

MDT Con**TEMPORARY** GALA 2010 – Auction Items

LIVE AUCTION

U2 – 4 Tickets

Four (4) tickets to see U2 in concert June 27th, 2010 at TCF Bank Stadium. You've never been this close to Bono! With these floor tickets, you'll have an up-close encounter and an unforgettable experience witnessing the band that has been an international rock phenomenon for the last quarter of a century.

Value: Priceless

Donor: Judy and Paul McCoy

Dine at the new and fabulous Bistro 11 dinner for 8

Bistro 11 is a unique concept in dining for the Western Twin Cities metro area bringing signature dishes, fresh ingredients and a dynamic ambiance to diners, accompanied by select wines and cocktails. Bring 7 of your friends and enjoy a five-course dinner prepared especially for you, served in Bistro 11's private dining room. Bistro 11 is the brainchild of restaurateurs Kyle McBride and Kristin Rotter, their first partnership in fine dining in Minnesota. (Restriction: Must coordinate date in advance.)

Value: \$1,000

Donors: Bistro 11 and Kristin Rotter

Batting Buddies with the Minnesota Twins and tickets to the game

The Minnesota Twins invite 4 young people between the ages of 6 and 14 to be Batting Practice Buddies for the Twins vs. Texas Rangers game on Friday, May 28, 2010 in the brand new Twins Stadium. The package includes twelve reserved game tickets for the Batting Practice Buddies and their guests, selected Minnesota Twins souvenirs, the opportunity to watch the Twins warming up from an area on the field, and pictures and autographs from available Twins players. (Restriction: Must coordinate in advance.)

Value: Priceless

Donor: The Pohlad Family and the Minnesota Twins

Puerto Vallarta Luxury Escape

Vacation in this stunning contemporary four-bedroom, 7000-ft luxury villa that sleeps eight comfortably, located just 20 minutes from the heart of Puerto Vallarta. Enjoy the Jacuzzi and Infinity pool and gaze out at spectacular panoramic ocean views and sunsets. The main floor features living and dining rooms, and a full gourmet kitchen. The upper floor features a magnificent master suite and junior suite; the lower level includes two junior suites, an entertainment room, and large terrace. (Restrictions: Available in May, July or September 2010 only. Contact John Marshall, MDT Board to arrange dates. Airfare not included.)

Value: \$5,000

Donors: Robert and Marilyn Marshall

We'll Always Have Paris... One week in Beautiful, Central Paris Apartment

Explore Paris from this lovely, central location in the 1st arrondissement. Only five minutes from the Louvre, you are easily within walking distance of Paris' most popular attractions. This fully equipped studio apartment sleeps five, and is furnished in a contemporary Parisian theme. (Restrictions: Based on availability between the dates of November 1, 2010 and April 2011. Airfare not included.)

Value: \$2,000

Donors: Jeff and Michele Boston

A Day in the Life of a Dancer - or - Reality Dance

Spend a day at the MDT studios. Immerse yourself in the fun, feel the pain, enjoy the raucous, hard-working, lovable dancers who inhabit the MDT studios. A camera, capturing the poignant, goofy moments for all time, will follow your journey. Start your day with a private one-on-one yoga stretch meditation with McKnight Fellowship for Dancers winner and celebrated company member Justin Leaf. Then observe company class from the barre bench with annotations from Raina Gilliland and Abdo Sayegh. Your day continues with lunch, rehearsal, classes, stretching, and closes at Graves Cosmos where bartender David will serve you, Lise and Abdo their finest libations. Books, videos and a bucket of goodies included.

Value: Priceless

Donors: Lise Houlton, Abdo Sayegh, and MDT Dancers

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Schubert Club International Artist Series: Yefim Bronfman

The Chicago Tribune called pianist Yefim Bronfman "a marvel of digital dexterity, warmly romantic sentiment, and jaw-dropping bravura." Hear this world-renowned virtuoso at the Ordway Center for Performing Arts, Wednesday, March 31st, 2010, performing works by Schumann, Prokofiev, and Tchaikovsky.

