

Tacoma Opera

Capriccio 2009 ~ Live Auction Items

#1 Dessert Auction

Chocolate Decadence

A Northwest tradition: one single layer of dark chocolate flourless torte, spread with raspberry preserves and poured with chocolate ganache. Gluten-free.

Bailey's Irish Cream Cheesecake

A decadent cheesecake with chocolate and Bailey's Irish Cream liquor.

Southern Pecan Praline Torte

Four layers of chocolate and ground pecans, filled with pecan praline butter cream and poured with chocolate. Gluten-free.

Banana, Macadamia, and Rum Cheesecake

A touch of the tropics in cheesecake form: roasted bananas, macadamia nuts, and rum in a rich cheesecake with a salted caramel topping.

Chocolate Truffle Torte

Classic French chocolate almond torte, filled with whipped chocolate ganache, poured with chocolate, plus truffles on top.

#2 Flower Arrangements on Request

Take home a seasonal arrangement tonight and then pick four more during 2010. The flower arrangements will be designed to suit your request (color, size, theme, etc.) and will be delivered to your home if in the Tacoma area.

When: Mutually agreeable dates in 2010.

Value: \$350

#3 Columbian Tamale Dinner for 12

Bogotá gourmet! Not your usual tamales: wrapped in fresh plantain leaves with unique spices, these tamales are a treat for the palate. A whole meal on a leaf complemented by an extraordinary South American folk art collection.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires November 21, 2010.

Value: \$600

#4 Board Wine Collection

Create your own instant wine cellar with a collection of wines donated by the Opera Board. Includes Canoe Ridge Vineyard 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Chateau St. Michelle Canoe Ridge Estate 2006 Merlot, St. Francis 1998 Merlot, Townshend 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rotie Cellars 2007 Syrah, Forbes Creek 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, and more. The complete collection will be listed in the catalogue addendum.

Value: \$900

#5 New Orleans Condo for 4 Nights

Four nights for up to four people (two queen bedrooms, two bathrooms) in a charming Warehouse District condo in New Orleans. Perfectly located for exploring culture by day and entertainment by night, it will be your New Orleans starting point to enjoy all the fabulous food, music and activities of this iconic city.

When: Mutually agreeable dates. Not available for Mardi Gras or Jazz Fest. Expires November 21, 2010. Airfare not included.
Value: \$1,000

#6 Baklava for the Holidays

Learn to make baklava! On either an afternoon or evening in December, go to a private home to learn to make baklava. You'll take home a tray to bake or freeze—perfect to have on hand for the holidays.

Value: \$50 per person

#7 Raclette Dinner and Beer Tasting for 8

Warm up a January evening! A tasting of European beers, followed by a traditional raclette (a special Swiss cheese melted and served with potatoes and breads) dinner, dessert, and Rudesheimer Kaffee (coffee and German brandy in a special cup). You'll also be able to view a collection of vintage and collectible ornaments, German mercury glass deer, and other Christmas delights. For up to eight people.

When: Mutually agreeable weekend evening in January 2010.
Value: \$500

#8 *The Daughter of the Regiment's* Kite! A Pink Tourmaline Pendant with Diamonds

Steph Farber of LeRoy Jewelers has designed this beautiful pendant for Tacoma Opera. Imagine the heroine of *The Daughter of the Regiment* flying a kite—made out of pink tourmaline, with 14k gold and two diamonds. A one-of-a-kind piece.

Value: \$3,000

#9 A Weekend in Brittany

Spend a hosted long weekend (3 nights, dinner and breakfast included) in an authentic turn of the century home in Dinard, on one of the world's foremost marine sites. Dinard is across the Rance from St. Malo, where the train station is located. You arrive on a Friday, where your hosts will welcome you with a dinner of local seafood. Saturday, it's off to market and an afternoon on the beach with a walk along the sea wall. If weather permits, you may be taught how to play "Pétanque." Sunday is the time to explore wonderful local sites such as Mont St. Michel, and then feed on oysters in Cancale. Monday you leave for further explorations, such as the Channel Islands. There are plenty of options and your hosts will help you plan your trip before you go, including advice as to what you may want to do outside of Brittany.

