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Opera Southwest 50th Anniversary Gala

Program of the Evening October 1, 2022

6:00

Welcome and Registration

Drinks and Appetizers

Silent auction *pgs 6-16*

Check the times for the staggered aisle closing for your favorite Silent Auction and Premier Auction items! Don't miss a last chance to enter that winning bid!!

Aisle #3 bidding closes at 6:45 PM

Aisle #2 bidding closes at 6:50 PM

Aisle #1 bidding closes at 6:55 PM

Premier Auction "Big Board" closes at 7:00 PM!

7:15

Dinner

Welcome from Opera Southwest

7:45

Live Auction *pgs 17-23*

8:25

Music *pg 26*

9:00

Checkout and Farewell

Aisle 1

Art & Artisan Works

Item 1

“Mom’s Blueberries” by Cynthia Wister Welch

Framed and matted watercolor (2008) by Los Ranchos artist

Donated by Donia Steele in memory of Mark

Valued at: \$75 Starting Bid: \$25

Item 2

Jackie Savage’s “Leaf Explosion 2”

A framed and matted collage of lithograph and polymer prints (2011)

Donated by Donia Steele in memory of Mark

Valued at: \$75 Starting Bid: \$25

Item 3

“Dance of Innovation” by Gary Fey

Hand-painted batik on jacquard silk by noted Santa Fe/Taos artist (2007)

Donated by Donia Steele in memory of Mark

Valued at: \$150 Starting Bid: \$40

Item 4

“Stepping Out” by Gary Fey

Hand-painted batik on jacquard silk by noted Santa Fe/Taos artist (2007)

Donated by Donia Steele in memory of Mark

Valued at: \$150 Starting Bid: \$40

Item 5

Hand-Dyed Lightweight Silk Chiffon Jacket/Shawl

Turquoise blue; Perfect for those summer evening when you need just a little something.

Donated by Renee Brainard Gentz

Valued at: \$125 Starting Bid: \$40

Item 6

Christina Akerson’s “Rock Opera” Diptych

From “Broken” Series, based on the Art of Kintsugi - Acrylic, Aerosol, Gold Foil Leafing; 18” x 42”

Donated by Christina Akerson

Valued at: \$600 Starting Bid: \$200

Item 8

Framed Carol Klimek Embellished Monotype

Contemporary theme; rich colors on neutral field; 21"x 21"

Donated by Carol Klimek

Valued at: \$495 Starting Bid: \$150

Item 9

MetOpera "Madama Butterfly" Kimono Silks Bag

From "Kimono Rescue" Series by Stephanie Corina Goddard for Smithsonian Freer & Sackler Galleries

Donated by Sheilah Garcia

Valued at: \$150 Starting Bid: \$50

Item 10

Zorro "Opening" Original Delu Set Design

Own a piece of the art behind "Zorro" as you see Dahl Delu's inspiration

Donated by Dahl Delu

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 11

Zorro "Los Angeles" Original Delu Set Design

Own a piece of the art behind "Zorro" as you see Dahl Delu's inspiration

Donated by Dahl Delu

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 12

Zorro "Diego House" Original Delu Set Design

Own a piece of the art behind "Zorro" as you see Dahl Delu's inspiration

Donated by Dahl Delu

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 13

Zorro "Old Church" Original Delu Set Design

Own a piece of the art behind "Zorro" as you see Dahl Delu's inspiration

Donated by Dahl Delu

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 14

Zorro "Romantic Scene" Original Delu Set Design

Own a piece of the art behind "Zorro" as you see Dahl Delu's inspiration

Donated by Dahl Delu

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$75

Aisle 2

Performing Arts

Item 15

Central City 2023 Festival Opera Ticket Pair

Voucher for "Romeo & Juliet" OR "Kiss Me Kate" presented June 24th thru August 5th