Value: \$100

Donor: The Schubert Club

Salome presented by Minnesota Opera – 4 tickets

"Obsession, served on a silver platter." Richard Strauss' infamous opera tells the biblical story of obsession and vengeance. Be mesmerized by the unraveling song and dance of this sensuously depraved villainess. Two pairs of tickets to Minnesota Opera's *Salome*, good for any performance April 10th, 15th, 18th, 20th, or 24th, 2010. (Restriction: Must be redeemed by 3/26/2010.)

Value: \$400

Donor: Minnesota Opera

Jungle Theater – 2 season tickets, tour

Celebrate Jungle Theater's 20th season with two (2) season tickets, a tour and drinks with Artistic Director and founder Bain Boehlke. See firsthand why Jungle Theater has a reputation for excellence that stems from a commitment to high artistic standards and the contributions of many respected and celebrated local artists.

Value: \$320

Donor: Jungle Theater

Guthrie Theater – 2 tickets

Enjoy your choice of *Brief Encounter*, *M. Butterfly*, *Dollhouse*, *She Stoops to Conquer*, or *A Streetcar Named Desire*, in the theater called the "21st century dream factory" by Time Magazine. Two (2) tickets.

Value: \$120

Donor: Guthrie Theater

Cities 97 Basilica Block Party 2010 – 8 tickets

Come to the hottest summer party in town! Bands will be announced in April. Previous years have featured performances by such favorites as Counting Crows, One Republic, Guster, the Jayhawks, Gin Blossoms, and The Fray.

Value: \$320

Donor: The Basilica of St. Mary

Ordway Dance Series – 2 tickets

Witness dance at the Ordway Center in Saint Paul. Your choice of two tickets for either Diavolo with their exciting fusion of dance, gymnastics and acting on March 25, or dre.Dance , a New York based group that uses contemporary dance to explore topics in contemporary society on May 20.

Value: \$70

Donor: Ordway Center

History Theatre – 2 tickets

A pair of tickets to any performance of the History Theatre's 2010-2011 season. This theatre company is a local leader in developing and attracting new work and artists, producing inspiring and entertaining plays that explore the diverse American experience of our cultural background. Enjoy a performance from the company that has produced over 100 world premieres.

Value: \$65

Donor: History Theatre

St. Anthony Main Theatre – 4 tickets

You and three friends can take in a movie with these four guest passes to the St. Anthony Main Theatre in Minneapolis.

Value: \$50

Donor: St. Anthony Main Theatre

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

Basilica Tour and Dining with the Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts Dr. Johan van Parys

You and seven guests will tour The Basilica of St. Mary with MDT Board Member Dr. Johan van Parys, discovering all the wonders this magnificent building has to offer. Constructed between 1907 and 1915 from the designs of celebrated Franco-American architect Emmanuel Louis Masqueray, it is one of the finest examples of Beaux-Arts architecture in the country. After the tour, the Basilica's private chef will serve a gourmet dinner with wine pairings in the Rectory Dining Room, where harpist Andrea Stern will fill the space with enchanting classical airs. (Restrictions: Must coordinate date in advance, expires 2/1/2011.)

Value: Priceless

Donor: Johan van Parys and Andrea Stern

Wine Tasting for 20 with Lise Houlton, MDT dancers and Chuck Kanski at Solo Vino

Chuck Kanski, owner of Solo Vino, is donating a wine tasting party for twenty guests joined by Lise Houlton and MDT dancers. Chuck will personally tailor the flight of wines to match any theme for the event hosts. You will have an exclusive evening of wine tasting at this one-of-a-kind establishment dedicated to the best service and hospitality. Wine and wine glasses provided. (Restriction: Must coordinate date in advance.)

Value: \$500

Donor: Chuck Kanski and Solo Vino

The Chef's Gallery cooking classes for two

Enjoy a cooking class for you and a friend at The Chef's Gallery in Stillwater. Pick up the best tips and latest flavors for preparing food, and eating it, too! Robin Asbell, nationally known chef and author, offers two of her latest cookbooks as part of this great package. (Restriction: Must coordinate date in advance.)

