in a lovely 6-bedroom, 1909 house in historic Prouts Neck. The comfortable, up-to-date home is located near 19th-century American artist Winslow Homer's studio and within easy reach of Portland.

Fair Market Value: \$2,500

Minimum Bid: \$1,250

5. Inn at Little Washington Stay and Dinner

Enjoy a romantic and delicious stay for two at the internationally renowned Inn at Little Washington, Chef Patrick O'Connell's culinary outpost in Washington, VA. Included is a \$500 gift certificate to defray the expense of dining at the Inn. Also included is afternoon tea on Sunday and Monday morning breakfast.

Fair Market Value: \$1,330

Minimum Bid: \$550

6. One Week in Historic Brittany, France

Built in the 15th century, this large stone house in the walled Port of Kerderrien was fully restored from 1992. Local attractions include outdoor circuses, as well as a yachting port and sailing school.

Fair Market Value: \$4,000

Minimum Bid: \$3,000

7. Week Long Stay in the Bahamas

Enjoy a week in the Bahamas in this two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo. The fully furnished apartment includes air conditioning and is located on the beautiful Grand Bahama Island.

Fair Market Value: \$400

Minimum Bid: \$200

8. One Week in a Charming Penthouse in Lucca, Italy

An hour from Florence and half an hour from Pisa, Lucca is a fascinating medieval city in northwest Tuscany, and the birthplace of Giacomo Puccini. Your week in this two-bedroom penthouse gives you a panoramic view of Lucca, manicured gardens, distant hills, and nearby Romanesque church towers.

Fair Market Value: \$2,200

Minimum Bid: \$1,200

Glamorous Get-Aways

9. Two-Night Stay at White Swan Tavern

The White Swan Tavern has been a familiar landmark in Chestertown, MD since pre-Revolutionary War days. Not far from the great Eastern cities of Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, the White Swan Tavern is a quiet, elegant historic inn nestled in the history of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay region.

Fair Market Value: \$560

Minimum Bid: \$250

10. Four Disney Park-Hopper Tickets

Enjoy the magic of Disney in Florida with these four passes. Each pass allows access to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom for one day.

Fair Market Value: \$620

Minimum Bid: \$275

11. Vacation for the Flexible!

Not all great vacations require booking a year ahead of time. For those who are flexible, adventurous, and good at "short-term planning," this timeshare offer provides the buyer with a week in a one-bedroom apartment at a Marriott, Diamond, or equivalent property that can be locked in up to 90 days in advance.

Fair Market Value: \$1,500

Minimum Bid: \$750

12. One-Night Stay at The Jefferson, DC

Enjoy a "stay-cation" in a historic boutique hotel in downtown DC. This one-night, weekend stay in a deluxe king guest room will have you feeling like royalty.

Fair Market Value: \$700

Minimum Bid: \$300

13. Stay-cation and Brunch in Old Town Alexandria

See Old Town Alexandria through a modern lens with a one-night stay in the newly opened, gracious and sophisticated Morrison House Hotel. An authentic Greek brunch for two at Taverna Cretkou is also included.

Fair Market Value: \$360

Minimum Bid: \$150

Works of Art

14. *Diving in the Deep* by Kelly Kruse

New commissioned painting by abstract artist Kelly Kruse in honor of WCO's 30th anniversary. 30x40 canvas.

Fair Market Value: \$1,850

Minimum Bid: \$750

15. *Barrel Vase Designed and Hand-Blown* by Steven Mazer

Translucent red barrel vase with golden metallic collar. Hand-blown by WCO board member, Dr. Steven Mazer.

Fair Market Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$125

16. *Ruffled Bowl Designed and Hand-Blown* by Steven Mazer

Triple incalmo ruffled bowl, blue with golden metallic base. Hand-blown by WCO board member, Dr. Steven Mazer.

Fair Market Value: \$350

Minimum Bid: \$200

17. *Jar with Cracked Surface Designed and Hand-Blown* by Steven Mazer

Translucent silvered, blue-green jar with cracked surface. Hand-blown by WCO board member, Dr. Steven Mazer.

Fair Market Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$125

18. *Fall in Maryland* by Bill Schmidt

This painting features fall motifs found near Rockville, MD. The landscape was created *en plein air*. Oil painting on panel, 9x12", Framed.

