

Oratorio Society of New York

# AUCTION

The Party to Begin All Parties

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:00 pm Preview • 7:00 Dinner • 7:30 Live Auction



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## A Special Tribute



Approximately twenty years ago, an OSNY chorister and Board member suggested that we hold a Service Auction. She planned and executed it with growing success. The paddles we use in bidding tonight are the original paddles she and her team made. The auction has expanded the volume and variety of lots sold since then, but *The Party to Begin All Parties* is built on the very solid foundation she laid. She is still contributing to its success today.

*Thank you, Kathleen Flaherty!*

# Live Auction Lots

## 1 Gallery Tour of 57<sup>th</sup> Street

Professional Art Adviser Liz Levine will lead a tour of the best exhibitions in the 57th Street area. Galleries may include Marian Goodman, Mary Boone, Marlborough, Lawrence Miller, and others.

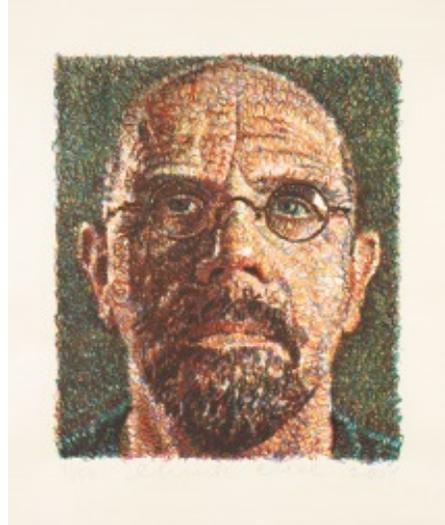
**Date and time:** On a Saturday, to be arranged with winning bidders

**Location:** 57<sup>th</sup> Street between Sixth and Madison Avenues

**Number of people:** 15

**Minimum bid:** \$85

**Donated by:** Liz Levine



## 2 Dinner with a Latin Flavor

Enjoy a typical Latin dinner for six prepared by seasoned chefs, Sixto and Chris, hosted by DiAnn Pierce in Riverdale. Have a look at the menu on the right, which includes the chefs' incomparable *pernil*! Then come and discover how tasty those words can be!



**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** 4901 Henry Hudson Pkwy West, Apt. 2J, Riverdale, NY

**Number of people:** 6

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** DiAnn Pierce, Sixto Medina, and Chris Gonzalez

### Menu

**Guacamole**  
**Texas Caviar**  
**Tostitos**  
**Empanadas**

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**Slow cooked roast Pernil**  
(Seasoned with crushed garlic, oregano leaves and Adobo, garnished with a touch of lime and red wine)

**Black beans**

**Moro**  
(Rice & red beans)

**Tostones**  
(green plantain fritters)

**Maduros**  
(ripened sweet plantain fritters)  
**Broiled yucca**

**Green salad**  
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**Flan & Tres Leches cake**

**Café Bustelo**

### 3 Jewelry Therapy

Is there a wound that a jewel can't heal? A sorrow that can't be lightened by the sparkle of a gem? What does your jewelry say about you? What do you wish it would say? Kristin Moore is uniquely experienced, as a goldsmith and therapist, to help you discover yourself in your jewelry. She will design and create jewelry customized to your desires. To talk about your jewelry is to talk about your life: your dreams, fears, and wishes. Realize more of who you are! See Kristin's website <http://KristinMoore.com> for her classic designs, but do not limit your imagination to these! She can interpret your inner vision for you. The consultation will result in the construction and completion of a jewelry piece or pair of earrings, which can include silver, a selected semiprecious stone, and a reasonable amount of gold. The winning bidder also has the option of providing their own diamonds! Kristin says, "Please keep in mind that great jewelry takes a certain amount of time and loving attention."



**Minimum bid:** \$250  
**Donated by:** Kristin Moore

### 4 David and Malena in Concert

A perennial favorite of the OSNY Auction—David Rosenmeyer and Malena Dayen in an intimate concert at the home of Richard and Lois Pace. A bounteous spread of food and wine will be served.

**Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Home of Richard and Lois Pace, 531 Main St., Apt. 726, on Roosevelt Island

**Number of people:** 16

**Minimum Bid:** \$150

**Donated by:** Lois & Richard Pace and David Rosenmeyer & Malena Dayen



## 5 Docent-led Tour of the High Line

Walking New York City's High Line provides ever-changing vantage points for seeing and experiencing the city. Do you know why this railroad track was elevated or how it got transformed into a park that has become a must-see for visitors and residents? Have you noticed how design details invoke the trains that used to roll along the rails, delivering meat to packing houses? Have you seen the original traffic light that signaled trains to stop and go? Irene Buchman, a docent for the High Line, will lead a fascinating tour that points out these historical and architectural features and much more. Tour is followed by a Dutch treat dinner at one of the area's lively restaurants.

**Date and time:** Monday, June 26, 2017, 6:30 PM

**Rain date:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 6:30 PM

**Location:** Meet atop the High Line stairs at Gansevoort Street and Washington Street

**Number of people:** Maximum of 12

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Irene Buchman



## 6 September Visit to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Stroll through the beautiful new ponds garden, the scent garden, the Shakespeare garden and other lovely planted areas with Botanic Garden habitué and enthusiast Florie Maynard. A treat, even for regular visitors, as exhibits change annually. Includes a stop for lunch at the terrace cafe to refresh and re-energize.

**Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2017

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Note:** No admission is charged on Saturdays for people entering before noon.

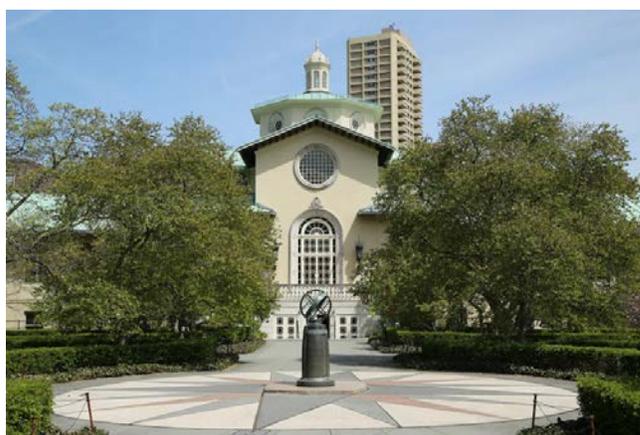
**Location:** Brooklyn Botanic Garden

**Transportation:** From Manhattan, take the 2 or 3 train downtown to the Brooklyn Museum / Botanic Gardens stop.

**Number of people:** 6

**Minimum bid:** \$25

**Donated by:** Florie Maynard



## 7 Up to Three Weeks in Cozy Apartment near Paris

Stay in our recently renovated apartment in Clamart, a laid-back and convenient neighborhood just outside of Paris. This 1090-square-foot apartment has two bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, and can accommodate up to four people (or six, if using the living room convertible sofa). Get your croissants from one of three bakeries literally around the corner and treat yourself to a most delicious breakfast on our ample veranda or in our garden, which measures over 2,000 square feet! Get into Paris (Gare Montparnasse) in less than 20 minutes (walking + train). After a busy day sightseeing in Paris, enjoy our high-speed Internet / Wi-Fi, unlimited phone calls to the US, cable TV, Netflix, or a selection of Blu-ray discs projected on a screen that is over eight feet wide! Or play our piano. This is where we live, so we have made it as cozy as possible! You can see more photos at <http://tinyurl.com/clamartapt>.

*Note: The hosts plan to be away on vacation during one of the two weeks listed for the fall. They would appreciate knowing as soon as possible whether the winning bidder wants to choose one of those weeks, to allow the hosts time to make their own vacation arrangements.*

**Location:** Clamart, France

**Dates of availability:** Winning bidder is entitled to a single stay in 2017. You can choose any time from June 25 to July 16, 2017 (recommended for best weather), staying up to three weeks total! Or you can choose one of two weeks in the fall, from October 21-28, 2017; or from October 28 to November 6, 2017.