Value: \$160

Donor: Marge Porter and Robin Asbell

Minneapolis Institute of Arts private tour

Enjoy a private tour for your group of up to 12. MIA docent and MDT board member Mary Ellen Alden guides your group on a private tour of either "Highlights of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts," "Love, Sex and Scandal," "Dance and Art," or a theme of your choosing. (Restriction: Must coordinate date in advance).

Value: Priceless

Donor: Mary Ellen Alden

Woodland Hills Winery

Take a tour and see how this local winery creates its best wines, enjoy samples during a tasting, and walk the beautiful Delano countryside one bright sunny day this summer. (Restriction: Call ahead for reservations.)

Value: \$50

Donors: Sue and Greg Novak

Walker Art Center private tour, dining gift certificate and membership

Enjoy a private guided tour for up to 10 people. Then stop off for lunch / dinner at 20.21, Wolfgang Puck's restaurant with its Asian influenced menu featuring locally produced, in-season ingredients carefully selected from Twin Cities area purveyors with your \$50 gift certificate. You will also receive a Walker Art Center dual (two adults for one year) membership, the book *Minneapolis Sculpture Garden*, and the DVD *Great Museums TV presents Walker Art Center: Creative Catalyst*.

Value: \$220

Donors: Walker Art Center and Karen Lewis

TRAVEL & LEISURE

One-week stay in beautiful Gulf Shores/ Orange Beach condo

Something magical happens when you visit the Alabama Gulf Coast. The moment you arrive, the world starts to fade away. Maybe it's the sound of waves gently lapping the shore or the smell of coconut oil. Perhaps it's the white sand Gulf Coast beaches and sparkling emerald water. You decide what makes the magic as you enjoy a gorgeous beachfront condo appointed for up to six (6) people who long to get away. The condo is fully furnished, with a pool and overlooks the Gulf of Mexico. This Gulf coast Alabama resort is just a 22-hour drive from the Twin Cities. (Restrictions: Available one week in April, May, or October 2010. Airfare not included. Nearest airport is Pensacola, FL)

Value: \$1,100

Donor: Clare and Bill Cizek

Chambers Hotel

Enjoy a night's stay downtown in this ultra-chic luxury hotel. Rated the #1 art hotel in the world, and one of Forbes' "sexiest" hotels, Chambers combines design, art, and a hip, urban atmosphere to offer a true boutique experience.

Value: \$500

Donor: Chambers Hotel

Experience Ecuador (Gateway to the Galapagos)

Ready for an adventure? Then bid on this one-week stay in a fully furnished, air-conditioned apartment, able to comfortably accommodate four people. Just five minutes from the Guayaquil airport, this is a perfect place to stay if you wish to explore the truly unusual wildlife and geography of the Galapagos Islands, not to mention the lovely coastline of Ecuador. (Restrictions: available August 15, 2010 to May 1, 2011. Two months advance notice. Airfare not included.)

Value: \$2,000

Donor: Carmen Freire

Stillwater for two

Get away to the beautiful city of Stillwater this summer. Take a ride in a gondola, stay at the Rivertown Inn, visit a winery, cruise the St. Croix on the Andiamo Riverboat, and eat at the Dock Café. This package has it all ! (Restrictions: Make your calls early - expires September 30, 2010)

Value: \$500

Donor: Andrew and Margaret Houlton

Westin Edina Galleria – one night weekend stay

Relax for a one-night weekend stay in a king or queen guestroom at Westin Edina Galleria, connected to the upscale Galleria shopping center in the heart of beautiful Edina.

Value: \$149

Donor: Westin Edina Galleria

FINE DINING

Azia - \$50 gift certificate

Azia restaurant offers a contemporary fusion dining experience in a posh Minneapolis setting. On the corner of Nicollet and 26th Street, Azia offers a posh dining experience with the Anemoni Sushi & Oyster Bar and delicious creations by chef Thom Pham.

Value: \$50

Donor: Azia

Convention Grill - \$50 gift certificate

What better way to forget your cares than to treat yourself and your loved ones to the best hamburgers, fries, and malts in town.

