

# BAL MASQUÉ

AUCTION



## LIVE AUCTION

### THE MAGIC OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$1,200**

This insider's view of "The Most Southern Place on Earth" features incomparable food, fun, and plenty of Delta blues, plus tickets to all Delta Hot Tamale Festival and Literary/Culinary Mashup events.

On Thursday, check in at the downtown Greenville Inn & Suites and head to the 4th Annual Literary/Culinary Mashup Gala Dinner. Held on the grounds of the newly restored antebellum plantation house, Belmont, the party features the fine cooking of Chefs Stephen Stryjewski and Ryan Prewitt, and other regional and local chefs. Mingle with the chefs, artists, and writers who participate in the weekend, and be sure to bring your dancing shoes!

Friday's activities include a day of panels, featuring artists John Alexander and William Dunlap, photographers Maude Clay and Huger Foote, and authors Roy Blount, Jr., Hodding Carter III, Jon Meachum, and Julia Reed, and many more. At the end of the day, which also includes a yummy Delta lunch, there's a cocktail party and art opening followed by a private catfish fry at Reed's Greenville home.

At Saturday's fest, you'll enjoy a day filled with live music, tamales, and lots more entertainment. Afterwards, another private cocktail party's on the schedule, followed by dinner at the legendary's Doe's Eat Place. Before turning in, stop off at the renowned Walnut Street Blue Bar for some late night music. Sunday brings a truly magical day on the Mississippi River. You'll be transported by boat to a sandbar in the middle of the mighty Mississippi, where there will be a lavish open-air feast that will include a shrimp boil, full bar, guitar picking, and an experience — we mean it - like no other.

4 nights, 2 hotel rooms, endless food and drink, tickets to all Tamale Fest events, and incomparable fun.

### WILLIAM DUNLAP "PAINTER PANTS"

**Value: \$15,000, Starting Bid: \$5,000**

William Dunlap, the painter, sculptor, and Mississippi native, now divides his time between McLean, Virginia; Coral Gables, Florida; and Mathiston, Mississippi, where he restored his grandparents' house. Dunlap's work is included in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, and the United States embassies throughout the world.

### MIKE LATA'S CHARLESTON

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$3000**

The luxurious Charleston Place hotel, walking distance from King Street shopping and stately, historic Southern homes, will be you and your three friends' home base for your two-night stay in Charleston. Pop into Brooks Reitz's hot new oyster and fried chicken joint Leon's Oyster Shop for lunch, but save room for a 3-course dinner with wine pairings at Mike Lata's nationally acclaimed FIG. Take a tour of Garden & Gun's offices with Editor-in-Chief David DiBenedetto, who will serve you cocktails from his office bar. Make your way over to Highwire Distillery for an afternoon tasting before relaxing over oysters at The Ordinary, Mike Lata's seafood hall and oyster bar, and planning your next meal.

### BEHIND THE SCENES IN MANHATTAN AT "THE TONIGHT SHOW" AND "THE CHEW" FOR TWO

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$1,000**

Meet your favorite TV personalities and enjoy a memorable dinner with this super fun and star powered package, which includes: 2 VIP tickets to the taping of ABC's "The Chew", starring Mario Batali, Michael Symon, and Carla Hall, and 2 more tickets the following day to the taping of "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon". In between, enjoy dinner at Lupa, Mario Batali's intimate homage to the Roman trattoria that also boasts an amazing wine list.

## SILENT AUCTION

### FOOD AND WINE LOVERS TRIP TO BEAUNE

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$12,000**

Your food and wine lovers' dream in Beaune includes accommodations for 6 people for 4 nights in a charming country home. Enjoy private wine tours, including an exclusive barrel tasting at Domaine Newman, followed by dinner at Ma Cuisine. To top off your time in Beaune, meet up with Chef Donald Link and legendary Parisian Chef Yves Camdeborde of Le Comptoir, L'Avant Comptoir and L'Avant Comptoir del la Mer fame, to shop for dinner provisions at the farmers market. That evening, Chefs Link and Camdeborde will prepare dinner for you and your guests at your French wine country home-away-from-home, with stunning Burgundy wines to match.

### ARON BELKA "BAL MASQUÉ"

**Value: \$15,000, Starting Bid: \$8500**

New Orleans-based artist Aron Belka is widely recognized as one of the country's emerging artists to watch. He is best known for his large format portraits that are surprisingly intimate despite their scale. His work has been included in exhibitions at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans, and the Jones-Carter Gallery in South Carolina. Belka recently completed a commissioned 11-by-12-foot mural of the late musician and composer Allen Toussaint at 188 Lafayette Street in the Soho neighborhood of Manhattan. In the spring of 2016 he spent five months as an artist in residence at the highly regarded Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans and won the People's Choice 2D Prize at ArtFields. Belka's paintings hang in numerous private and public collections, including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. He is represented by the Le Mieux Gallery in New Orleans.