When: August 2010 only. Airfare not included. House has lots of stairs. This is a "be part of the family" approach to hosting, but you are of course free to do as you please. Since there is a limited supply of bedrooms and often many guests, this offer is limited to a couple traveling without children unless previous arrangements are made before bidding.
Value: \$2,500

#10 Around The World in Eight Courses

Ten lucky diners will be guided by through an eight course meal to tease and please the palate with offerings from the cuisines of eight different countries. This epicurean tour de force for food lovers will include wines and creative table settings.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires November 1, 2010.
Value: \$1,800

#11 Who Decided to Make This a Colony? A Mini-Lecture Series

If you like wine with your history, spend two consecutive Sunday afternoons in February at a private home, listening to a history discussion and enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres while you think up questions to ask. This year's topic is "The Pacific: 18th and 19th century ideas about the colonization of the Pacific and its impact on the West." The secret deals, power grabs, manifest destiny and more! The witty and knowledgeable presenters are professors from the University of Puget Sound.

Value: \$50 per person

#12 Restaurant Frenzy #1

An assortment of terrific restaurant gift certificates will be auctioned off to the lucky first person to raise his / her bid card. Please consult the auction addendum for a list of restaurants and values.

#13 Walk the Vineyards with Owen Roe Winemaker David O'Reilly

A rare opportunity for up to eight of you to walk the Red Willow Vineyards with David O'Reilly, owner and winemaker of Owen Roe Winery. Personable and passionate about all aspects of wine and winemaking, David will share this little piece of heaven with you. See and feel the soil and learn about terroir and its effect on wine. After the walk, join David and his staff for a delicious barbeque lunch nestled below the beautiful vista of vines and the iconic Red Willow stone chapel. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires November 2010.
Value: \$1,000

#14 A Day of Sailing for Six Aboard "Voodoo Child"

Sail beautiful Puget Sound aboard "Voodoo Child," a Farr 39 racing yacht. This boat is fast, and fast is fun. Take the helm, trim sails and grind winches, or sit back and enjoy the ride while the V.C. crew does all the work. Departing from Shilshole Bay Marina, sail around Magnolia Bluff, see downtown Seattle from the water, cruise Elliott Bay to Alki Point, cross the sound to Bainbridge Island, and head back to Ballard. This day of sailing includes lunch for six and a selection of vintage wines and/or microbrews from the Voodoo cellars.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires September 31, 2010.
Value: \$1,000

#15 A Midsummer Musicale with Brendan Tuohy and Jessica Robins Milanese

Spend a lovely summer evening at Villa Carman, a historic home on the shores of Gravelly Lake. Start by strolling in the lakeside garden with a glass of champagne, and then move into the house for a private recital with Brendan Tuohy and Jessica Robins Milanese.

Jessica is a Tacoma Opera favorite, singing Susanna in our upcoming *The Marriage of Figaro*; she has also sung Rosina in *The Barber of Seville* and Blonde in *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. Brendan is a Tacoma native currently in the Houston Grand Opera Young Artist Program. He has sung many roles with Portland Opera, including the title role in *Albert Herring*, and spent the past summer as an apprentice at the Santa Fe Opera. This is his first Tacoma Opera appearance!

Value: \$50 per person

#16 Some Enchanted Evening

Enjoy a summer evening for eight at a beautiful home perched over American Lake. You will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres as you cruise the lake on a party barge. Return to your hosts' home for an amazing meal, featuring a recipe from your host's favorite restaurant, "21" in New York. Then you'll walk across the street, where their neighbors will give you a private tour of their notoriously difficult-to-get-into Thornewood Castle, site of Stephen King's movie *Rose Red*. Your experienced hosts will leave you singing "Some Enchanted Evening."

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires November 21, 2010.

Value: \$1,000

#17 Presidents' Wine: The Walla Walla Edition

Six bottles of wine from The Presidents' Wine Club that are not currently available to the general public:

- Three bottles of Quilceda Creek: 2004 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2005 Galitzine Vineyard Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon.
- Three bottles of Leonetti Cellars: 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon 100% Walla Walla Valley, 2006 Merlot 100% Walla Walla Valley, 2005 Reserve.