Fair Market Value: \$1,000

Minimum Bid: \$750

19. *Azaleas at Brighton Dam* by Bill Schmidt

This painting was done *en plein air* at Brighton Dam when thousands of azaleas were coming into bloom. Oil painting on panel, 8x10", Framed.

Fair Market Value: \$725

Minimum Bid: \$525

20. *The Soprano* by Walter Matia

This bronze sculpture features a lovely blackbird perched on a tall stem. *The Soprano* seems to serenade the viewer with wondrous music. A richly designed book celebrating the life and work of Walter T. Matia included with sculpture.

Fair Market Value: \$2,600

Minimum Bid: \$1,300

Works of Art

21. Wedding Cake Porcelain Bowl by Lucy Breslin

Rose-colored footed oval bowl with handles in porcelain latticework applied in a filigree style around the circumference. Dated 2013.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$125

Luxury Items and Memorabilia

22. *Pierres d'Orient et d'Occident* Hermes Scarf

This stylish scarf is crafted of 100% silk in the beautiful *Pierres d'Orient et d'Occident* design. The hand-rolled scarf can be worn in a variety of ways with a one-of-a-kind look from Hermes. Includes the original Hermes box.

Fair Market Value: \$395

Minimum Bid: \$120

23. *Musique des Dieux* Hermes Scarf

This stylish scarf is crafted of 100% silk in the beautiful *Musique des Dieux* design. The hand-rolled scarf can be worn in a variety of ways with a one-of-a-kind look from Hermes. Includes the original Hermes box.

Fair Market Value: \$395

Minimum Bid: \$120

24. *Les Bles* Hermes Scarf

This stylish scarf is crafted of 100% silk in the beautiful *Les Bles* design. The hand-rolled scarf can be worn in a variety of ways with a one-of-a-kind look from Hermes. Includes the original Hermes box.

Fair Market Value: \$395

Minimum Bid: \$120

25. Three-Strand Pearl Necklace

You'll look stunning in this sophisticated three-strand pearl necklace created just for the Washington Concert Opera by jewelry designer Minna Reese Marston. White baroque cultured pearls combine with soft shades of pink, gray and cream, 8mm size, with a sterling silver hook clasp.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$150

Luxury Items and Memorabilia

26. Nina McLemore Gift Certificate

Nina McLemore is perhaps America's leading designer of clothing for professional women. Her chain of boutiques has a line of clothing for every occasion, and includes a store in Chevy Chase.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$120

27. Two-Week Membership to Pure Barre

Pure Barre is a total body workout that utilizes the ballet barre to perform small, isometric movements, which burn fat, sculpt muscles and create long, lean physiques. Use this two-week membership for unlimited lessons.

Fair Market Value: \$125

Minimum Bid: \$50

28. Three Private Yoga Classes and Manduka Eye Pillow

Nikki Powers' inspirational yoga lessons take place in the environment of your choice. She tailors every session to fit your personal needs and assists in specific problem areas. Also included is a scented Manduka eye pillow.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$100

29. Tom Wilson Autographed Washington Capitals Puck

This hockey puck has been personally hand-signed by 2012 NHL Draft first-round pick and Washington Nationals star, Tom Wilson. It is officially licensed by the National Hockey League and comes with an individually numbered, tamper-evident hologram from Fanatics Authentic.

Fair Market Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$30

30. Two Infield Box Tickets for Washington Nationals Game

Take yourself and a friend out to the ballgame! Nothing beats the live action of America's pastime, and this voucher gets you prime seats so you won't miss a minute!

Fair Market Value: \$144

Minimum Bid: \$60

Food and Wine

31. Mastering Bordeaux Wines

Treat yourself and six friends to a refined afternoon learning the ins and outs of Bordeaux wines. Jackie Quillan, founder of Christie's US wine department, will guide you in the subtleties of wines of the Medoc, St. Emilion, and Pomerol regions of the Bordeaux region.

Fair Market Value: \$700

Minimum Bid: \$200

32. Domaine Faivley 2012

Bright, deep red. Deep aromas of black cherry, crushed rock and graphite. Dense and energetic, offering outstanding depth to its soil-driven black cherry and saline flavors. Delivers an uncanny combination of chewy textures and verve. Finishes with a palate-staining length and lift, as tactile as a solid.