Donated by Central City Opera

Valued at: \$230 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 16

"La Traviata" Opera Bracelet

Unique handmade jewelry tells the stories of the classic operas

Donated by Opera Bracelets

Valued at: \$112 Starting Bid: \$35

Item 17

NM Jazz Workshop Full Pass

2023 Albuquerque 'Under the Stars' Summer Festival

Donated by NM Jazz Workshop

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$100

Item 18

Sennheiser PXC 550 Wireless Head Set

NEW IN BOX Noise canceling with Touch Sensitive Control and 30-Hour Battery Life

Donated by June Knight

Valued at: \$225 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 19

Santa Fe Opera Tickets for Two - 2023 Season

Choose from "Tosca," "Flying Dutchman," "Pelleas et Melisande," "Rusalka," or "Orfeo"

Donated by Santa Fe Opera

Valued at: \$250 Starting Bid: \$85

Item 20

Mr. Tux Gift Certificate - Dress for the Opera!

\$250 towards purchase of tuxedo (excludes rentals).

Donated by Mr. Tux

Valued at: \$250 Starting Bid: \$75

Item 21

Ft. Worth Opera's Aida on Sunday, April 16th

Attend the April 16th, 2:00 pm matinee performance after redeeming certificate by phone

Donated by Ft. Worth Opera

Valued at: \$250 Starting Bid: \$100

Item 23

chatter Sunday

Twenty (20) admissions to ABQ's quirkiest weekly concert series

Donated by Chatter

Valued at: \$320 Starting Bid: \$100

Services & Activities

Item 24

Betty's Bath & Day Spa Blissful Facial

60 min.; includes a steam, exfoliation, facial massage and mask

Donated by Betty's Bath & Day Spa

Valued at: \$130 Starting Bid: \$40

Item 25

Ultimate Albuquerque Isotopes Fan Collection

Authenticated Isotopes team signed ball, plus youth jersey/cap, souvenir blanket & windbreaker!

Donated by Albuquerque Isotopes

Valued at: \$150 Starting Bid: \$50

Item 26

Fresh Face Therapeutics 60 Min. Facial

60 Minutes Customized facial; skin care clinic in Rio Rancho

Donated by Fresh Face Therapeutics

Valued at: \$72 Starting Bid: \$25

Item 27

Mr. Car Wash - 4 Platinum Express Passes

With many locations in the greater Albuquerque area!

Donated by Mister Car Wash

Valued at: \$119 Starting Bid: \$40

Item 28

Museum of Nuclear Science Family Membership

Family Membership good for one year. An intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age!

Donated by National Museum of Nuclear Science & History

Valued at: \$75 Starting Bid: \$25

Item 29

Serifian's \$200 Gift Certificate

Professional Rug Cleaning Services - Serving ABQ & Santa Fe for over 25 years

Donated by Serafians

Valued at: \$200 Starting Bid: \$70

Item 31

Ten Thousand Waves Spa \$50 Gift Card

Relax at Santa Fe's favorite spa, inspired by the great Japanese mountain hot spring resorts

Donated by Ten Thousand Waves

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$20

Item 32

Two Tix for Class at "Kelly Jo Design by Wine"

A memorable evening of ART, WINE, music, and good friends

Donated by Kelly Jo Design by Wine

Valued at: \$75 Starting Bid: \$25

Aisle 3

Hospitality, Dining & Spirits

Item 33

Two Night Stay in Las Vegas for Two People

Choice of Hotel & Casino locations: Luxor, Excalibur, Tropicana, Gold Coast, or Orleans

Donated by Raising Paddles/HGA Fundraising

Valued at: \$300 Starting Bid: \$100

Item 34

Vintage 423 Gift Card for \$100

Great food, wine & libations, using simple, pure, local and regional flavors

Donated by Vintage 423

Valued at: \$100 Starting Bid: \$30

Item 35

Nick & Jimmy's \$100 Gift Card

One of Albuquerque's premiere restaurants since 2009.

Donated by Sandi Pressley

Valued at: \$100 Starting Bid: \$30

Item 36

Knob Creek Kentucky Bourbon - 2001 Ltd Edition

750 ml - 100 proof - small batch bottled in 2016 - numbered batch/bottle

Donated by Janet Thompson

Valued at: \$150 Starting Bid: \$50

Item 38

Artichoke Cafe Restaurant \$50 Gift Card

Colorful spot serving innovative New American fare & wine amid modern art & sculptures.

