

## *Silent Items*

### *1. Beth Chai Gatherings*

#### **3100 Third Annual Beth Chai Whisk(e)y Tasting - Small Batch American Bourbons**

The Third Annual Beth Chai whisk(e)y tasting undergoes a radical change for 2008 - we're leaving the ancient historical home of Scotland, and moving to America for a sampling of small-batch American Bourbons! Forget Jack Daniels and Jim Beam - these whiskeys have distinct character, are aged in batches just like their Scottish cousins, and thanks to the strong Euro, American Bourbons are a true value! As usual, this will be an evening of education, entertainment, drinks, snacks, and fabulous conversation at the home of Daniel Korn and Rachel Silber in Potomac, MD on take Saturday, May 31st, at 7:30 PM

Top 8 bidders, starting cost \$20.

Donor: Rachel Silber & Daniel Korn

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

#### **3101 Canning Demonstration**

Fantasies of life on the prairie? Want to feel the connections to generations past by "putting up" summer's bounty? But, are botulism fears keeping you from learning how to can & preserve foods? No worries! Rachel Silber is the self-proclaimed Beth Chai expert on making and jarring homemade jellies and sauces. She will provide a hands-on class for the equipment and techniques needed for making strawberry jam! Each participant will get to take home a small jar of freshly made & canned yummys!

Donor: Rachel Silber & Daniel Korn

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

#### **3102 Cocktails and Construction - A Beth Chai Story**

Come hear architect and Beth Chai member Rob Weinstein talk about the issues of creating a small handicapped accessible addition for a family with a limited budget and a house that had been poorly designed from the start and listen him talk about the decisions he made. Tour the home of Matt Schneer and Sara Duke, and see first-hand what it takes to adjust one's home for a child with a physical disability with the anticipation of being able to age-in-place in the future. This event will be scheduled for a Saturday evening after construction is complete - perhaps as early as August. Free for children, \$10 for adults. If it is warm enough, both children and adults will be able to enjoy a dip in Sylvia's above-ground swimming pool. No limit on the number of people who may attend."

Donor: Sara Duke & Matthew Schneer

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**3103 The Art of French Cooking**

Learn to make the Queen of Cakes from Julia Child's recipe. Bring your apron and an aluminum 8" cake pan if you have one--if not we will supply-- and you will take home the most scrumptious of chocolate cakes ever as well as the expertise to make more. Could include a demo of making a tiered cake if desired. Maximum number of persons 4. Saturday June 7.

Donor: Vera Sky

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

**3104 English High Tea with All the Trimmings**

At our home in Friendship Heights, DC. Priced individually (minimum number of people, 6, or if someone wants to plan their own tea party, price negotiable. Sunday, October 19.

Donor: Vera Sky

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

## *4. Services*

**3400 Interior Design Consultation**

Whether you're starting from scratch or seeking a new look for your house, a professional provides both perspective and expertise. Our own Julie Goss can address such issues as space flow and use, furniture selection and layout, color design/coordination, lighting, textiles/upholstery, partitions, storage, art and display and coordination with an architect. She'll also help "green-up" your house. This list is not exhaustive, so make this investment which can better both your space and your spirit.

Donor: Julie Goss

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

**3401 Get Help from a Professional with Your Writing**

Get some advice from a professional on your writing project. Bob Rosenblatt, former Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, a website columnist for California Healthline, and editorial board chair of Aging Today, newsletter, will work with you. Three hours.

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

**3402 Help with Medicare/Medicaid/Senior Care Decisions**

Confused about the difference between Medicare and Medicaid? How do you find the best Part D Medicare drug plan for yourself or your parents? How can you find a safe, high quality nursing home? Advice from Bob Rosenblatt, Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance, a think tank studying Social Security and Medicare issues. He also ran a blog and website community forum on Medicare drug plans for California Health Advocates, the Medicare counseling group in California.