Value: \$50

Donor: John Rimarcik

Crave - 4 \$25 gift certificates

Crave delivers on one simple thing: Fresh and innovative cuisine along with an impeccable wine selection brought to life in a chic, casual, and vibrant atmosphere. You will receive four (4) gift certificates valued at \$25 each.

Value: \$100

Donor: Crave

Ike's Food & Cocktails - 3 gift certificates for brunch for two

Retro-inspired local gastronomic hotspot, Ike's Food & Cocktails in downtown Minneapolis will delight you with a sumptuous weekend brunch and an air of nostalgia Americana. This famed weekend event is an all-you-can-eat affair with heaping platters of your favorite breakfast items.

Value: \$96

Donor: Ike's Restaurant

Luci - \$50 gift certificate

Enjoy a scrumptious Italian dinner at either Ristorante Luci or Luci Ancora in Saint Paul. Featuring a special multi-course tasting menu, Ristorante Luci honors its reputation for authentic, fine Italian cuisine while Luci Ancora takes it to another level, incorporating a progressive menu with organic ingredients. Add to this a charming atmosphere, and you are guaranteed a dining experience that will have you brimming with warmth and pleasure.

Value: \$50

Donor: Lucille Smith

Monte Carlo Bar & Cafe - \$100 gift certificate

Satisfying and elegant while still down-to-earth, this Minneapolis classic offers a hearty menu in a comfortable atmosphere covered with local history.

Value: \$100

Donor: John Rimarcik

Runyon's - \$50 gift certificate

You're dressed to the nines, bidding in a silent auction at a classy arts event. But if you've got that deep-down desire to seek out amazing late night eats masked in a casual warehouse-district dive bar veneer, this is your spot. A little Minneapolis secret: their wings are to die for.

Value: \$50

Donor: John Rimarcik

TREASURES, COLLECTIBLES & GOODIES

La Que Baila (She Who Dances): a painting by artist Jimmy Longoria

Jimmy Longoria, Minnesota's noted urban muralist, has rendered the mood of the ardent dancer at the instant of resolve and determination in a painting he offers to MDT supporters. Using a vibrant and agitated brush the figure is released from the swirling energy at the moment that discipline is broken and the dancer is freed to dare. (Image: 28 x 28 inches, latex acrylic on canvas, framed).

Value: Priceless

Donor: Jimmy Longoria

Diamond, Druzy, 18K Earrings by Andrew Savas

A pair of unique and elegantly crafted diamond and black druzy stone earrings could be yours today. Made of silver and 18k gold, these beautiful works of art are crafted by Andrew Savas (BFA 1995 University of Wisconsin – Stout with concentration in art metals and jewelry). His techniques include forging, fabricating, texture imprinting and casting with gold, silver, and precious and semi-precious gems combined to create unique pieces. Upon consultation with customers, he also produces personal jewelry and wedding band sets.

Value: \$350

Donor: Andrew and Pam Savas

Tomie de Paola Original Nutcracker Ornament Drawings

You can own the original - signed - paintings that children's book superstar Tomie dePaola created for Minnesota Dance Theatre that gave form to the *Loyce Houlton's Nutcracker Fantasy* ornaments. They are unique representations of the Nutcracker Prince and Marie, and will only increase in value!

Value: Priceless

Donor: Minnesota Dance Theatre

Murano glass and gold bracelet by Hillary London

Made of Murano glass and 24 karat gold, this lovely bracelet fits most wrists with a stretch band style. From the Hillary London collection, it modernizes any outfit.

Value: \$225

Donor: Judy Boylan

Maple Syrup from the countryside of Cambridge, MN

Pour the sweetest, dark gold maple syrup that you've ever tasted over your morning pancakes. Maple syrup from the family's annual maple syrup operation will make your mouth water. The Houltons process their maple tree sap every March and April, and they have made you your very own batch: 3 designer bottles of maple syrup plus a darling spatula and pancake mix finish off each basket.