**Number of people:** Accommodates up to 4

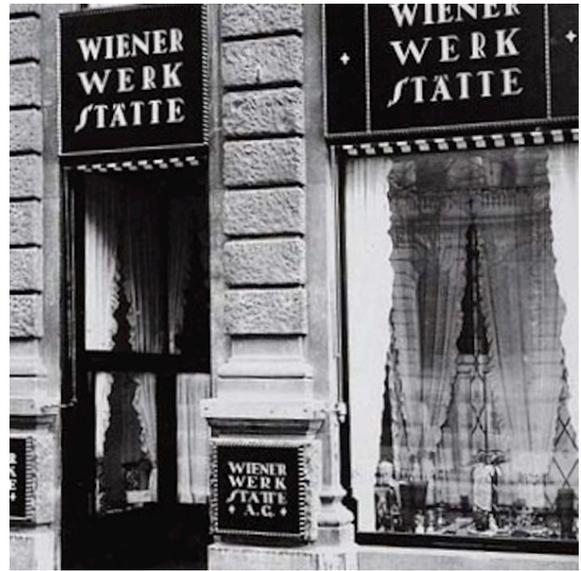
**Minimum bid:** \$1000

**Donated by:** Sylvain Demongeot and Emmanuelle Gresse



## 8 Private Tour of Neue Galerie *Wiener Werkstätte* Exhibition

Join experienced docent Robin Ludwig at the Neue Galerie for a private, pre-public-hours tour of "*Wiener Werkstätte* 1903-1932: The Luxury of Beauty," the first U.S. exhibition to explore the full range of accomplishments of the *Wiener Werkstätte*, or Vienna Workshops (shown at right). Founded in 1903, this progressive design collective brought together architects, artists, and designers working in applied (ceramics, fashion, textiles, silver, leather, furniture) and graphic arts, resulting in a creative movement that continues to influence design even today. The exhibition is co-curated by two major scholars on this subject, Janis Staggs and Dr. Christian Witt-Dorring, who created a sensation in Vienna in 2003 with his landmark exhibition celebrating the Vienna Workshops' 100th anniversary. The tour will be followed by a Dutch treat lunch in the Museum café.



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**Date and time:** Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9:45 AM

**Location:** Neue Galerie, southeast corner of E. 86th St. and 5th Avenue

**Number of people:** Maximum of 10

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Donated by:** The Neue Galerie and Robin Ludwig

## 9 Eighteen Holes of Championship Golf at Private Long Island Club

Susan Stumer invites you to play 18 holes of championship golf at the private Engineers Country Club in Roslyn Harbor, which offers a challenging and enjoyable golf course with spectacular views. We can be a twosome, threesome or foursome, and the outing can take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, to be determined by the winning bidders.

**Date:** A Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in June or July 2017, to be arranged with winning bidders

**Location:** Engineers Country Club (private club) 55 Glenwood Road, Roslyn Harbor, NY

**Number of people:** Maximum of 3

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Transportation:** You can drive or take a car service; or Susan can pick you up from the Great Neck or Greenvale LIRR station, or any station in between.

**Donated by:** Susan and Mark Stumer



## 10 Early Autumn Gourmet Dinner in Brownstone Garden

Enjoy an evening of fine wines, craft beers, scrumptious entrées, and delicious homemade desserts on the deck and in the garden of a Park Slope brownstone in Brooklyn. This early autumn party is hosted by Alex, Alice, and Karl.

**Date:** Sunday, October 1, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

**Location:** Karl Lauby's Park Slope brownstone

**Number of people:** Maximum of 20

**Minimum bid:** \$75 per person

**Donated by:** Alexandra Deis-Lauby, Alice Pifer, and Karl Lauby



## 11 Seisún: An Irish Evening on St. Patrick's Day

The familiar version of the “Seisún,” or Irish pub session, centers around traditional Irish music. In rural Ireland, however, those sessions are expanded to include storytelling, recitations, a cappella singing, and all manner of sharing by those who choose to share. At our Seisún, we will encourage readings from the works of Seamus Heaney, W.B. Yeats, G.B. Shaw, and Samuel Beckett, as well as readings from your own pen or the wide world. Your hosts, Karen and Janet, will see to it that libations, snacks, and dinner are provided throughout the evening to assure a nice flow to the festivities.



**Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Home of Karen McCahill and Bill Grogan, 780 Riverside Drive, Apt. 8G

**Number of people:** 20

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Janet Plucknett and Karen McCahill

## 12 Hand-painted Dragon Footstool

On a deep magenta background, a scaled green dragon with gold wings bares its teeth, but still manages to look friendly! This sturdy footstool with green-painted, turned legs is made of alderwood and decorated with inks and colored pencils, with three protective coats of water-based urethane. The stool stands 11 inches high and the seat measures 8 ½ x 10 ½ inches. A perfect stool for a small prince or princess!

**Minimum bid:** \$175

**Donated by:** Colony Santangelo



## 13 Trivia Battle Royale

It's time to let your inner nerd out! What legendary tenor has a museum dedicated to him in Brooklyn's Sheepshead Bay? Where did Marian Anderson perform to a crowd of 75,000 on April 9, 1939? If you know the answers—or even if you don't, but you'd like to—come out and play. Six-time American Crossword Puzzle Tournament top-ten finisher, Stella Zawistowski, is your quizmistress for an afternoon of OSNY-themed trivia. You'll play in small teams to see who knows the most—or who can come up with the wittiest WRONG answers. Wine and light bites will be served, and there's a prize and bragging rights involved for the winning team!

**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** Bruce Patrick's home at 222 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2A

**Number of people:** Minimum of 8; maximum of 16, not counting hosts

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Donated by:** Stella Zawistowski and Bruce Patrick



*Quizmistress Stella in action.*

## 14 Four Nights in Berkeley CA, with Bach Festival and Airfare Included!

Lucy and Mark Connolly invite you to spend four nights, from Thursday, August 3, to Monday, August 7, 2017, in their snappy apartment in the Fourth Street section of Berkeley (think Red Hook in Brooklyn). AND they will provide the winning bidder with round-trip airfare for two from Newark, NJ, to San Francisco!

The neighborhood is located right across the Bay from San Francisco, and it's a short 30-minute drive from there to San Francisco's Summer Bach Festival. Lucy and Mark will provide you with two tickets to the Festival—meaning you can attend the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night concerts. (See [www.americanbach.org/sfbachfestival](http://www.americanbach.org/sfbachfestival).) In addition, you will receive a gift certificate for lunch at Chez Pansse, the award-winning Berkeley restaurant specializing in organic, locally grown ingredients, just a 10-minute drive away. You will have the apartment to yourselves while Lucy and Mark spend some time in Marin County with family. There are two baths and two bedrooms, one with a queen-size bed and the other with a queen-size pull-out couch.

*Note: It will be important for the winning bidder to contact Lucy and Mark as soon as possible to arrange for reservations for air travel, the Bach Festival, and lunch at Chez Pansse, given that August is high tourist season. Travel dates can be flexible if you want to extend your stay to visit other parts of the Bay Area.*

**Dates of availability:** Thursday, August 3, to Monday, August 7, 2017

**Location:** 713 Essex Way, Berkeley CA

**Number of people:** Offer is for 2 guests.

**Minimum bid:** \$1000

**Donated by:** Lucy and Mark Connolly



## 15 An Autumn Walk through Storm King Art Center

Visit one of the world's leading sculpture parks, Storm King Art Center, a 500-acre landscape of fields, hills, and woodlands in New Windsor, NY, providing the setting for more than 100 carefully sited sculptures created by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time. A docent will give us a 45-minute tour of the area near the Museum Building. Then, on our own, we will meander toward a picnic area for a delicious lunch. Following lunch, take the free tram or wander singly or in small groups through massive di Suveros, the Goldsworthy walls, or the Maya Lin "Storm King Wavefield." You may also roam around Calder Hill and pass works by David Smith, Henry Moore, Louise Nevelson, and others. Storm King provides free trams running every 30 minutes. Visitors may disembark, walk, and re-board at designated points throughout the grounds. Tram priority is given to visitors with limited mobility and young children.