Two Hour Session

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

**3403 Help with Social Security Decisions**

Should you take Social Security at age 62, or wait till 66 and get a bigger check? If you are divorced, how do you get benefits based on your ex-spouse's retirement benefits? Get help with the intricacies of Social Security. Advice from Bob Rosenblatt, Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance, a Washington think tank dealing with Social Security and Medicare.

Donor: Bob Rosenblatt

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

**3404 A Nandina for Your Garden**

Best offer you'll see in a while. A three to four year old Nandina Domestica/Heavenly Bamboo will be planted in your yard with this purchase. The plant is now three or four feet tall and will grow at least another couple of feet. Not really a bamboo, this plant is a great focal point near your house or elsewhere in the garden.

You must be located withing eight miles of Burning Tree Elementary School

Donor: Carol Heller & Larry Heller

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

## ***6. Class Baskets***

**3600 Grade 5: Nature Basket**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the coming spring with this Nature Basket, featuring wonderful, relaxing sounds from two music cd's as well as a book to take your thoughts away...imagine enjoying a great Saturday spring morning on your porch or deck. The Basket also includes a Smith and Hawken Hummingbird Feeder, wonderful warm decorations and a relaxing candle to complete the mood.

Donor: Beth Chai Sunday School

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

## ***7. Food and Dining***

**3700 Cookies to Die For - Homemade Party Cookies**

These are not the cookies you make with your kids. Entertain with a platter of: ginger shortbread, almond crescents, thumbprint cookies, grasshopper brownies and my mother's mandelbread. Great for serving to company.!

Two Weeks notice needed. Delivery included!!!!

Donor: Rebecca Mazur

Minimum Bid: \$13.00

## ***8. Special Places/Membership***

### **3800 Family Membership to Discovery Creek Children's Museum**

The whole family will enjoy your membership to Discovery Creek throughout the year. The membership brings many opportunities to take advantage of the terrific nature programs for a wide variety of ages. Membership privileges include:

- Unlimited free admission to Weekend Programs
- Early Members' Registration for Summer camps
- Members-only birthday parties
- Discounts on family programs, such as Toddler Treehouse and Polliwog Pals
- Invitation to members-only events
- Advance notice of events and programs
- Subscriptions to Discovery Creek's publications

Donor: Discovery Creek Children's Museum

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

### **3801 Embassy of France - Two Tickets to all Cultural Events for 2008**

This is the coup of the auction. The modernist French Embassy on Reservoir Road hosts many events each year: Movies, lectures, concerts, an occasional wine tasting and the great Francophonie Festival (Unfortunately, while this event takes place on March 16, tickets are already sold out) the soiree put on by dozens of French speaking countries each year) are just some of them. Can't tell you exactly what will be happening as the events are generally announced one by one.

Your fundraising chairman will provide you with information on subscribing to the email notices from the Embassy.

(Note: this certificate is good only for the events organized by the Embassy as opposed to those taking place there but sponsored by some other organization, such as Embassy Concerts)

Donor: Embassy of France

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Minimum Bid: \$150.00

## ***10. Lessons***

### **4000 Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Ballroom dancing is IN according to the cognoscenti! So join them by taking dance lessons with premier teacher David Norton. The class choices include ballroom, salsa, swing and Argentine tango. David teaches in DC, and McLean with a Maryland location coming soon. David is offering 2 series of 6-8 classes which could either be taken by two people at the same time or by one person for two different series. To see the current

Contact David at 703.862.3526

Donor: David Norton/Washington Dance Institute

Minimum Bid: \$100.00

## ***11. Sports and Fitness***

### **4100 Two tickets to a pre-season Redskins game in the 2008-2009 season.**

Two tickets to a pre-season Redskins game in the 2008-2009 season. These are unbelievably great seats, 16th row, 25 yard line. Parking is included in the close by Green lot. Plus you'll have free entrance into the Tailgate Club's pre-game barbecue. Pre-season game to be mutually decided on between winning bidder and donor.