72 x 72, oil on canvas

### BEST DINNER PARTY EVER

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$6,000**

Be the most popular host or hostess in town when Chefs Donald Link and Stephen Stryjewski turn up in your kitchen with aprons tied. The James Beard award winning pair will fly anywhere in the United States to cook for you and nine of your luckiest friends, for a total table of 10. Not only that, they're bringing some swell wine too. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to throw what is sure to be the best dinner party ever.

### ALEXANA OREGON WINE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

**Value: \$3,600, Starting Bid: \$2,000**

Two couples will enjoy three-night luxury accommodations in Alexana Estate owner Dr. Madaiah Revana's personal apartment, located above the winery. Alexana will provide a VIP tour and tasting, and make all appointments necessary for nearby winery visits and restaurant reservations. This package also includes an exclusive Alexana Wine Club Gold Level Membership for one year, meaning you'll receive some of their most limited production bottlings.

### GEORGE DUREAU COLLECTION

**Value: \$1,850, Starting Bid: \$1,480**

Start or add to your collection of legendary New Orleans artist George Dureau's work with this original signed charcoal and signed and numbered Rex Poster. This package also includes a copy of *George Dureau: The Photographs*, by Philip Gefter.

Charcoal Drawing: 25.5" x 30.5", framed

Rex Poster: 28" x 40", framed

Donated by Rodney and Linda Abele.

## **HANDMADE CUTTING BOARD & KNIFE**

**Value: \$500, Starting Bid: \$400**

Cutting board made by Chef Stephen Stryjewski's father;  
Knife by local craftsman Gus Mendoza.

## **INSTANT COOKBOOK LIBRARY**

**Value: \$500, Starting Bid: \$400**

This food lover's dream includes signed cookbooks from 6 of the country's top chefs including: Mario Batali, Donald Link, John Currence, Suzanne Goin, Nancy Oakes, and Andrea Reusing.

Stock your own shelves or start a stash of gifts for all your foodie friends.

- Donald Link – *Real Cajun and Down South*
- Suzanne Goin – *The A.O.C. Cookbook and Sunday Suppers at Lucques*
- John Currence – *Big Bad Breakfast and Pickles, Pigs, & Whiskey*
- Mario Batali – *Big American Cookbook*
- Andrea Reusing – *Cooking in the Moment*
- Nancy Oakes – *Boulevard*

## **MUSES THURSDAY PREMIER MARDI GRAS PARADE PACKAGE FOR EIGHT**

**Value: \$1,000, Starting Bid: \$800**

Watch the city's best Mardi Gras parades in high style and comfort from your perch in the Herbsaint viewing stands AND avail yourself a three-course dinner with wine pairings at the same time. Why put up with warm beer, maddening crowds, and fights over who caught the Muses shoe? Instead, you and seven friends can enjoy the most civilized Mardi Gras ever from one of the best viewing spots in town.

## **HERMES/KREWE D'ETAT FRIDAY PREMIER MARDI GRAS PARADE PACKAGE FOR EIGHT**

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## **ENDYMION SATURDAY PREMIER MARDI GRAS PARADE PACKAGE FOR EIGHT**

**Value: \$1,000, Starting Bid: \$800**

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## **BACCHUS SUNDAY PREMIER MARDI GRAS PARADE PACKAGE FOR EIGHT**

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**ELK COVE “ROOSEVELT VINEYARD” PINOT NOIR  
2009 WILLAMETTE VALLEY 3L  
Value: \$350, Starting Bid: \$280**

Roosevelt vineyard was planted in 1993 and has quickly become Elk Cove’s most prized vineyard site. Roosevelt undergoes extensive pruning and cluster thinning to limit yields and maximize ripening to concentrate the fruit and is managed using completely organic practices. All of these elements combine to consistently produce one of Oregon’s finest Pinot Noirs.

Generously donated by Elk Cove Winery.

**EMIDIO PEPE TREBBIANO D’ABRUZZO:  
2004, 2005, 2007, 2009  
Value: \$725, Starting Bid: \$580**

Emidio Pepe is a singular producer creating amazingly complex, age-worthy reds and whites in a region of mass produced, overly engineered versions of Montepulciano d’Abruzzo. This is a textured and serious white wine that develops with time in the glass or decanter.

Generously donated by Lirette Selections.