*Photo courtesy of Fernand Brunschwig*

**Date:** Sunday, October 22, 2017  
**Time:** 9:00 AM departure from Upper West Side  
**Location:** Storm King Art Center (approximately 55 miles from the Upper West Side)  
**Transportation:** Donors will arrange with winning bidders.  
**Number of people:** 10  
**Minimum bid:** \$60  
**Donated by:** Albert Watson, DiAnn Pierce, and Kate Cahill

## 16 Olive Oil 101 Class, in Brooklyn's Park Slope

Do you sometimes wonder about the olive oil you buy? Is it fresh? Is it wholesome? Can you cook with it? *Is it really olive oil?* Learn about the scandalous world of olive oil production in this 60-minute "Olive Oil 101" class, as you explore the flavor characteristics and chemistry of single varietal extra virgin olive oil. Learn how to taste like a pro with five different olive oil varietals. The class is conducted by Greg Bernarducci, owner and operator of the O Live Brooklyn store in Park Slope. After class enjoy some light snacks and beverages and sample more olive oil as well as some delicious aged balsamic vinegars. For more information about the store, visit <http://olivebrooklyn.com>.



**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** O Live Brooklyn, 140 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11217  
**Number of people:** maximum of 12  
**Minimum bid:** \$20  
**Donated by:** Greg Bernarducci  
**Organized by:** Mary Vaughn

## 17 Concert in the Country with Kent

This fall you are once again invited to participate in one of the auction's favorite events—a relaxing Saturday excursion in the Dutchess County countryside. We will begin with a gourmet lunch, to be followed by a public recital given by our own Kent Tritle on the tracker organ of the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, all set in the idyllic hills surrounding Amenia. Lunch this year will again be hosted at the nearby home of chorister Nick Lobenthal and his wife Alex von Ferstel on their outdoor deck (Mother Nature permitting) where you can enjoy a lovely view toward the Kent, Connecticut, hills. The afternoon performance by Kent will be held in the intimate setting of this historic church, now gleaming after exterior renovations! This item is a special treat you won't want to miss. We hope to see you there!



*Photo by Angel Gardner*

**Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2017

**Time:** Lunch at 1:00 PM and concert at 3:30 PM

**Location:** Amenia, New York

**Transportation:** Metro North train from Grand Central (pickup provided), or a pleasant two-hour drive by car. All directions and details will be provided.

**Minimum bid:** \$125

**Number of people:** Maximum of 26

**Donated by:** Jane Levi, Sharon Webb, Nick Lobenthal & Alex von Ferstel, and Diane & Alan Meltzer



## 18 Drinks, Dinner, Dessert, and Discussion with David

An invigorating, informal talk given by our associate conductor David Rosenmeyer follows a lavish dinner at the Upper West Side home of OSNY alto Susan Brown. David will speak on a musical subject of his choice, and in previous years has discussed such topics as the development of motifs from Bach to Brahms, the influence of Poulenc on the Beatles, and the Hallelujah chorus. The evening concludes with a number of tempting desserts. Come with an appetite for food and musical discussion!

**Date and Time:** Saturday, January 27, 2018

**Location:** 310 West 85<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 7A

**Number of people:** 12

**Minimum bid:** \$125

**Donated by:** Susan Brown



## 19 Synesthesia and the Arts: A Slide Lecture

Do you ever see letters or numbers in color? Have you ever visualized music or felt the texture of it on your skin? If so, without realizing it, you may be experiencing *synesthesia*. What is synesthesia, actually? It refers to the joining of the senses, such that an experience relating to one sense, such as listening to music, may stimulate another sense—seeing, tasting, or physical touch. Synesthesia was once thought to be experienced by only one in 100,000 people but is now thought to occur in one in eleven people. During Greta Berman’s 37 years of teaching art history at Juilliard, she has noticed that many of her students possess this ability. She has written about and curated exhibitions on this subject. Her talk will touch on both visual artists and musicians and include at least one synesthete to give a personal account of the phenomenon. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served.

*The painting on the right, entitled “Clouds Rise Up,” is by Carol Steen, a synesthetic artist who created it to record her visual response to the music of a Japanese Shakuhachi flute.*

**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** Jennifer Herring’s Upper West Side home at 245 West 107 St., Apt. 10B

**Number of people:** 15

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Donated by:** Greta Berman and Jennifer Herring



## 20 Tenth Annual Musical Spectacular with Kent and Michael

**Come celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

of musicales with an extra-special evening of musical delights.

Act I: Oklahoma--an abridged version of the show that set the stage for the Golden Age of the American Musical—and “Oh, what a beautiful” performance it will be!

Act II: The “best of” the previous 9 years of musicales selected by the participants (months) before the event. Choose a solo or small group song, and everyone will join in singing an SATB medley with Kent conducting and Michael Sheetz at the piano. We’ll enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres, rehearse, put on a show, and then celebrate with a banquet.

**Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2018

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** Laura and Dan’s home in White Plains, NY

**Number of people:** 26

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Laura Vecchione & Daniel Tranchina



*Poster for original production of Oklahoma! in 1943.*



## 21 Five Nights in a London Flat

Five nights in London—the most fabulous city in the world! (Even with Brexit!) Stay in the heart of Old Chelsea like a true Londoner, in your own private flat overlooking the Thames River and Battersea Park. The flat is a five-minute walk from the newly renovated National Army Museum, which is adjacent to the famous Royal Hospital designed by Christopher Wren, and a five-minute walk to the Chelsea Physic Garden, the oldest botanical garden in Britain. The rest of London is easily accessed via London Transport. The flat can accommodate 4 people in 2 bedrooms (one king-size bed and another bed convertible to two singles or one king). Very cozy quarters for 4 friends, luxurious for 2, sharing one bathtub/shower. Located up two flights of stairs with access to a small lift.

**Dates of availability:** Blackout dates are June 26-July 31, 2017 and December 26, 2017-January 7, 2018. It is otherwise available until May 18, 2018, by mutual agreement with the owner.

**Number of people:** Flat accommodates 2-4.

**Minimum bid:** \$1000

**Donor:** Anonymous

**Contact:** Winning bidder will contact Julia Turner to make arrangements for using the flat.



## 22 Guided Walk in Central Park

Go for a 90-minute guided walk around those Central Park areas that you've heard so much about. Steve will take you through the woods on paved walkways to tour the north end of the park. You'll stroll above the reservoir along some beautiful waterways: a pond called "The Pool," the narrow "Loch" that runs out of it, and the large "Harlem Meer" (shown at right) in the northeast corner. You'll finish with a beautiful surprise to any who have never been there—the formal Conservatory Garden! Round trip is approximately two and a half miles.

**Date:** Sunday, September 24, 2017

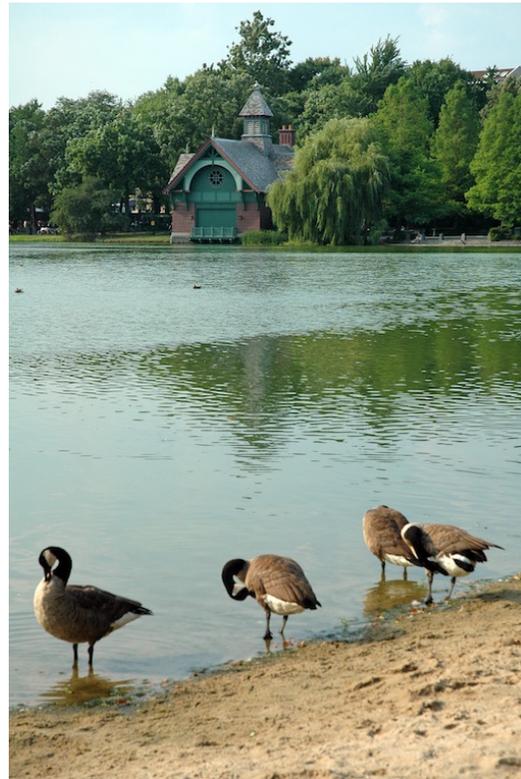
**Time:** Early afternoon

**Location:** Meet at the 96th Street park entrance just off Central Park West.

**Number of people:** Maximum of 6

**Minimum bid:** \$25

**Donated by:** Stephen Bonime



## 23 Clown Class of 2017

Your inner clown will automatically rise to the surface through easy, fun games drawn from classic clown technique. For anyone who wishes to experience more freedom and joy in expression—when performing, or in life. Not strenuous; no mime; wear comfortable clothes! The perfect gift—to yourself or someone else: the discovery of your silly, brilliant self.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017

**Location:** Ripley Grier Studios, 520 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, NYC

**Number of people:** Maximum of 12

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Donated by:** Holly McCracken



## 24 Summer Solstice Sunset Sail on Schooner "Pioneer"

Aboard the South Street Seaport's historic working schooner, "Pioneer," we'll sail into New York Harbor leaving from Pier 16 at the South Street Seaport. City lights will sparkle as the sun sets behind Lady Liberty. Adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, and soft drinks are included. Bawdy sea chanties are encouraged. Core strengthening exercise is available through optional hoisting of sails.



**Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Pier 16 is at the foot of Fulton St. at the South Street Seaport in Manhattan.

**Public transportation:** Take the M15 bus to Fulton Street, or the 2, 3, A, or C subway trains to Fulton Street stop, and then walk east to Pier 16.

**Parking:** Available, but at local prices

**Number of people:** 40 (Coast Guard limits)

**Minimum bid:** \$125

**Donated by:** Jay and Pat Jacobson, Richard and Lois Pace, and Kate Cahill

*Note: There is no smoking on Pier 16 or on the Pioneer. The Pioneer sails except in hazardous weather conditions. Youngsters and cameras are welcome. Comfortable shoes and casual duds are useful. No four-legged pets.*



## 25 Le Tour d'Oratorio

Enjoy a Sunday group bike ride in the greater NYC area led by Jim Finder and Kate Cahill. This inaugural Tour d'Oratorio includes a surprise destination and a picnic lunch! We'll ride along a loop of 25-35 miles with limited hills, keeping a steady pace of 12-15 mph on flat roads and taking occasional breaks (an appropriate challenge for C-level riders). We'll supply the route, food, and fun, plus coordinate a date (and rain date) that works for all. BYO bike & helmet!



*By earl53@Morguefile.com*

**Date:** To be arranged with winning bidders

**Location:** Greater New York City area

**Number of people:** 10

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Kate Cahill, Jim Finder, and Elke Raskob

## 26 The Secular and Sacred in Renaissance Art

Take a tour of Old Master Paintings with Metropolitan Museum Docent Lynda Zweben-Howland and explore both secular and sacred masterpieces created during the Northern and Southern Renaissance. The tour will examine the increasingly porous barriers between secular and spiritual art during this fascinating period of art history, as the physical world invades the traditional realm of the religious. The tour will last approximately one hour. The Balcony Lounge on the second floor of the museum will provide a convivial atmosphere for an extended discussion after the tour over a glass of wine.



*Bathsheba at Her Bath by Rembrandt*

*Lynda Zweben-Howland has been leading tours at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for fifteen years in both the European Paintings Collection and in the Department of Asian Art.*

**Date:** Friday, November 10, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Meet at Main Lobby Information Desk of Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue at 82<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Number of people:** Maximum of 12

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Lynda Zweben-Howland

## 27 Learn to Make Your Own Fresh Pasta

*ATTENZIONE!* Calling all pasta lovers! Uncover the mysteries of home-made pasta with a hands-on, step-by-step lesson by OSNY alto Ellyn Leverone in your home, for you and up to five dinner guests. Ellyn will provide the equipment and ingredients for making the pasta; she'll also prepare the sauce of your choice. You provide the wine and side dishes. Pasta-making is satisfying, fun, and most importantly, *DELIZIOSO!* Making pasta is a long and loving process, so plan to settle in with your company and enjoy yourselves over the course of an evening.



**Date:** A Friday or Saturday night, to be arranged by Ellyn and winning bidder

**Location:** Home of the winning bidder

**Number of people:** You + 5 dinner guests

**Minimum bid:** \$150

**Donated by:** Ellyn Leverone

## 28 Japanese Door Hanging: *Noren*

Japanese design is internationally recognized, not only for its own beauty and power, but because it is integrated into the use of everyday things. This breathtaking Japanese textile, which could serve as a spectacularly beautiful wall hanging in a Western home, is designed to hang in a Japanese doorway, where it can serve a multitude of purposes. Entertaining guests and want to block the view of your less-than-immaculate kitchen, closets, bedroom, or bathroom? Own a shop or running an inn and want to separate your office, storeroom, or workspace from your public space? Need to shade the entrance to your home, temple, or cottage? Hang a *noren*, either in front of the door or instead of the door. The slit allows you to pass through easily with your hands full. The graphic precision of this *noren* means that the design on each panel flows seamlessly to its mate. Acquired by the donor during his eleven years of diplomatic service in Japan, this *noren* is in pristine condition and is fitted with a sleeve through which the winning bidder may insert a rod (also included) for hanging. Dimensions are 56 ¼" x 33". Made of 100% heavy cotton. (Shoji screens not included.)



**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Peter Oldham

## 29 Three Days of Driving a Tesla

What does it feel like to be behind the wheel of this elegant, exhilarating, electric masterpiece of a vehicle? Larry Madison gives you an exclusive and priceless opportunity to find out, as there are NO Teslas available for rental anywhere on the Eastern Seaboard between Boston and Washington, D.C.! This is a four-passenger sedan with an excellent owner's manual on the main screen to guide you through its many features. Just one winning bidder, but others can come along for the ride.



**Date:** Must be used by October 30, 2017

**Location:** Car to be picked up at 455 Central Park West at 105<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY

**Number of people:** 1

**Minimum bid:** \$350

**Estimated value:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** Larry Madison

**Note:** Recommended for experienced drivers with some technical proficiency with vehicles.

## 30 A Private Piano Lesson with Seymour Bernstein

The subject of Ethan Hawke's beautiful documentary film, *Seymour: An Introduction*, released across the country in 2015, is Seymour Bernstein, who is a Master Teacher, a gentle, kind giant of piano pedagogy, as well as a composer and author. Seymour was an internationally recognized concert pianist until the age of 50, when he quietly left the stage to turn his attention to composing, writing, and teaching. 2017 marks a milestone birthday, as he turns 90. The City of New York honored Seymour on April 27th with an Official Proclamation, citing his life's works and multiple accomplishments, which have enriched our lives here in New York and around the globe. The Leschetizky Association is organizing a celebration of his piano music at the Tenri Cultural Institute on October 8<sup>th</sup>. This unique opportunity to have an hour-and-a-half session with Seymour may forever alter your perception on how best to use and nurture the musical gifts you've been given. His understanding and awareness of the power of music in our lives is formidable.



*Photo by Jiyang Chen*

**Time:** Fall of 2017 at a mutually agreed time after the beginning of October

**Location:** Seymour Bernstein's Upper West Side Studio

**Minimum bid:** \$300

**Donated by:** Seymour Bernstein

**Contact:** Make arrangements through OSNY bass Robert Shattuck

## 31 A Musical Salon on a February Sunday Afternoon

Robert Shattuck and Carol Haber invite you to a musical salon for a small group of fellow music lovers in the intimate setting of Bill and Lesleigh Forsyth's beautiful Upper West Side home.

*Robert Shattuck*, pianist and OSNY bass, will perform works of Schubert, Brahms, Bach, and Tchaikovsky. Robert's early training was primarily in the organ repertoire but his concentration shifted six years ago to the piano. He considers himself extremely fortunate to have Seymour Bernstein as his teacher.

*Eapen Luebner*, longtime friend and collaborator, will join Robert to sing art songs including works by Schubert, Dvorak, and Strauss. Eapen's career spans opera, oratorio, and art song performance. He has soloed at Brooklyn Academy of Music and Carnegie Hall. His opera career has taken him from Orlando to Alaska. In 2013, Eapen founded the Denver Art Song Project, a group dedicated to innovative performances featuring Colorado-based musicians. They have recorded two albums and a third is in the works.