Value: \$1,020

#18 French Dinner for Eight

A five-course French dinner with matching wines and liquor for up to eight people. Make it a cultural affair! Bring (or submit beforehand) your questions about French food, wine, culture, or travel, and your hosts will answer them during the dinner party.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires June 30, 2010.

Value: \$1,500

#19 A Week in Maui

Spend seven nights in a studio condo at the Wailea Resort on Maui, Hawaii. Nestled along 1.5 miles of Maui's sunny southern coast, the award-winning Wailea Resort is one of the world's premier residential resorts. Its 1500 acres encompass championship golf, nationally acclaimed beaches, and super tennis facilities. This quaint studio condo for two is located in a garden setting, overlooking the ocean, and less than a three-minute walk from the beach.

When: Subject to availability; some holiday periods may not be available. Expires October 31, 2010. Airfare not included.

Value: \$1,500

#20 Fund a Need: “All in all, it’s the best thing I’ve done in my entire life.”

That’s what a Yelm Middle School student wrote after attending her first opera last year. And she is not alone:

- 17% of the audience at *Faust* last spring were college age or younger.
- An entire high school choral program travelled 75 miles in each direction to attend the final dress rehearsal of *The Daughter of the Regiment*. Two years ago, this same school’s students petitioned their local school board to maintain their right to attend the opera.

Tacoma Opera is committed to keeping ticket prices affordable to the next generation of opera-goers, and introducing them to their own “world premieres” of classics such as *The Marriage of Figaro*. Dress rehearsal passes are \$5 per student for school groups; student rush is available for \$10 to regular performances; and we offer a 50% discount on all tickets for youth under age 18.

However, such low prices require subsidy. **We ask you to support future audiences and raise your bid card to help ensure that Tacoma Opera is able to offer opera to the next generation.**

#21 Fishing in the San Juans for Two

Your choice of either a deep sea fishing outing or a boat tour of Deception Pass and the San Juan Islands for two people. This water adventure includes a sushi dinner, bonfire, and Saturday overnight stay at a waterfront home on Fidalgo Island, with a panoramic view of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the San Juan Islands, and the Olympic Mountains. Sunday brunch even includes homemade smoked salmon! Fidalgo Island is reachable by car – no ferry necessary – and is a two hour drive from Tacoma.

When: Mutually agreeable Saturday-Sunday. Expires October 1, 2010.
Value: \$1,000

#22 Tango Class!

Learn to Tango! Studio 6 Ballroom will hold a tango class for up to 20 opera patrons on Saturday, February 13. Food and wine provided—what a wonderful pre-Valentine’s Day treat!

Value: \$50 per person

#23 Tom Torrens Spire Birdbath

Pedestal birdbath made of iron and copper by Tom Torrens.

Value: \$350

#24 Garden Tour & Luncheon for Six

Pick your season to tour a spectacular private garden in Puyallup. Unusual Northwest plants, gorgeous trees of many varieties, seasonal pots, a koi pond, and deck views of Mt. Rainier allow for many settings in which to enjoy a multi-course luncheon for six. You choose a date in late May, July-August, or October 2010, and your hosts will create a luncheon worthy of this superior garden.

When: Mutually agreeable date. Expires November 1, 2010.
Value: \$450

#25 Private Flamenco Class

A private flamenco lesson for up to ten people. Your private party will include tapas and wine, and take place in Northwest Costume’s ballroom on 6th Avenue.

When: Mutually agreeable date between June and December 2010.
Value: \$500

#26 Restaurant Frenzy #2

An assortment of terrific restaurant gift certificates will be auctioned off to the lucky first person to raise his / her bid card. Please consult the auction addendum for a list of restaurants and values.

#27 A Week in Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay

Relax in sunny Mexico with one week in a junior suite at Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay in Nuevo Mazatlan that accommodates two lucky adults. Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay is an all-suite resort of freestanding villas integrated into a stand of 150-year-old mangrove trees. Each suite has a terrace or balcony with panoramic ocean views. The resort offers multiple swimming pools, Jacuzzis, a fitness center, golf, horseback-riding, water sports, tennis, a spa, and much more.

When: Dates available in 2010, based on availability with resort. Airfare not included.