Donor: Kate Taylor & Marc Schwartz

Minimum Bid: \$150.00

### **4101 An ONSITE Ergonomic Evaluation of Your Office**

If you're within a 20 minute ride of STAR's office at 16th and L, this is a great deal. They will perform a comprehensive evaluation of your workstation situation and provide a comprehensive evaluation and recommendations on how to establish a healthy computing and general seated office work environment. This can be used to address current or prevent a future work related musculoskeletal injuries. Consultation lasts one hour.

Donor: Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation (STAR) Clinic

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

## ***12. Art/Decorative Art***

### **4200 Sterling Silver Hammered Ring**

This is how we wrote about Gina's offering last year:

Isn't there a birthday, anniversary or some other special occasion coming up for which you need a beautiful gift for your wife, sweetheart, sister or partner-- one that is guaranteed to surprise and delight her with your great good taste and generosity?

While the above still applies, here's another take on this Ladies/Women/Girls, it's time to be nice to yourself and purchase this beautifully handcrafted ring as a piece of artwork for your fingers.

From Beth Chai member, Gina Okon of GDO Design.

Donor: Gina Okon

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

**4201 Get Started With Scrapbooking**

Are you an experienced scrapbooker or a novice wanting to find out what all the excitement is about? Creative scrapbooking is an artistic outlet, a stress reliever and a way to preserve and showcase valued family photos. Scrapbooking aficionado Jackie Hess offers a Scrapbooking Basket with a retail value of more than \$50. The basket contains everything you need specialty album, acid free pages, die cuts, stickers, adhesives, calligraphy pens and more. Jackie would be happy to provide a little hands-on help for those who would like it.

Donor: Jackie Hess

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4202 Vintage Hummel Goebel Ceramic Figurine: Little Goat herder**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4203 Vintage Hummel Goebel Ceramic Figurine: Little Astronomer**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4204 Vintage Hummel Goebel Ceramic Figurine: School Girl**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4205 Capodimonte Porcelain Rose, made in Italy**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4206 A Latin American Folk Art Tapestry**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$15.00

**4207 Black and White, Signed Israeli Pottery**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4208 Do It Yourself Menorah Making Craft Set**

Donor: Rain Zohav & Walter Scott

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4209 Raku Covered Box**

Cylindrical raku covered box, about 10 inches high,

Donor: Harriet Hirsch

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

**4210 Brass Animal Headed Skewers**

set of 18 brass headed skewers for kabob making - each with animal on it -

Donor: Harriet Hirsch

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

**4211 Sterling Silver Handmade Earrings**

Beth Chai member Gayle Friedman describes these as sterling silver, an organic design, post earrings. You can check out more of her work at Studio 4903 on Wisconsin Avenue and [www.gaylefriedmandesign.com](http://www.gaylefriedmandesign.com).

Donor: Gayle Friedman

Minimum Bid: \$45.00

## ***16. Needs***

**4600 Needlepoint Instruction**

I'd like to learn how to do needlepoint (not embroidery). I imagine it would take 1-2 hours at my home in Takoma Park or in your home.

Donor: Rebecca Mazur

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4601 Help Decorate the Decorator's House with Art**

I'm looking for oil paintings. I also LOVE woodcuts, love love love. It's hard to pinpoint style -- in general, I like anything if it's well done (just like food!) I'm always looking for that transcendental moment where the artist communicates something and the medium somehow is an after thought

Price open

Donor: Julie Goss

Minimum Bid: Negotiated

**4602 UNABRIDGED Audiobook of Bill Bryson's A Short History of Nearly Everything**

Help make Jackie's day. She's been looking for this for two years.

Donor: Jackie Hess

Minimum Bid: \$130.00

## ***17. Musical Performances***

### **4700 The In Series - Two tickets for Fin de Fiesta**

The In Series specializes in presenting DC artists. Virtuoso pianist Rodríguez gives the crowning touch to our season with an amazing program: Ravel's solo suite Gaspard de la Nuit, his Alborada del Gracioso with choreography by Lourdes Elias, Cuban classics, a foray into "piano-jondo" -crossover flamenco, and more! June 15th at 3pm at the Atlas Performing Arts Center in Washington DC.