Also joining Robert is *Lesleigh Forsyth*, an avocational cellist who has been a serious chamber music player for over 40 years. She enjoys working on everything from Haydn to Bartok, and would rather play chamber music than do almost anything else. That is, when she is not singing alto with the Oratorio Society.

Following the music, the incredible culinary creativity of *Carol Haber* will once again be in evidence as participants sample her sweet and savory hors d'oeuvres. Wine and cheese will also be served.

**Date:** Sunday, February 4, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** 801 West Avenue, New York, NY

**Number of people:** 20

**Minimum bid:** \$75.00

**Donated by:** Robert Shattuck, Carol Haber, Eapen Leubner, and Lesleigh Forsyth



Photo by Graham Haber



## 32 Relaxing Week in Siesta Key Condo

Enjoy a week on beautiful Siesta Key Island, on Florida's Gulf Coast. There are tennis courts and heated swimming pools on the property for daytime activities, and in the evening you can enjoy the culture and restaurants of nearby Sarasota, a short drive away. The condo accommodates up to four people comfortably.

**Location:** Siesta Key, Florida

**Availability:** Contact Gary Schieneman. The week must be used by June 1, 2018.

**Minimum bid:** \$1000

**Number of people:** Condo can accommodate 4.

**Donated by:** Gary Schieneman and Susan Fisher



## 33 Opera Ensembles and Choruses, Starring YOU!

Jennifer Herring and Fernand Brunschwig open their Upper West Side home once again for you to sing the duets, trios, quartets, ensembles, and choruses from your favorite operas! Our own Michael Sheetz accompanies on the piano. The program will include: the "Libiamo" chorus from *La Traviata*; the "Habanera" from *Carmen*, the "Au fond du temple saint" duet from *The Pearl Fishers*, the "Va, pensiero" chorus from *Nabucco*, as well as some Mozart arias and choruses. We will sing all of these together. Some might even want to sing a favorite aria. Jennifer sends out the music beforehand, we rehearse for two hours, and then you are welcome to invite your friends to hear the performance at four o'clock. After the performance, we break out the champagne! Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

**Date:** Saturday, November 18, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 PM rehearsal; 4:00 PM performance

**Location:** Home of Jennifer Herring and Fernand Brunschwig, 245 West 107<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 10B

**Number of people:** 20

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Donated by:** Jennifer Herring & Fernand Brunschwig



*Jennifer Herring, a professionally trained opera singer, is shown above at right, as she is just about to go on stage as part of the San Francisco Opera Chorus for a performance of Manon.*

## 34 Dinner to Welcome the New Season

Welcome the new season with a return-from-summer dinner on the Upper West Side, served on a large patio overlooking Riverside Park (weather permitting). We will prepare a sumptuous repast, from hors d'oeuvres to dessert, adapted to your individual tastes. Spend a relaxing evening catching up with friends and enjoying the late summer night.

**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2017

**Location:** Mady Buchbinder's Upper West Side home

**Number of people:** Maximum of 12

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Mady Buchbinder, Jennifer Ritter, and Dan Katz



## 35 “8” Bowl: Artist’s Proof

A low, wide maple bowl, carved from a spalted burl cap. From above, it looks like a figure 8. Dimensions are 14” long, 12” at its widest, and 3” high, the overall size of a medium birdbath or contemporary sink. (Can hold water, but not advised!) The maker feels that the bowl is flawed; he therefore commits to making a second bowl out of figured cherry wood, of similar size, for the winning bidder at no additional cost. Work will begin immediately.

**Minimum bid:** \$600

**Donated by:** Dick Levine



## 36 Behind the Scenes at Chelsea Galleries

Armand Bartos, an art dealer with more than 30 years' experience, will take a small group to the back offices of several important Chelsea Galleries. You will meet the principals and directors to see first-hand how the contemporary art market works. We will visit about five galleries, thus far including Larry Gagosian and Paula Cooper.

**Date:** Saturday, October 7, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan

**Number of people:** 10 (Minimum of 5)

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Donated by:** Armand Bartos



## 37 ABC'S of Spanish Wine Tasting

Is your knowledge of Spanish wines limited to Rioja? Do you love the wines you drink at the auction but have no idea what they are or where to find them? Are you looking to expand your expertise on wines of the world? OSNY Board Member Katrin Naelapaa, donor of the delicious vintages at tonight's auction, will give a Spanish wine-tasting at the beautiful home of chorus member Phyllis Lusskin. The evening will include a selection of authentic tapas, including artisanal Spanish cheeses and charcuterie.

**Date:** Friday, February 9, 2018

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 PM

**Location:** Phyllis Lusskin's home at 47 East 88<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY

**Number of people:** 16

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Katrin Naelapaa and Phyllis Lusskin



## 38 Tour of Phillip Johnson Glass House

This is an opportunity to visit the famous Glass House, built by architect Phillip Johnson between 1949 and 1955, in New Canaan, Connecticut. This two-hour tour also includes a visit to the Painting Gallery and Sculpture Gallery as well as a three-quarter-mile walk over grass and paths to see outdoor sculpture, and the unique Johnson building “Da Monsta.” The tour will be followed by a Dutch Treat lunch. For more information go to <http://theglasshouse.org>.



**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** New Canaan, CT

**Transportation:** Metro North from Grand Central (pickup provided), or a pleasant one-hour drive from Manhattan.

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Number of people:** Maximum of 6 adults

**Donated by:** Carol McMillan and DiAnn Pierce

## 39 A Week in an Apartment in Venice

Spend a week in an apartment in the historic and recently renovated Molino Stucky on the Venetian Island of Giudecca. This two-bedroom / two-bath apartment, located next door to the luxurious Hilton Hotel, accommodates four guests. It offers excellent *vaporetto* access to all the sights of Venice and is only two stops from parking at Piazzale Roma and three stops from the train station. You will have use of the free Hilton shuttle boat to San Marco. The apartment has elevator service, central heat & air conditioning, full kitchen, and free wi-fi. Airfare not included. More photos and information can be found at:

<http://www.apts-in-venice.com/>



*Photo by Albert Watson*

**Location:** On Venetian Island of Giudecca

**Dates of availability:** Must be used sometime between November 1, 2017, and March 31, 2018.

**Minimum bid:** \$1500

**Donated by:** Jane Levi

**Note:** *The apartment is currently on the market—so using it in November and December might be safer than waiting until 2018! In the event that it is sold before your stay, the Society will refund your donation.*

## 40 Sweet Treats

Do you want to contribute baked goods for the OSNY rehearsal break but fear for everyone's lives if you actually bake something? Are you just too busy to bake? Purchase the services of Jen Ritter and she will sign you up for one delicious homemade treat and deliver it to our Thursday night rehearsal. And you'll get all the credit!

**Number of people:** Up to 4 (One sign-up and one "sweet treat" per bidder)

**Minimum bid:** \$20

**Time limit:** Within the OSNY 2017-2018 rehearsal schedule

**Donated by:** Jennifer Ritter



## 41 Starry, Starry Night

Our *Broadway Sings!* event shines once more. (Will it never stop?!) This year we will give you a chance to choose any musical number—solo, duet, or group song—from any show in memory, and sing out, Louise! Costumes are encouraged!

But wait! There's more! This year you will have a new opportunity to star, even if you don't have a song in your heart. Share a favorite dramatic reading from a play or book, a comedy routine from days of yore, a magic act, an instrumental piece, or any other act to showcase your talent! The lucky winning bidders will enjoy an evening of drinks, dinner, and song. Tickling the ivories and singing a few on his own will be the inimitable Michael Sheetz! What could be better?



**Date and time:** To be arranged with winning bidders

**Location:** Phyllis Lusskin's home at 47 East 88<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY

**Number of people:** Up to 30

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Bruce Patrick, Phyllis Lusskin, Sue Dramm, Lee & Robert Dalzell

## 42 Pool Party with Doug Harrison

Help Doug celebrate his birthday with a pool party on July 22 (before he sells the house in Stamford, CT). Please, no birthday gifts, unless you'd like to make a contribution to OSNY. Doug says, "Don't worry, I will not be cooking. There will be traditional Italian picnic fare from a local caterer, a fullish bar, bocce, ladder ball, and plenty of beach towels to go around. Just bring yourself and your swim suit."