Value: \$1,500

#28 Mushroom Farm Tour & Lunch for 12

A unique behind-the-scenes tour of mushroom production at Ostrom Mushroom Farm, followed by a mushroom-themed luncheon with wine at Steilacoom's Inn at Salter's Point. For up to 12 people.

When: Mutually agreeable date during morel season, April-June 2010.

Value: \$600

#29 Private Tour of Theo Chocolate for 20

A VIP Chocolate Factory Tour and Chocolate Tasting for up to 20 people, including a captivating explanation of chocolate-making, starting with cacao (cocoa beans) and ending with the delicious finished product! Theo Chocolate, located in the Fremont neighborhood in Seattle, is the only organic, fair trade, bean-to-bar chocolate factory in the United States. Winning awards from the Academy of Chocolate and Sofi, it is also on the favorites lists for Oprah and Rachael Ray. Yum!

When: Mutually agreeable date between January 1 and November 1, 2010. Must be arranged at least two weeks in advance.

Value: \$500

#30 A Week In Yorkshire and the Skipton Dales

A week in James Herriot country! For fans of the lovable English vet, the English countryside, English history or just peace and quiet, you can spend one week (Saturday to Saturday) in a splendid three-story townhouse a few minutes walk from the centre of pretty Skipton, the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales. The accommodation is contemporary in style and offers spacious modern living in a wonderful location, with three bedrooms which can sleep five and a first-class bathroom. Outside, the rear garden and deck are ideal for relaxing after a day of sight-seeing. A short walk along the canal brings you to the centre of this popular market town with its many restaurants, pubs, shops, leisure centre, parks and children's play area. The rest of the Dales is easily accessible – something for everyone at any time of year. Includes tickets for four to the magical Skipton Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in England (walking distance from the house); a half-hour narrow boat canal tour, steps away from your accommodation; and a memorable trip on the famous historic Embsay and Bolton Steam Railway, used for filming Hogwarts' Express in the Harry Potter movies. Easily accessible by car from Leeds/Bradford or Manchester airports, or by train from London. The house is walking distance from the train station.

When: Mutually agreeable dates November 2009 to March 2010, or October 2010 to March 2011, major English holidays excluded. Airfare not included.

Value: \$625

#31 Glass Art Piece

A glass art piece titled "Tsunami," created by Northwest artist Linda Tollefson. Made of fused glass, it is a black wave with multicolored dichroic (glass applied) in an abstract pattern.

Value: \$450

#32 Hanging Ring Birdbath or Birdfeeder by Tom Torrens

Copper and iron birdbath or birdfeeder by Tom Torrens that can be attached to a wall, tree, or post.

Value: \$295

#33 Presidents' Wine: The Oregon Edition

Six bottles of wine from The Presidents' Wine Club that are not currently available to the general public:

A flight of WillaKenzie Estate Pinot Noir Terres Basses: 2004, 2005, and 2006.

A flight of Owen Roe Yakima Valley Red: 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Value: \$480

#34 Get to Know the Hotel Murano

The Hotel Murano was recently named #6 in Conde Nast's top ten hotels in the U.S. Isn't it time you got to know it better? Spend a night in a king deluxe room (including parking), then invite friends over for a private tour of the hotel's art collection, led by a Museum of Glass docent. Includes lunch at Bite restaurant in the hotel for six people.

When: Hotel overnight expires November 30, 2010; based on availability. Art tour and lunch expires November 21, 2010; must arrange in advance on a mutually agreeable date.

Value: \$500

#35 Seattle Arts Getaway

Enjoy a quick arts getaway in Seattle and avoid the traffic. Includes two tickets to Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at The 5th Avenue Theatre on May 28, one night at the nearby Seattle Sheraton, a pass for two admissions to the Seattle Art Museum, and a \$50 gift card to Tulio's restaurant, located just two blocks from The 5th Avenue.

When: Seattle Sheraton expires November 21, 2010. Based on availability; must be reserved through Seattle Sheraton's in-house reservation system and must be 21 years old to use. 5th Avenue tickets valid for May 28 performance only; subject to availability; may be redeemed beginning four weeks in advance, and must be redeemed by 48 hours in advance. Seattle Art Museum pass expires November 30, 2010.

Value: \$545