Fair Market Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$100

33. Pahlmeyer 2013 Chardonnay

The 2013 Chardonnay Napa displays beautiful honeysuckle, lemon oil, and hints of nectarine and poached pear, and has a Burgundian, Batard-Montrachet-like texture and richness.

Fair Market Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$50

34. 1982 Chateau Longueville, Bordeaux

This bottle was bought in auction from a reputable cellar in 2012 and has been stored at 55 degrees since then. Wine Spectator scored this wine 94 in 2014.

Wine level is excellent, lead capsule is perfect for bottle age but wine cannot be guaranteed. Take a chance on this spectacular vintage Bordeaux.

Fair Market Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$50

35. WCO Board Wine Favorites

The winner of this item will receive a collection of the WCO board's favorite wines. Among the specialties included are Highwire Vineyard Hartford 2012 and 2013 Zinfandels, a Rombauer 2014 Carnelos Chardonnay, and Merry Edwards 2013 Sauvignon Blanc.

Fair Market Value: \$350

Minimum Bid: \$100

Food and Wine

36. Vinaigrettes 101: Class for 12 with Sapore's Renee Farr

Renee Farr will host an instructive lesson in vinaigrettes for dressings and marinades, based on a variety of vinegars and olive oils at her lovely olive oil Emporium on Capitol Hill on a mutually chosen Sunday.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$100

37. Gift Basket from Georgetown Olive Oil Co.

Georgetown Olive Oil Company specializes in the finest and freshest Extra Virgin Olive Oils and the highest quality aged balsamic vinegars available on the market. This basket also contains a selection of gourmet olive oils, vinegars, sea salt, and accessories.

Fair Market Value: \$110

Minimum Bid: \$40

38. Occasions Custom Celebration Cake

As the saying goes, "Cake is the answer no matter the question." Whatever sweet wish you make, Occasions' pastry chefs can make it come true with a cake that feeds up to twenty-five people.

Fair Market Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$125

One-of-a-Kind Experiences

39. Dinner for Eight with Anthony Walker hosted by Barbara Downs

Barbara Downs will host a dinner for eight with Anthony Walker at her 19th century Victorian home in Georgetown.

Fair Market Value: \$450

Minimum Bid: \$225

40. Dinner for Eight with Anthony Walker hosted by Wendy Makins

Wendy Makins will host a private dinner with Anthony Walker for you and seven guests in her beautiful, art-filled federal-era townhouse in Georgetown.

Fair Market Value: \$450

Minimum Bid: \$225

41. Tour of the Phillips Collection with Chief Curator Emerita

Chief Curator Emerita Eliza Rathbone will guide you and up to five guests through the astounding Phillips Collection.

Fair Market Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$200

One-of-a-Kind Experiences

42. See Birds with an Expert

American Bird Conservancy founder and President George Fenwick will take you and two guests on a personalized bird walk.

Fair Market Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$200

43. Cocktail Party and Supper in the Garden

Invite up to thirty guests for a light buffet supper and cocktails in the Barclay's acclaimed garden in Potomac, MD.

Fair Market Value: \$1,000

Minimum Bid: \$500

44. The Art of Music – A Tour of National Gallery of Art

Western artists have depicted the acts of making and listening to music in very different ways. Italian and Spanish Painting Curator David Alan Brown will guide you and four guests through the National Gallery of Art's collection from a new perspective. To be followed by lunch at the Gallery refectory.

Fair Market Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$200

45. Tour of The Fenimore Art Museum

Former Director Gilbert Vincent will give you and up to five guests a lecture/tour of the world-class collections at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, New York.

Fair Market Value: Priceless

Minimum Bid: \$150

46. Two Photography Sessions with Washington Photo Safari

Washington Photo Safari Founder and Director, David Luria, will guide you on two, half-day journeys to capture the beauty of our grand capital. Explore Washington and learn the ins-and-outs of capturing that perfect vacation photo.

Fair Market Value: \$178

Minimum Bid: \$75

47. Riding Lessons from Olympic Jumper and Rider

Jennifer Lee Jumpers offers two equitation or show jumping lessons of 45 minutes each. Located near scenic Middleburg, the stable has a large all-weather outdoor arena with many types of jumps. Horses are provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Fair Market Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$100

Performing Arts

48. Glimmerglass Festival Season Package

Spend the summer at this one-of-a-kind festival. Join Glimmerglass Festival's 2016 season with this package which includes two tickets to each of the main-stage productions and VIP parking. A picnic with the artists before one of your performances is also included.