**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 PM

**Location:** 175 Knox Road, Stamford, CT

**Number of people:** 15

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Donated by:** Doug Harrison



*Note: Should the house sale close sooner than expected, an alternate date and/or location may be arranged.*

## 43 Traditional Japanese "Hot Pot" Dinner

When the weather turns chilly next winter, Minako Saito would like to invite four food-lovers to share a traditional Japanese "hot pot" dinner at her apartment. Guests will sit around a large pot filled with delicious hot chicken broth. They'll dip pieces of food into the broth to cook—chicken, shrimp, tofu, pot-stickers, onions, carrots, mushrooms, cabbage—and then take them out one by one to enjoy. As the food is cooked and eaten, the broth will take on a delicious flavor: Thus the final treat will be to savor the broth with a big spoonful of added rice.



**Date:** A chilly evening in January or February 2018, to be arranged with winning bidders

**Location:** Minako Saito's Manhattan apartment

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Number of people:** 4

**Donated by:** Minako Saito

## 44 Autumn Hike in Harriman State Park

Join a hike up the hills and across the high rocky ridges of Harriman State Park. The park is a wilderness located just 30 miles north of New York City and is the second largest state park in New York. Enjoy spectacular views, good company, and a picnic with wine.



**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM departure

**Location:** Harriman State Park

**Transportation:** Details to be arranged with winning bidders

**Number of people:** 10

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Donated by:** Allison LaFleur, Gyasi Barber, and Pedro Sequera

## 45 Tour the Annual Print Fair

Tour the wonderful Annual Print Fair with professional art advisor Liz Levine. You'll see a wide variety of artwork for sale, ranging from prints by old masters to prints hot off the press from new artists. The usual Print Fair admission fee will be waived for our group.



**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Location:** Javits Center River Pavilion

**Number of people:** 15

**Minimum bid:** \$60

**Donated by:** Liz Levine

## 46 Five Nights in Alameda Home, across the Bay from San Francisco

Spend five nights in Mary-Jo and Mike's lovely two-bedroom duplex in walkable downtown Alameda, ranked one of the quaintest towns in America, and only five minutes from the Oakland Airport. You'll be ½ mile from the beach; 3 blocks from excellent restaurants, a movie theater, and a lovely downtown shopping area; and minutes from the San Francisco Bay Ferry. The Bay Area Rapid Transit or any popular car service will also get you to San Francisco in about 20 minutes. The duplex can accommodate four people: the second floor features a bedroom with a king-size bed, a master bath with washer and dryer, and an office / TV room with a pullout queen-size futon. The first floor includes the living room, dining room, kitchen, and a half bath. There's a walk-up to the second floor entrance.



**Location:** 2115 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA

**Dates available:** May 31-June 6, 2017; June 17-27, 2017; early to mid-September, 2017 (exact dates to be confirmed); December 6-12, 2017; May 30-ish-June 6-ish, 2018

**Number of people:** Apartment can accommodate 4 guests.

**Minimum bid:** \$1,000

**Donated by:** Mary-Jo Knight and Mike Parish

**Note:** "Alto" the kitty-cat will be there, too, and will need feeding and some loving attention. Mary-Jo and Mike will be grateful for your help with Alto.

## 47 Oktoberfest! A Bavarian Feast

*O'Zapft is!* Come raise a stein in the Conley-Fein Biergarten and celebrate the ceremonial tapping of the first keg, followed by an indulgent harvest feast of authentic Bavarian cuisine. Learn why there's so much more to Oktoberfest than schnitzel and bad decisions. Traditional dancing, singing, and formal Bavarian dress encouraged. *Prost!*



**Date:** Saturday, September 23, 2017

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** 538 East 89<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 2E, New York, NY

**Number of people:** 12

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Robert Conley and Evan Fein

## 48 July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Sky

Enjoy a panoramic view of New York City's Fourth of July celebration! Join your friends for a "Picnic in the Sky" at Rhonda Barnat's Manhattan apartment overlooking the East River, where you'll have a ringside seat for the annual fireworks display. Great picnic food and drinks are included. This is an "only-in-New-York" experience, an OSNY tradition which includes singing "America the Beautiful."

**Date:** Tuesday, July 4, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** 429 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Apt. 26C

**Number of people:** 30

**Minimum bid:** \$35

**Donated by:** Rhonda Barnat



# Silent Auction Lots

## S-1 Button Necklace

Treat yourself or a friend to a one-of-a-kind necklace that makes a bold fashion statement.

Lesleigh Forsyth will combine vintage and contemporary buttons to create a necklace designed especially for you. The photos show just a few of the color and style choices possible.

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Lesleigh Forsyth



## S-2 Tiffany Zip Pouch Wallet

This beautiful wallet is made of textured leather in the signature “Tiffany blue” color and features palladium-plated solid brass hardware. It has a light teal lining with one interior zip pocket and one interior “slip” pocket. It provides eight credit card slots and has a zip closure. It will hold your mobile phone, passport, and a tube of lipstick and still appear sleek and elegant. It measures 4.7"W x 4"D x 7.9"H. Made in Italy.

Some comments from donor Suky Kwak: “This is a brand new purse. It was on my Birthday Wish List, and I got two of them, from different people! I will have mine with me on the Auction evening. Anyone who’s interested, let’s have a drink before the Auction starts.”

**Minimum bid:** \$175

**Value:** \$475

**Donated by:** Suky Kwak



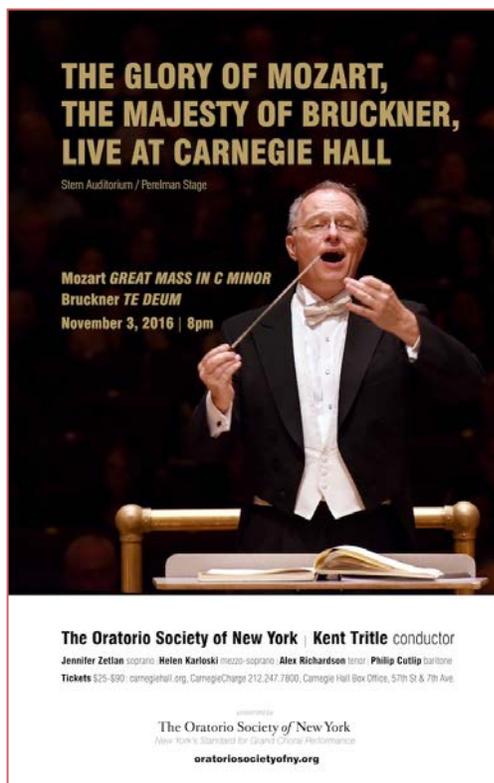
### S-3 Signed, Framed Poster from 2016 Mozart/Bruckner Concert

Do you remember the thundering applause at the conclusion of our November 3<sup>rd</sup> performance of the Mozart Great Mass in C minor? And how the decibel level went up even further after the Bruckner Te Deum? This lobby poster, signed by conductor Kent Tritle and our four soloists, is custom-framed in elegant black lacquered wood using all archival materials, including UV-filtering Plexiglass, to preserve the poster, signatures, and priceless memories of that performance.

**Minimum bid:** \$200

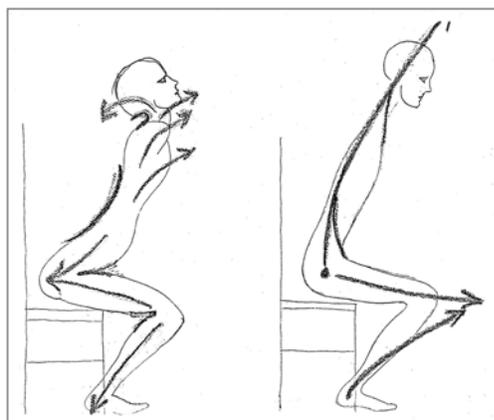
**Estimated value:** Priceless

**Donated by:** Oratorio Society of New York



### S-4 Private Lesson in Alexander Technique

Learn about the fundamentals of Alexander Technique in a 45-minute session with Claudia Wald, a nationally certified Alexander Technique teacher offering individual lessons and classes in the Bronxville / Yonkers area of Westchester County, New York. Claudia also has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in vocal performance from Indiana University. Her Alexander Technique instruction not only can help with pain management and better posture of the body in general but also with achieving freedom of voice and singing.