Donated by Artichoke Café

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 39

D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro - \$50 Gift Card

Enjoy an extensive, epicurean-style menu that easily pairs with exceptional wines

Donated by D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 40

Pizzeria Luca - Five \$20 Gift Cards

Featuring family recipes from Southern Italy, plus great wine & beer selection!

Donated by Pizzeria Luca

Valued at: \$100 Starting Bid: \$35

Item 41

El Pinto \$50 Gift Card

Green chile, sopaipillas, carne adovada & more in an old hacienda surrounded by lush gardens.

Donated by El Pinto Restaurant

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 42

Festive Ceramic Chip & Dip Serving Dish

Hand-crafted - from Kelly Jo Design by Wine

Donated by Kelly Jo Design by Wine

Valued at: \$90 Starting Bid: \$25

Item 43

Farina Downtown \$50 Gift Card

Legitimate pizza - Downtown vibe - Eclectic beer and wine list

Donated by Farina Downtown

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 44

Two O'Niell's Pub \$25 Gift Cards

Albuquerque's Irish "public house"

Donated by O'Niell's Pub

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 46

Jane Butel's Corrales Kitchen Cooking School

Full Participation in a One-Day Scheduled Class + "Southwestern Kitchen" cookbook!

Donated by Jane Butel Cooking School

Valued at: \$135 Starting Bid: \$45

Item 47

Pizzeria Luca - Five \$20 Gift Cards

Featuring family recipes from Southern Italy, plus great wine & beer selection!

Donated by Pizzeria Luca

Valued at: \$100 Starting Bid: \$35

Item 48

Flying Star Cafe \$50 Gift Card

The small, local company that serves up community from scratch every day

Donated by Flying Star

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

Item 49

M'tuccis - Four \$25 Gift Cards

M'tucci's is the celebration of la dolce vita -- serious food in a warm environment.

Donated by M'tuccis

Valued at: \$100 Starting Bid: \$30

Item 50

Santa Fe Brewing \$50 Gift Card

"Founded in 1988 by thirsty people desperate for good beer."

Donated by Santa Fe Brewing

Valued at: \$50 Starting Bid: \$15

La Mariposa Que Vuela An Evening with Cecilia Violetta López



Saturday, February 18, 2023 6pm EVENT SIGN UP - \$99

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase to a sneak preview of a new “Recital Autobiográfico” with soprano Cecilia Violetta López, presented in cabaret format with wine and tapas.

“We should be so very proud of Cecilia Violetta López. She exemplifies all that is what America is about: apply yourself, work hard, dream big, and you can achieve those dreams. She tells every Idaho girl and boy that they, too, can succeed ... no matter where they came from, no matter how small they may start out, no matter how long their journey may appear to be.” - Yvonne McCoy

Celebrated soprano, Cecilia Violetta López, has been named one of “Idaho’s Top 10 Most Influential Women of the Century” by USA Today and has been named one of opera’s “25 Rising Stars” by Opera News. The singing actress is constantly praised for her “alluring voice and incredible range” (Washington Post).



Premier Auction: "The Big Board"



#51 - Original Acrylic Work "Under Cover"

Janet Bothne's excitement for color is on display in this dramatic 30" x 48" work, which will be the centerpiece of your collection

Donated by Janet Bothne
Valued at \$2,900



#52 - Stunning Woman's Gold & Diamond Ring

Rona Kruger has hand-picked this sensational piece, 10K yellow gold and diamond ring with a total weight of .8 carat.

Donated by Crown Jewels & Coin
Valued at \$1,000



#53 Los Poblanos: 1 Night + Dinner at Campo

Los Poblanos Historic Inn & Organic Farm certificate includes one night's stay and dinner for two, for up to \$75 pp. Los Poblanos is one of the most magnificent historic properties in the Southwest.