Donor: The In Series

Minimum Bid: \$30.00

### **4701 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic - Two tickets, featuring Vaughan-Williams Sea Symphony**

This concert features Ralph Vaughan-Williams Symphony No. 1 (A Sea Symphony) with full chorus and a bassoon concerto. April 13, 2008 --The Church of The Epiphany, Washington, D.C.-- 5 P.M. April 20, 2008 -- Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center--5 P.M

Donor: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

### **4702 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic - Two tickets featuring Mahler**

This concert features Mahler's 4th Symphony, a Puccini aria and the symphony that won an earlier WMPA competition. June 1, 2008--The Church of The Epiphany, Washington, D.C.-- 5 P.M. June 8, 2008 --Bishop Ireton H.S., Alexandria, VA--5 P.M.

Donor: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

### **4703 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic - Two Season Tickets**

The Washington Post recently lauded the current 35th Season of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic -writing "there's innovation aplenty... an abundance of world premieres, infrequently heard 20th-century works and music" Next year is sure to bring more of the same innovative, diverse, and community-oriented programming. Treat yourself to a season of orchestral music at a terrific price. You'll have your choice of concert dates and convenient locations in DC and Virginia. This pair of season tickets for the 2008-2009 season

Donor: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association

Minimum Bid: \$75.00

### **4704 Great Performances Series**

Since October 1990, when the doors to the Concert Hall opened, the arts in Northern Virginia have not been the same. You can choose two tickets for one of three events in the Great Performances Series: Moby Dick Rehearsed (Saturday, April 5th at 8 pm), Keyboard

conversations with Jeffrey Siegel (Sunday, April 13th at 7pm), or Diavolo ( Friday, May 2nd at 8 pm). All except Moby Dick are family friendly The exact value depends on which is event chosen.

Donor: George Mason University Center for the Arts

Minimum Bid: \$40.00

**4705 Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, two tickets to any performance**

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center is a vibrant community of artists, students and audiences, where great work happens both on- and offstage. They present approximately 1,000 events each year spanning all performing arts disciplines. They are committed to presenting unfamiliar, unpredictable, and developing work.

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland is offering 2 tickets to any performance through May 2009. Will you choose a musical performance, a dance recital, a play? Oh the dilemma.

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland is conveniently located at the corner of Route 193 (University Blvd.) and Stadium Drive on the campus of the University of Maryland.

Donor: Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4706 JCC of Greater Washington, Jazz at the Center, 2 tickets**

Jazz at the Center presents John Eaton, one of the premier jazz pianists of our time. Mr. Eaton's keen insight, immaculate musicianship and extraordinary pianistic talent continue to earn him the highest accolades from music critics, listeners and fellow musicians. In a typical concert, Mr. Eaton gives stylish renderings of standards and lesser-known gems from the American songbook, including composers Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington and Harold Arlen. The Washington Post called his running commentary "as reliably entertaining as The Simpsons - not to mention awfully astute." Local legends Chuck Redd, vibes, and Tommy Cecil, bass, round out the trio, with special guests dropping by as well!

The winning bidder will receive 2 tickets to Jazz at the Center with John Eaton for the performance on Wednesday March 12, 2008 at 8pm. That's just a little over a week away so you won't have to wait too long. Jazz at the Center performs in the Gildenhorn/Speisman Center for the Arts at the JCC of Greater Washington. 6125 Montrose Road Rockville, MD

Donor: Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

Minimum Bid: \$44.00

**4707 JCC of Grater Washington, JCC Symphony Orchestra, 2 tickets**

Now in its thirty-seventh season, the JCC Symphony Orchestra is the oldest continuously performing orchestra in Montgomery County, Maryland. Through the years the membership has comprised a fascinating mixture of musicians, including emeritus members of the National Symphony Orchestra.

If you are the winning bidder you will have 2 tickets to a wonderful performance featuring soloist Adam Neiman, Piano. The evening's program includes Weber: Overture To Oberon, Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 and Bruch: Symphony No. 1.