**Date and time:** Donor will arrange with winning bidder.

**Location:** Close to Bronxville Metro North train station

**Number of people:** 1

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Value:** \$80

**Donated by:** Claudia Wald



## S-5 Carnelian and Mixed Jasper Necklace and Earrings

This 22 ½” necklace is made from Carnelian stones interspersed with beautiful mixed jasper stones and gold-filled rounds. It features a gold-plated clasp and comes with matching earrings. The set was designed and handcrafted by the donor, Barbara Long, a violinist of international note.

**Minimum bid:** \$65

**Estimated value:** \$180

**Donated by:** Barbara Long



## S-6 Two Premium Passes to Brooklyn Art Song Society’s 2017-2018 Series: *La France*

Passes include access to all five regular concerts, as well as the special event in December for pass holders only. Choose your seats, and purchase additional tickets for friends and family for only \$5 per ticket. This season’s series presents five concerts exploring all things French, from masterpieces by Hector Berlioz to American premieres by Jean Barraqué. Spanning the elegant to the existential, the dramatic to the absurd, *La France* presents over 100 melodies by 20 of the greatest French composers, sung by today’s best interpreters of song.

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Michael Brofman, Artistic  
Director

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**Dates:** Concert Series runs from October, 2017, through March, 2018.

**Location:** Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierpont Street, Brooklyn Heights, NY (Final concert is at Old Stone House on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope.)

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Estimated value:** \$250

**Donated by:** Sanford Leff

## S-7 Hand-knit Sweater for Toddler

This hand-knit sweater, size 2T, would make a perfect gift for a little boy or girl. It's warm and cozy, and machine washable!

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Donated by:** Adrienne Giardiniera



## S-8 Handcrafted Beaded Necklace by Noted Artist

A respected painter, jewelry and fashion designer, sculptor, art collector, and teacher, Gina Lombardi Bratter has spent a lifetime creating beauty, developing an international reputation for her one-of-a-kind works of art. Gina has handcrafted this necklace of Czech glass seed beads exclusively for the 2017 Oratorio Society Auction. The necklace is constructed of small, asymmetrical components pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle. It would make a unique addition to anyone's jewelry collection.

**Minimum bid:** \$150

**Estimated value:** \$300

**Donated by:** Gina Lombardi Bratter



## S-9 Learn to Knit with a Master

Accomplished master knitter Douglas Riccardi will get you started on the project of your dreams. Douglas will introduce you to the basic stitches (knit, purl, casting on, and binding off) and provide you the personalized instruction you'll need for your project. Three 2-hour lessons at Douglas's home in Brooklyn are included. Douglas will provide your first set of needles, practice yarn, and a beginner's knitting book.

**Date and time:** Weeknight evenings, between 6:30 and 8:30 PM, if possible

**Location:** Douglas's home on Saint Felix Street in Brooklyn, near BAM

**Number of people:** 1

**Minimum bid:** \$75

**Value:** \$150 (\$25 per hour x 6 hours)

**Donated by:** Douglas Riccardi

**Note:** Two cats share Douglas's home.



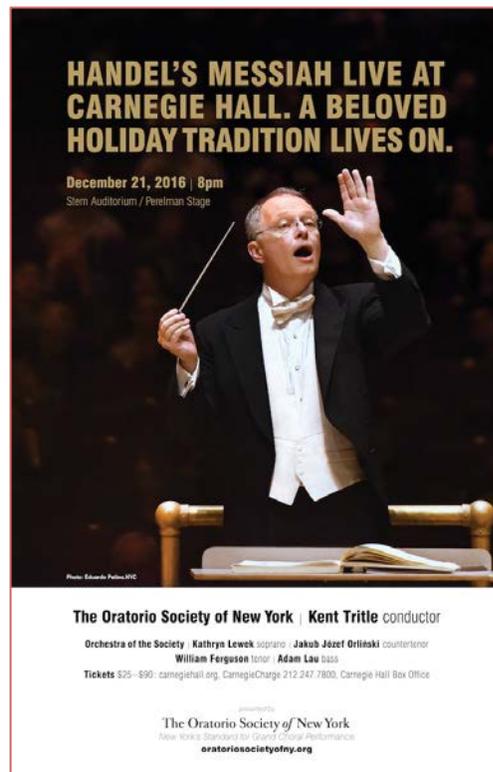
## S-10 Signed, Framed Poster from 2016 Messiah Concert

Keep the memory of this season's extraordinary, sold-out Messiah concert alive! Display this framed lobby poster, signed by conductor Kent Tritle and our four soloists in a special place in your home. The poster is custom-framed in elegant black lacquered wood using all archival materials, including UV-filtering Plexiglass, to preserve the poster and its priceless signatures.

**Minimum bid:** \$200

**Estimated value:** Priceless

**Donated by:** Oratorio Society of New York

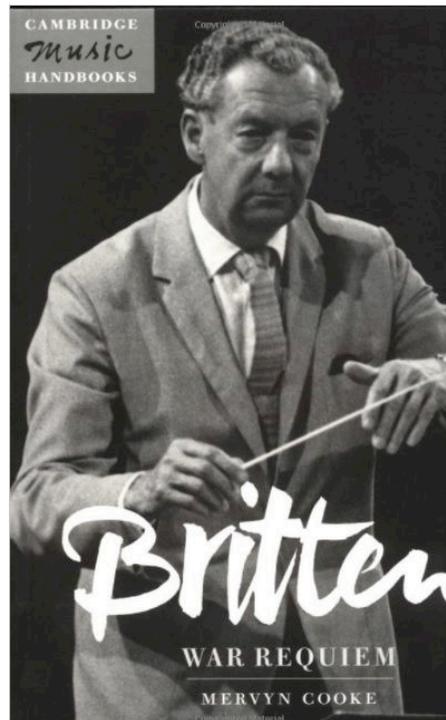


## S-11 Britten: War Requiem, by Mervyn Cooke

Learn about the War Requiem from Benjamin Britten specialist Mervyn Cooke, who provides a detailed analysis of the work, written in 1962 to celebrate the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral, and uniting the famous anti-war poetry of Wilfred Owen with the Latin Requiem Mass. Cooke compares Britten's and Owen's pacifist beliefs, and assesses the fluctuating critical responses to the composition. This soft-cover book is included in the distinguished series of Cambridge Music Handbooks, providing accessible introductions to major musical works, written by the most informed commentators in the field.

**Minimum bid:** \$35

**Donated by:** Ora McCreary



## S-12 Shiatsu Session

It is so natural to touch the place that is in pain. Shiatsu, which translates from Japanese as “finger pressure,” is a centuries’ old modality of touch and energy. It shares much of its theoretical base with acupuncture. As a practice it focuses on the totality of body, mind, and spirit, not only addressing symptoms but also restoring balance to the system overall. It is performed on a table with the patient fully clothed. Shiatsu can help with a sore, fatigued body but also can be instrumental in aiding us at more critical times in life, whether emotionally or physically. In a session we have the opportunity to be heard and have our pains addressed. The winning bidder will arrange a one-hour appointment with Katherine at a mutually convenient time.



**Date and time:** To be arranged with winning bidder

**Location:** 20 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1002

**Number of people:** 1

**Minimum bid:** \$60

**Estimated value:** \$120

**Donated by:** Katherine Powers

## S-13 Cake for A Special Celebration

Chorus member Rhonda Barnat would like to bake you a cake! One that will make your next celebration extra special. If you are one of the two top bidders, you will be entitled to one of Rhonda's delicious coconut cakes, decorated to perfection and delivered directly to your door.