Donated by Los Poblanos
Valued at \$562



#54 Case of VGS Chateau Potelle Fine Wines

Bill Thompson, has curated a special choice of 12 bottles of VGS Chateau Potelle. VGS Chateau Potelle is a top ranked producer of Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc in Napa Valley, California.

Donated by Bill and Sandrale Thompson
Valued at \$1,250



Premier Auction: "The Big Board"



#55 Diamond and Gold Ladies Bracelet

This beautiful 10k yellow gold bracelet includes 1.5 carat total weight in diamonds, creating an eye-catching statement piece.

Donated by Crown Jewels & Coin
Valued at \$1,875



#56 Heritage Hotels & Resorts: 2 Nights

Choose from worldclass hotels in Santa Fe, Taos, Albuquerque, or Las Cruces. HH&R offers a collection of historic New Mexico properties that embody the culture, spirit, and traditions of the region.

Donated by Jim Long & Heritage Hotels
Valued at \$700



#57 "The Flow of Music & Water"

Handmade sculpturally created pendant & earring set by artist Gene Billie, adorned with rare natural sugilite gemstones set in sterling silver. With certificate of authenticity.

Donated by Gene Billie
Valued at \$950



#58 VGS Chateau Potelle Lunch & Tasting

Enjoy a country lunch in St. Helena by Michelin-starred La Toque and a tasting at VGS Chateau Potelle

Donated by VGS Chateau Potelle
Valued at \$1,100



Florida Grand Opera with the Maestro

Live Auction Lot #1

Attend Florida Grand Opera on Sunday, April 30th, in Maestro Barrese's own orchestra level seats, as he conducts Rossini's "The Barber of Seville."

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- Miami's stunning Ziff Ballet Opera House will be the setting for your special experience.
- After the opera, the two of you will enjoy Miami's fine cuisine at an intimate dinner in the company of Maestro Anthony Barrese, for a memorable evening.
- You'll be staying at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay, with an incredible downtown waterfront location.
- A visit to the renowned Perez Art Museum, with its iconic hanging garden façade, will be part of your experience This modern and contemporary art museum is dedicated to collecting & exhibiting international art of the 20th and 21st centuries.
- At National Historic Landmark Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, you'll experience a breathtaking Gilded Age estate on Biscayne Bay surrounded by ten acres of formal gardens, a mangrove shoreline, and rockland hammock.

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Anthony Barrese, Florida Grand Opera, John & Mimi Hatch, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Perez Art Museum, GMVCB



Musical *Comte d'Ory* Cast

Live Auction Lot #2

A private performance with Opera Southwest's Count Ory and Countess Adèle, in your own home!

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- Make your next event an unforgettable experience for you and the guests of your choice!
 - Soprano Lindsay Ohse has graced the OSW stage as the title role in Bellini's *Norma*, *Amenaide* in *Tancredi*.
 - Tenor Christopher Bozeka appeared as Nadir in Opera Southwest's American Premiere of Bottesini's *Ali Baba*, as well as the OSW New Year's Eve gala.
 - Scheduled at a mutually agreeable date and time while performers are in residence for rehearsals and performances, between January 15 and February 12, 2023.

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Costa Rica: Oceanfront Luxury for 4

Live Auction Lot #3

*Five days and four nights for four at an oceanfront
Guanacaste home, mere steps from the soft white sand.*

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- Relax in your getaway next to the brilliant waters of Playa Flamingo Beach, and explore the adventure of Costa Rica, an eco-tourist's dream with majestic volcanoes, dense forests, and pristine beaches.
 - The Palms Private Residences, with just 34 villas, includes infinity and sitting pools, water and land sports equipment, and a fitness and business center.
 - Your 2 bedroom, 3 bath villa is magnificently appointed with luxuriously comfortable furnishings that complement the natural surroundings, and a fully-equipped kitchen.
 - Private, personalized, bilingual, and professional shuttle service to and from the airport to resort is included.
 - Includes all taxes and fees, plus booking and concierge service. Private Chef services available for addl. fee.