The concert is Saturday 5 April 2008, 8:30 PM. The JCC Symphony performs in the the Gildenhorn/Speisman Center for the Arts at the JCC of Greater Washington. 6125 Montrose Road Rockville, MD

Donor: Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

Minimum Bid: \$33.00

**4708 Coral Cantigas, Latin American Chorus, 2 tickets**

Coral Cantigas, Washington's Latin American Chorus extends ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome! Founded in 1991 by Diana V. Sáez, Coral Cantigas is the only chorus in the Washington, D.C. area that specializes in the performance of music from Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean. Coral Cantigas shares the artistic and cultural diversity of the Spanish-speaking world and serves as a bridge between the Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking communities. Experience diverse musical traditions through excerpts from folk masses of Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Cuba, and other songs of praise. Enjoy such upbeat rhythms as the Dominican merengue, Andean carnavalito, Brazilian batuque, Chilean cueca, and more.

2 tickets to the concert PRAISES IN RHYTHM: DE LAS PAMPAS AL CARIBE, Saturday, June 14, 2008, 7 PM at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd (Rt 191), Bethesda, MD.

Donor: Coral Cantigas

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4709 Beethoven Society, 2 tickets**

The Beethoven Society of America is an educational and cultural organization offering opportunities to attend embassy concerts, receptions, and other musical events at a readily affordable price. The BSOA provides support to musically talented young people through competitions and scholarships, providing occasions for them to perform with professionals at various events.

You have the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful concert in luxurious surroundings. The program includes Vasily Popov, Cello; Ralitz Papcheva, Piano; Amanda Balestrieri, Soprano playing pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, Edvard Grieg, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms and Richard Strauss.

2 tickets to the Beethoven Society of America in concert at The Embassy of The Federal Republic of Germany, 4645 Reservoir Road, NW, Monday March 17, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Donor: The Beethoven Society of America

Minimum Bid: \$45.00

**4710-11 BlackRock Center for the Arts - Two Tickets for Dave Rowe Trio**

With all due respect, Maine is known for, well, lobsters. The Dave Rowe Trio is out to change that notion. A new acoustic group from the state, the group continues the legacy of Schooner Fare, the band founded by Dave's father, Tom. It is just a little bit folk, just a little bit bluegrass, just a little bit celtic, just a little bit traditional, and a whole lot of fun. Reflective of the state's lofty mountains, fragrant balsams and craggy coasts, the trio's fiddle, guitar and bass come together to make authentic Maine music, driven by lyrical melodies and hearty three-part harmonies that sound as rugged as the land they sing about. To truly experience Maine, you have to go there. If you can't make the trip, there's the Dave Rowe Trio. Lobsters optional.

Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:30 PM

Donor: BlackRock Center for the Arts

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4712 Left Bank Concert Society - Two Season Tickets for 2008-09**

The Left Bank Concert Society celebrates chamber music with a special focus on new work. The Washington Post raves "Comprehensive," "Electrifying," and "Emotionally focused." Currently, Left Bank performs twice a year at the Kennedy Center and twice at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. You'll have your choice of concerts and venues in the Fall 2008-Spring 2009 Season.

Donor: Left Bank Concert Society

Minimum Bid: \$90.00

**4713 Washington Musica Viva - Two Tickets to an Upcoming Performance**

Now in its tenth year, WMV performs at a variety of interesting venues. Continuing at its original location, an artists's warehouse studio in Kensington, it has added the Atlas Performing Arts Center and a yearly series at the Czech Embassy. These tickets are for a place you may not have heard of: The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum in Bethesda, featuring the contemporary work in a Jewish vein of Phillip Ratner.

The tickets are for one of the concerts on March 26, April 13, May 20 and August 20. All are weekday evenings except April 13 which is at 5 PM on a Sunday. Each concert offers a fine mixture of chamber music from all periods, including local composers. The trio's and quartets all include the piano, some strings, perhaps a clarinet, trombone or a soprano or two.