**DRAPPIER “CARTE D’OR” BRUT N/V URVILLE,  
CHAMPAGNE 3L  
Value: \$350, Starting Bid: \$280**

The articulate and utterly charming Michael Drappier makes a very good champagne. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, the Drappiers aspire to a position of natural authenticity rather than overstated sophistication, employing minimal amounts of sulphur and a low dosage approach that provides a dry and aromatic elegance to their expressions.

Generously donated by Dreyfus Ashby.

**CUSTOM CARNIVAL KREWSERS: BEAD BIKE  
Value: \$2,000, Starting Bid: \$750**

Custom bike from YEP’s Trafigura Work & Learn Center. Local young people gaining employment skills through YEP’s Bike Mechanics and Creative Digital Media training cohorts collaborated with a YEP mechanic and designer to design and create this one-of-a-kind bike.

**CUSTOM CARNIVAL KREWSERS: BOIL BIKE  
Value: \$2,000, Starting Bid: \$750**

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**CHRISTOPHER KIRSCH “GHOSTS OF MAMOU”  
Value: \$450, Starting Bid: \$360**

Christopher Kirsch is an accomplished printmaker, papier mâché sculptor, painter and photographer born and raised in New Orleans. The artist’s relief prints reflect the sublime natural surroundings of the South Louisiana landscape, inspiring a sense of admiration for a delicate world that remains hidden from our daily lives. He uses a combination of linocuts and woodcuts to produce his prints, and his process is traditional and time-honored, allowing for the unique development of each handcrafted piece.

**FRANCES RODRIGUEZ “BLUE HERON”  
Value: \$950, Starting Bid: \$760**

Frances Rodriguez, whose work hangs in Pêche, is trained as a textile artist. The fabric found in each of her tapestries comes from a textile assemblage of her life: an old scarf that caught on fire, her husband’s linen pants, her grandmother’s mumus, handwoven or knitted scraps. Frances’ inspiration is deeply rooted in the essence of Southern nature.

## TV STAR FOR A DAY

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$750**

Hang out on the set of the CBS hit television series *NCIS: New Orleans* with cast and crew, a fun-filled day which will include a walk-on part in an episode! Bring a friend, and afterwards you will dine at Pêche with producer Jim Hayman and his wife, film and TV star Annie Potts, along with members of the star-studded *NCIS: New Orleans* cast.

## WEEKEND GET AWAY TO DURHAM

**Value: \$1,000, Starting bid: \$650**

This foray into one of the South's hippest towns includes: Accommodations at The Durham, recently named by Garden & Gun magazine as one of the South's most stylish new hotels. Dining at the hotel's restaurant, where the super tasty food and drink menus are overseen by James Beard Award-winner Andrea Reusing, of Chapel Hill's Lantern fame.

Two people: two nights, for use within one year.

Our thanks to Andrea Reusing and The Durham Hotel for this generous package.

## CHAMPAGNE, WHISKEY & FRIED CHICKEN PARTY FOR 20

**Value: \$3,000, Starting Bid: \$2,400**

Chefs Kristen Essig and Michael Stoltzfus, the talented duo behind Coquette and partners in Paradigm Gardens, know how to throw a party! Perfect for a celebrating a special birthday or anniversary, or a turn-key way to get friends together in delicious style, this all-you-can-eat-and-drink epic affair for 20 people includes fried chicken, an impressive spread of sides and dessert, champagne and whiskey. The event can take place at Coquette, a private home, or anywhere within 25 miles of New Orleans.

## CHATEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

**CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE OENOTHÈQUE**

**MIXED CASE (750ML) 1995, 2000, 2007, 2009**

**Value: \$1,200, Starting Bid: \$960**

**1995:** Very youthful, with a ripe core of red currant, raspberry fruit, and licorice flavor surrounded by creamy tannins. Plenty of smoke, mineral, and tobacco notes chiming in with plenty of grip on the finish.

**2000:** Super ripe blackberry and cassis fruit dominate the 2000 Beaucastel's aromatic. A classic blend of 30% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah, 10% Counoise, with the remainder consisting of miscellaneous varieties.

**2007:** Extremely dense, with layer upon layer of melted figs, mulled boysenberry, hoisin sauce, and Kenya AA coffee.

**2009:** Packed with dark smoldering cocoa, mesquite, tobacco, and roasted fig notes, all inlaid with pure cassis and plum preserves. Long and authoritative on the finish, with singed vanilla bean and tar notes adding length and dimension.