Blackout dates – December 24-January 3rd, February 16-23, Easter Week. A stay can be reserved, based on availability, for 24 months from the date of the Gala. At least one person staying must be over age of 25.



Big Sky Country! Montana Adventure for 2

Live Auction Lot #4

Five days and four nights in a luxury log cabin, taking in the grandeur of Big Sky Country!

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- The Ranches at Belt Creek combines the very best of a hunting lodge, a dude ranch, fly fishing retreat, and ski resort – all in one place – located half-way between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.
 - Luxury log cabin retreat with access to private clubhouse, bar, hot tub, and fitness center, and a personal ranch host.
 - All-day dining included, from award-winning chef, Rachael Hedeem, using farm-fresh ingredients for every meal.
 - Choose one activity per day, for each guest – horseback riding; ATV wildlife excursion or winter ATV; sporting clays; snowmobiling; downhill or cross-country skiing; Kid's Club.
 - Upgrade for additional activities to include fly fishing and Outdoor Dining Experience, upon request.

Blackout dates – June-August, with 15 months to travel after gala event. You can include children: Age 3 & under free; ages 4-12 @\$350 pp; ages 12-17 @ \$450pp. Non-returnable, non-refundable.



Musicale with Michelle Johnson

Live Auction Lot #5

Opera Southwest's Princess Turandot will delight your guests with an exclusive, in-home performance!

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- Acclaimed soprano and Met Opera Council Auditions Grand Prize winner Michelle Johnson will grace your home with this unforgettable Musicale.
 - Last at Opera Southwest as Elsa in 2018's *Lohengrin*.
 - Equally at home on the operatic and symphonic stages, "her voice is velvety and pliant – a dulcet dream."
 - Entertain in the spirit of the traditional salons of French culture in the 17th and 18th centuries
 - With extensive and varied roles in her repertoire, Ms. Johnson has made a name for herself as one of the most in demand Aidas in the opera world today.
 - Scheduled at a mutually agreeable date and time between February 19 and March 19, 2023.

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Private Dinner with Senator Martin Heinrich

Live Auction Lot #6

An unforgettable evening for six guests with Senator Heinrich & wife Julie, in the Donaldson's private home.

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- An intimate dinner for six guests with US Senator Martin Heinrich and his wife Julie, at the home of avid Opera Southwest supporters Sandy and legendary journalist Sam Donaldson, who add another dimension to your evening!
 - Since being elected in 2012, Martin has been a leading voice on issues ranging from energy and public lands to immigration and civil liberties, serving on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Appropriations, Intelligence, and Joint Economic Committees.
 - Martin works to promote clean energy & electrification of our homes & vehicles, inspire the next generation of STEM leaders, & confront the climate crisis. He advocates for working families, early childhood education, and keeping our promise to our veterans.
 - Hear from Julie Heinrich, senior executive with Santa Fe headquartered arts and entertainment company Meow Wolf, where she serves as Chief of Staff to the CEO & Executive Director of the Meow Wolf Foundation.
 - Scheduled at a mutually agreeable date and time.

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Sam and Sandy Donaldson, US Senator Martin Heinrich



Zorro Score & Experience with Héctor Armienta

Live Auction Lot #7

Autographed Composer's Score of "Zorro" & Dinner for Four Guests with Composer Héctor Armienta

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- Héctor Armienta, the nationally acclaimed composer of *Bless Me Ultima*, focuses on creating work that explores the Mexican and Mexican-American cultural experience.
- Enjoy dinner with the composer and up to four guests, during his residence in Albuquerque for the opera "Zorro," where Opera Southwest will premier the fully-staged performance of this commissioned piece.
- Become part of this landmark event, as you bid to own Mr. Armienta's autographed score of *Zorro*.
- Have dinner at a fine Albuquerque restaurant with Mr. Armienta, for up to four guests, and hear the background and stories behind his inspiration for this swashbuckling adventure opera!

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Héctor Armienta and Tony Zancanella

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