**Number of cakes available:** Two (one for each winning bidder)

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Donated by:** Rhonda Barnat



## S-14 Holiday Stocking, Custom Knit to Your Specifications

You choose the design, color, and of course, the name. Carol will hand-knit a holiday stocking to your specifications. A wonderful gift for a special person.



**Minimum bid:** \$35

**Donated by:** Carol McMillan

## S-15 Two-Hour Interior Design Consultation

Do you want to make your home or apartment into a more inviting and spacious space? Into a relaxing place where you can escape from the frantic pace of city life? Professional interior designer Jane Mogel can give you suggestions for every aspect of your home environment, including color schemes, furniture, floor coverings, window treatments, wall coverings, lighting, art, and accessories, so that you can transform your home into that special place that you love to live in.



**Estimated value:** \$300

**Minimum bid:** \$150

**Donated by:** Jane Mogel Interior Design

*Jane Mogel has degrees from both New York University and the New York School of Interior Design. Her over 20 years of interior design experience includes apartments, houses, offices, and lobbies. She has taught interior design classes in Westchester County, NY. Jane Mogel Interior Design is an Angie's List Honor Roll Award Recipient.*

## S-16 Framed Poster from 2017 Woodside Solo Competition

This poster features photos of the eight talented finalists in this year's Lyndon Woodside Solo Competition, from which tenor Joshua Blue emerged as the first-prize winner. Prominent on the poster is a photo of the 2016 winner, countertenor Jakub Józef Orliński, by photographer Tim Dwight. It is custom-framed in elegant black lacquered wood using all archival materials, including UV-filtering Plexiglass,

**Minimum bid:** \$200

**Estimated value:** Priceless

**Donated by:** Oratorio Society of New York



## S-17 MoMA Visitor's Packet with Four Admissions

This is an opportunity to visit the Museum of Modern Art, one of the world's great museums. The winning bidder will receive 4 cards for admission to MoMA as well as a copy of the guidebook *MoMA Highlights* to help them decide where to start and where to go in this expanse of art treasures. All of these are tucked into a smart-looking black MoMA tote bag. The admission cards may be used together for groups or singly.

**Location:** 11 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY

**Minimum bid:** \$25

**Estimated value:** \$140

**Note:** Admissions must be used by the end of 2017

**Donated by:** Pamela Popeson



## S-18 Copper Stick Pearl Necklace

This 22-inch necklace is made from rarely found copper stick pearls, interspersed with Carnelian rounds and secured with a gold-filled clasp. The pearls can lie flat or be raised here and there according to the whim of the wearer. The necklace was designed and handcrafted by the donor, Barbara Long, an internationally recognized violinist.

**Minimum bid:** \$65

**Estimated value:** \$180

**Donated by:** Barbara Long



## S-19 Hot Off the Presses!

Dip into the latest titles from the Random House Publishing Group! A healthy mix of fiction, non-fiction, biography, and memoirs from the likes of Elizabeth Strout, George Saunders, Sally Bedell Smith, and more, this Random House tote of 2017 books (valued at \$200) will have you reading all year long!

**Minimum bid:** \$100

**Estimated value:** \$200

**Donated by:** Catherine Mikula



## S-20 In-home Personal Training Session in Lower Westchester

Certified Personal Trainer Jill Gola is offering a one-hour training session in your home. Jill has been a Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor for a several years. She combines this training and her knowledge of the body to give her clients a well-rounded, focused, and challenging workout. In her spare time Jill enjoys running races in many different locations, completing triathlons, and trying out new fitness classes. Her last completed marathon was in 2016 in Chicago, where she plans to compete in 2017 as well.

**Location:** In your home (restricted to locations in Lower Westchester)

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Value:** \$80

**Donated by:** Jill Gola



*Jill Gola holds a degree in Exercise Physiology from Adelphi University and is certified as an ACSM Personal Trainer, Barre Instructor, USATF Track and Field Coach Level 1, Spinning Instructor, Power Pilates Instructor, and TRX Trainer.*

## S-21 Baklava Galore!

An entire pan of the Greek honey-and-nuts dessert that will have your guests going nuts! This delicious baklava will contain nuts such as almonds, pecans, and walnuts, as well as lots of honey and sugar. It can be delivered to your door at any location served by the New York Subway. Please contact me at least two weeks prior to delivery date to make arrangements.

**Minimum bid:** \$25

**Donated by:** Blessing Agunwamba



## S-22 Honey Jade Necklace and Bracelet

This stunning 18-inch honey jade necklace comes with a matching bracelet; both pieces feature gold-filled rounds and a vermeil clasp. The set was designed and handcrafted by the donor, Barbara Long, an internationally recognized violinist.

**Minimum bid:** \$60

**Estimated value:** \$120

**Donated by:** Barbara Long



## S-23 Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

This \$100 gift certificate entitles you to any of the unique offerings of the Shakespeare Festival at Boscobel in Garrison, NY. This outdoor festival, held at the restored Boscobel estate, offers a majestic view of the Hudson River as its backdrop. It has been hailed by the Wall Street Journal as “the most purely enjoyable summer Shakespeare festival in America.” The New York Times comments, “If anyone wonders about the future of live theater or asks where the audience is, the answer is ‘Under that tent.’ ”

**Date:** Can be used from June 8 to September 4, 2017, to see *Twelfth Night*, *Love's Labour's Lost*, *Pride & Prejudice* adaptation, *The Book of Will*, or *The General from America*.

**Location:** Boscobel Restoration in Garrison, NY

**Minimum bid:** \$70

**Estimated value:** \$100

**Donated by:** Janet Plucknett



## S-24 Signed, Framed Poster from Bach B Minor Mass Concert

It is always a privilege to sing the Bach B minor Mass, probably the greatest choral work ever written. Rehearsing the work was both a huge challenge and a sublime experience. We performed it to an audience who knew and loved the work, but many of whom had never heard it live. The applause was thunderous! This framed lobby poster, signed by conductor Kent Tritle and our soloists, is a wonderful memento of our May 8, 2017 performance. It is custom-framed in elegant black lacquered wood using all archival materials, including UV-filtering glass, to preserve the poster and its priceless signatures.

**Minimum bid:** \$200

**Estimated value:** Priceless

**Donated by:** Oratorio Society of New York



## S-25 Eight classes at the World Yoga Center

Enjoy 8 classes at the World Yoga Center, one of New York City's longest running yoga schools, located on the Upper West Side. The Center has gifted and experienced instructors trained in Anusara Yoga. Through the Yoga practices they teach, students embark on an awakening journey of transformation while developing bodies that glow with health and fitness. The World Yoga Center welcomes students of all ages, at every level of ability. It offers small classes where beginners receive the personal attention they need. For more information go to [www.worldyogacenter.com](http://www.worldyogacenter.com)



**Location:** 265 West 72nd Street, New York, NY

**Minimum bid:** \$65

**Value:** \$128

**Donated by:** Julia Pearring

**Notes:**

- This offer is for new students only.
- Please activate the class card by the end of 2017.
- Once the class card is activated, you have 6 months to use the 8 classes.
- The class card is non-transferable.

## S-26 Amethyst and Swarovski Crystal Necklace

This 19-inch necklace features faceted amethyst and Swarovski crystals as well as an elegant Sterling silver clasp. It was designed and handcrafted by the donor, Barbara Long, a violinist of international note.

**Minimum bid:** \$40

**Estimated value:** \$100

**Donated by:** Barbara Long



## S-27 The Glory of Mozart, the Majesty of Bruckner, and the Splendor of Carnegie Hall!

All of the emotions we experienced while singing the Mozart Mass in C minor and the Bruckner Te Deum on November 3, 2016, are bound up in this bigger-than-life concert poster that hung outside Carnegie Hall for all the world to see! The poster features not only the Maestro but the name of the world's very best concert venue. It measures 80" x 40" unframed.

**Minimum bid:** \$50

**Estimated value:** priceless

**Donated by:** Oratorio Society of New York



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