Fair Market Value: \$1,000

Minimum Bid: \$400

49. Two Tickets to Opera Delaware's *Amleto*

Based on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, this lost production of Franco Faccio's *Amleto* has not been seen since 1871. This production has been reconstructed and named one of the area's must see-events by *Washington Post* critic Anne Midgette. Tickets are for Sunday, May 22 at 2pm.

Fair Market Value: \$190

Minimum Bid: \$80

50. Two Tickets to Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company

Woolly Mammoth's 2016-17 Season celebrates the courage, resilience, humor, and even eagerness of the collective human spirit in the face of terrifying, confusing, cataclysmic, and electrifying change. Use these tickets for any single performance at Woolly.

Fair Market Value: \$135

Minimum Bid: \$50

51. Two Certificates to Dance Place

Dance Place offers a year-round weekend dance performing series. The organization hosts performances in their newly built theatre in the Brookland/Edgewood neighborhood.

Fair Market Value: \$60

Minimum Bid: \$20

52. Opening Night of *Carousel* at Arena Stage

Arena Stage premieres Roger and Hammerstein's *Carousel*. You and a guest will spend the evening of November 10, 2016 seeing this award-winning musical and having drinks with the cast and crew after the show. Complimentary valet parking is included.

Fair Market Value: \$260

Minimum Bid: \$100

Performing Arts

53. Two Tickets to Sarasota Opera's *Don Pasquale*

Experience Gaetano Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* at Sarasota Opera. This voucher is good for either Friday, October 28 at 7:30pm or Monday, November 7 at 7:30pm.

Fair Market Value: \$200

Minimum Bid: \$80

54. Four Tickets to the Waterford Concert Series

Four Tickets to the Waterford Concert Series for a single performance.

Fair Market Value: \$120

Minimum Bid: \$50

55. Four Tickets to *A Choral Arts Christmas*

Capture the joy of the season with a beloved Washington tradition! Join the Choral Arts Society of Washington on December 18, for a cheerful evening of holiday classics, favorite sing-alongs, and popular Christmas standards.

Fair Market Value: \$292

Minimum Bid: \$100

56. Two Tickets to *The Diary of Anne Frank* at Olney Theatre Center

Join Anne Frank, her family, the Can Daans and more for a vivid, dynamic exploration of the "banality of evil" and the ever-present flame of hope. Directed by Derek Goldman, an artist with a national reputation for bringing the lessons of the Holocaust to life.

Fair Market Value: \$130

Minimum Bid: \$50

57. Two Tickets to Ash Lawn Opera

A perfect gift for the opera or musical theatre lover. This certificate ensures you two tickets to a Summer 2016 performance of *Così fan tutte* by Mozart or *South Pacific* by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Fair Market Value: \$300

Minimum Bid: \$100

58. Voucher for Two to Strathmore

This voucher may be redeemed for two tickets to a performance at the Music Center at Strathmore.

Fair Market Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$35

Performing Arts

59. Two Tickets to See Septime Webre's *The Nutcracker*

Begin your holiday season with The Washington Ballet! Septime Webre's production sets the historic Tchaikovsky score right in Washington DC. This celebrated production has become a DC holiday favorite!

Fair Market Value: \$100

Minimum Bid: \$35

60. Two Tickets to National Philharmonic Symphony and Chorus at Strathmore

This certificate entitles you to two tickets for one concert performance during the 2016-2017 season in the Promenade section at Strathmore. Enjoy two tickets to a Beethoven Symphony, Handel's *Messiah*, Brahms's *Requiem*, or other concerts throughout the season.

Fair Market Value: \$130

Minimum Bid: \$40

61. Two Tickets to the Three Final Shows of Studio Theatre's 2015/16 Season

Studio Theatre presents two complimentary tickets to the remaining performances of the 2015-16 season. Ticket vouchers include two tickets to *Hedda Gabler*, *The Object Lesson*, and *Hand to God*.

Fair Market Value: \$360

Minimum Bid: \$150