Donor: Washington Musica Viva

Minimum Bid: \$20.00

**4714-16 Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festival - Pair of Tickets**

A series of three concerts this July at St. Mark's Episcopal Church behind the Library of Congress, one of the nicest places to hear music in Washington. Exact schedule yet to be set, check [www.chcmf.org](http://www.chcmf.org)

Concert I - Classical Period Winds, music for woodwinds and fortepiano from the time of Mozart & Beethoven

Concert II - Baroque Concerti - "this program was so much fun - we're going for round two! (Completely different program though)

Concert III - Telemann Fantasies - The complete fantasies for solo baroque flute by Geor Phillip Telemann

Donor: Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festival

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

**4717-18 Capitol Woodwind Quintet - pair season passes 2008-09**

You and a friend will enjoy three Sunday afternoon concerts by the Capitol Woodwind Quintet. The Washington Post raves that CWQ has "the kind of skill that makes everything sound effortless and the kind of spirit that makes everything enjoyable."

Performances are at Temple Micah on Wisconsin Avenue. Dates for 2008-2009 will be announced in August. [www.capitolwoodwindquintet.org](http://www.capitolwoodwindquintet.org)

Donor: Capitol Woodwind Quintet

Minimum Bid: \$45.00

**4719 Young Concert Artists of Washington at the Terrace Theater - Two Season Tickets**

The New York Times said of YCA: "Young Concert Artists of America has acquired a special status in the musical world, and deservedly so. Its auditions and concerts have brought to public attention a steady stream of remarkable musicians. It is extremely doubtful that any organization anywhere could have matched the YCA record for spotting great talent and helping it along". And who might some of the earlier artists be who performed with YCA? Pinchas Zuckerman, Murray Perahia, Emanuel Ax, Richard Goode, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, trumpeter Stephen Burns and soprano Dawn Upshaw. You can see attend five concerts next season and get a look at who's coming along next, including young composers. Concerts are on Sundays and Mondays.

Donor: Young Concert Artists of Washington

Minimum Bid: \$120.00

**4720 Lisner Auditorium - Two Tickets to Any Spring Performance**

This arrived by fax just before press deadline, so we have to be brief. But it's a goodie. You can see the whole range of selections at [www.lisner.org](http://www.lisner.org), but it includes events such as The Hearthrobs with Pokwang, the East Village Opera Company, Zakir Hussain & the Masters of Percussion, Kumar Sanu World Tour and Ira Glass.

Donor: Lisner Auditorium

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

**4721 Pan American Symphony Orchestra, Two Tickets for [El] Tango y [Ella] la Milonga**

Join members of PASO and Latin Grammy winners Maestro Raul Jaurena (bandoneon) & Octavio Brunetti (piano), Marga Mitchell, singer, and dancers Carolina & Anton and Annatina &

Hernan for a unique show in two parts: [El] Tango y [ella] la Milonga a depiction of the early days of tango; Modern Inspirations the evolution of tango to the mastery of Astor Piazzolla.

Donor: Pan American Symphony Orchestra

Minimum Bid: \$36.00

## ***18. Theater Performances/Film***

### **4800 Rorschach Theatre - Two Three-play Passes**

Looking for a wilder night at the theater? The Rorschach Theatre (in Exile at Georgetown University) is a fierce young company known for their inventive use of space, performances of feverish intensity and a passion for epic stories told in new ways. There are 4 plays this season, and you get two passes to three of them (your choice!). Dates range from June-August 2008.

Donor: Rorschach Theatre

Minimum Bid: \$60.00

### **4801 Round House Theatre Tickets, Two Tickets for "Lord of the Flies"**

The Round House Theatre is one of the largest and most acclaimed professional theatre companies in the metro Washington, DC area. Among this season's offerings is the production of Lord of the Flies, a thrilling new production of a cautionary allegory adapted for the stage by acclaimed British author Nigel Williams, from the novel by William Golding. A group of English schoolboys marooned on a tropical island sees the dark side of humanity as they descend into savagery. The production features the designs of Kevin Rigdon, a double Tony Award(r) nominee for The Grapes of Wrath on Broadway.