## 1998 HERMITAGE 'LA CHAPELLE', DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE MAGNUM (1.5L)

**Value: \$450, Starting Bid: \$360**

This wine's deep ruby color is followed by a sweet blackberry and cassis scented nose that has not yet begun to take on the secondary nuances of leather, dried herbs, and forest notes. A full-bodied wine, it has a sweet attack, high tannin, and excellent concentration and purity.

## GROWER CHAMPAGNE MAGNUM LOT

**Value: \$350, Starting Bid: \$280**

**Gaston Chiquet "Tradition" N/V Brut:** This wine combines the pumpernickel sweetness of Meunier with a walnut richness typical of the part of the Marne. This edition is typically nutty and is reminiscent of dark bread.

**Geoffroy "Rose de Saignee" N/V Brut:** The best vintage for this wine! 100% Pinot Noir with a hint of hibiscus flavor.

**Pierre Gimmonnet 1er Cru Blanc de Blancs N/V Brut**

### **PAUL COSTELLO “FRENCH QUARTER GREEN”**

**Value: \$2,200, Starting Bid: \$850**

Paul Costello is a widely sought after lifestyle and art photographer based in New Orleans. His work has been featured in numerous national magazines and books, including *One Man’s Folly: The Exceptional Houses of Furrow Gatewood*, *Julia Reed’s South* and *The Big Book of Chic* by Miles Redd.

24” x 18” Photograph, Framed

### **CHRIS ROBERTS-ANTIEAU “COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS”**

**Value: \$3200, Starting bid: \$1600**

Chris Roberts-Antieau is one of the most well-known and collected fabric artists working in the medium today. She says her work is about “the mysterious origin of joy and the wonder of childhood.” This whimsical piece made of free-cut cloth shapes which are appliqued and framed under glass in a hand painted frame certainly captures both.

30” x 34” Fabric Applique

### **ODE TO...**

**Value: Priceless, Starting Bid: \$480**

New Orleans famous, Westbank proud, Ballzack and Odoms featuring Doogie, will create a custom song for you. What better way to celebrate yourself than with your own personal jam? Be the envy of all your friends when “your song” comes on the radio.

### **FIELD TRIPS FOR A KINGSLEY HOUSE SUMMER CAMPER**

**Value: \$150**

Kingsley House campers participate in two field trips a week, which include swimming and visits to New Orleans cultural sites and museums.

### **SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR KINGSLEY HOUSE SUMMER CAMP**

**Value: \$100**

Active kids are happy kids! Help purchase sporting equipment supplies for Kingsley House’s summer camp and community programs, which encourage teamwork and physical activity.

### **SPONSOR A KINGSLEY HOUSE SUMMER CAMPER**

**Value: \$100**

Give youth ages 5 to 12 years old a safe, productive place to learn and play during the summer by sponsoring a camper for a week. Children participate in field trips, educational classes and recreational activities in Kingsley House’s 8-week, full day program.

### **MONTHLY DIAPER PACKAGE FOR KINGSLEY HOUSE EARLY LEARNING SERVICES**

**Value: \$200**

Help Kingsley House’s youngest participants and their families with a month’s supply of diapers, baby wipes and lotion.

## **ACT FEES FOR YEP YOUTH**

**Value: \$60**

YEP works with dozens of students who have earned their high school equivalency and want to attend college. Your generosity can allow students to cover ACT fees which are often prohibitive. YEP staff will take care of the rest: working to prepare students for the tests, assisting with college applications and mentoring them through their entire first year at a postsecondary institution.

## **TEXTBOOKS FOR YEP YOUTH**

**Value: \$150**

YEP's high school equivalency graduates enter post-secondary institutions at a rate that is almost three times the national average, and remain enrolled at an impressive rate of retention. Your assistance in purchasing textbooks could be critical to these students continues success.

## **TRANSPORTATION TO CLASS OR WORK FOR YEP YOUTH**

**Value: \$50**

YEP ensures that obstacles like transportation do not hinder young people from attending classes, career readiness training, or even their first jobs. Each year, YEP spends thousands of dollars on bus tokens to get young people where they need to be. Please help with these important transportation expenses.

## **FIRST JOB UNIFORMS & SUPPLIES FOR YEP YOUTH**

**Value: \$100**

Help get a newly employed young person ready for his or her first job. Many jobs require the employee to purchase a uniform, special shoes, or even tools or supplies before he or she can start work. Your generosity can ensure that one YEP participant starts work safely and professionally.

## **TABLETS FOR HOMEWORK AT YEP'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Value: \$2000**

Help YEP's afterschool program participants complete their homework with their on-site tutor and a new tablet. New tablets will help students to remain on the cutting edge of technology and gain the skills necessary to succeed at school and in life.

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