You are bidding on 2 tickets to any Wednesday thru Friday evening or Saturday matinee performance April 2-27, 2008. Round House Theatre is at 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

Donor: Round House Theatre

Minimum Bid: \$50.00

### **4802 Solas Nua, Irish Performing Arts, Two tickets to any Performance**

Solas Nua is a non-profit arts organization that seeks out both feted and obscure work by contemporary artists in Ireland to promote awareness of modern Irish culture in Washington D.C. Solas Nua is the only organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to contemporary Irish arts. At Solas Nua you can enjoy theatre, film, literature or special events. We've just found out that Solas Nua was just nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding ensemble for "Scenes From the Big Picture," a production done last summer.

Solas Nua has offered 2 tickets to any of their performances through March 2009. They perform in many venues so check their website for performance locations. With the winning bid you can support Beth Chai, support the arts community and never even have to tell anyone that you're really going just to spend the evening listening to that beautiful Irish lilt.

Donor: Solas Nua, Irish Performing Arts

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4803-04 Charter Theatre, two tickets for this season or next**

Just trying not to be stupid. That's the headline on the website of the Charter Theatre Company. Sounds like they might be setting the bar a bit low, but it's certain that you'll enjoy an adventure if you bid on two tickets to this play or anything upcoming in the 2008-2009 season. Remaining this season is: "Am I Black Enough Yet?" by Clinton Johnston, directed by George Grant, featuring Paige Hernandez, Brittiney Sweeny, and Matthew Eisenburg "Can you feel it? Can you see it? When do you wanna be it and when break free of it? And after all, what is it? Where does it start ... and where does it end?" No matter who you are or where you're from, for one night at Charter Theatre, you get to be African American at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, VA. April 11 - May 3, 2008. Thurs - Sat nights at 8:00 p.m. Sat. and Sun. matinees at 3:00 p.m.

Donor: Charter Theatre Company

Minimum Bid: \$25.00

**4805 Contemporary American Theater Festival, Two tickets to any Frank Center performance**

The Contemporary American Theater Festival is dedicated to producing and developing new American theater. They sustain an artistic process of innovation and daring, diverse storytelling, and create a profound and ever evolving relationship between the audience and the work. If you love new and exciting theater, and love to visit beautiful Shepherdstown, West Virginia in the summer time, this is the entertainment bid for you! You can choose two tickets from any time or date for the upcoming ThinkFive Festival July 9- Aug 3, 2008.

In "The Overwhelming" J. T. Rogers has written a play that is both a brilliantly crafted piece of writing and a tense, suspenseful exploration of one of the great human tragedies of our time- the Rwandan genocide. Your other choice, Tony Award winning Greg Kotis' new play, "Pig Farm", is the dirtiest play of the season. On a struggling pig farm, Tom and Tina fight to hold onto everything they own - fifteen thousand restless pigs. This is a comedy about hard-times and heroism in the American heartland.

Donor: Contemporary American Theater Festival

Minimum Bid: \$36.00

**4806-07 AFI - American Film Institute, Silver Spring - two Tickets**

C'mon, you can admit it. You've not yet been to a film since the AFI located in the restoration of noted architect John Eberson's historic Art Deco Silver Theater. This is your chance to visit and maybe take in a meal at one of the several restaurants that have established themselves locally.

Donor: American Film Institute

Minimum Bid: \$10.00

**4808 Folger Theatre - Two Tickets for "The School for Scandal"**

These tickets are for the final production of Folger's 2007-08 season: "The School For Scandal" by Brinsley Sheridan in which true loves and true characters are revealed amid gossip, clever pretenses, and ostensibly compromising situations. It's all Surface and Candor in this witty comedy of very bad manners and irresistible folly. Directed by Richard Clifford, with Tom Story as Lady Sneerwell.

This certificate is good for the following performances (subject to availability) excluding opening night: Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sunday evenings at 7:00pm, May 7 - June 15, 2008

Donor: Folger Theatre

Minimum Bid: \$35.00

**4809 Forum Theatre and Dance - Two 2008-09 Season Subscriptions**

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