Value: \$70 per gift basket

Donors: The Houlton Family

Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon - 6 bottles

Vintages 2001, 2002, 2003 are made specially for the discerning wine connoisseur at the Jordan Winery in the Russian River Valley of California. Presented in a handsome wooden display box, these Cabs will age gracefully, so give them a few more years, if you can stand the wait.

Value: \$500

Donors: Margaret and Andrew Houlton

Gourmet Italian Foods

You'll have a great night of cooking with this fabulous selection of gourmet elements to create the perfect Italian dinner, personally chosen by Great Ciao's owner Scott Pikovsky. These mouthwatering items will give you a spread even a Top Chef would covet!

Value: \$100

Donor: Great Ciao, Inc.

Orandi Pistachios

Don't eat them all in one sitting! 10 pounds of the highest quality, Arya variety pistachios, with a bright green hue and citrus flavor, are the food of the kings of Ancient Persia.

Value: \$80

Donor: A & R Pistachios

19th Century Aquatint Engraving

This gorgeous engraving by Vicente de Paredes depicts Wolfgang Mozart in the court of Marie Antoinette. They were not at all fond of each other as the story goes, but this glorious courtly adornment printed in a subtle palette harmonizes the scene, making it the perfect interest piece for any room. Stephanie Berndt donates this antique from her store Found Objects in Wayzata.

Value: \$500

Donor: Stephanie Berndt and Alyssa Ness

Two J Hilburn Custom-made Dress Shirts

Donated by Sarah Ramsay, these shirts are custom made especially for you, designed to flatter and enhance your look. Choose from a variety of fabrics, and the designer will create your shirts to order. Please allow 3 weeks for delivery. Appointment(s) to be mutually decided upon.

Value: \$200

Donor: Sarah Ramsay

Cigars - Box of handmade cigars from Dominican Republic

Cigars: An Assortment of Ten of the World's Finest Luxury Handmade Cigars--Romeo Y Julieta, Montecristo, H. Upman.

Donor: \$150

Donor: Sue Landwehr

***Let's Dance* - Matted Pen and Ink Drawing by Jon Neuse**

Be the proud owner of this charming original drawing by Jon Neuse. Bold lines and abstract figures composed in a melodic dialogue accent any space. Drawing is 19"x12.5" India ink on paper, 2009.

Value: \$400

Donor: Jon Neuse

Ballet Fun

A sumptuous assortment of everything ballet - picture books, story books, sticker books, ballerina paper dolls, stationery, card game, puzzle, ballerina bunny stuffed animal, and stickers galore. Topped off with a signed toe shoe from MDT/DI's very own prima ballerina Melanie Verna, this collection is sure to delight and enchant your budding ballerina.

Value: \$125.00

Donors: Paula Sell and Tim Sielaff

Grand Jeté Gift Certificate

Grand Jeté in Saint Paul is the best dance shop in town, outfitting everyone from tiny dancers to professional ballerinas.

Value: \$50

Donor: Grand Jeté

Sleep Soundly

Float on Cloud Nine with this dream collection of soothing indulgences: scented oil sticks, bubble bath, two travel sleep kits, two bamboo jersey King pillowcases, two mugs, non-caffeinated tea, and melatonin sleep supplement. Get the 8 hours of sleep you deserve!

Value: \$80

Donors: Margaret and Andrew Houlton

Professional Salon Treatment with Denny Kemp Salon stylists

Those of you who are of the opinion that good looks are a work of art, Denny Kemp salon artists agree. Be pampered with an inspired hair treatment including cut and color and a custom facial as you recline in a hip environment and modern art gallery. Professional stylists will bring your beauty to its full artisan expression.

Value: \$250

Donor: Denny Kemp Salon stylists Theo Nguyen and Emi Uglem

Duckhorn Vineyards wine

This premium gift selection contains wines that embody the essence of the Duckhorn Wine Company portfolio packaged in a six-bottle, lay-down logo wood box. The Portfolio Collection includes one bottle each of the following: 2007 Merlot, 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, 2006 Pinot Noir, 2007 Pinot Noir, 2007 Paraduxx Red Wine.

Value \$295

Donor: Jim Schell

SPORTS

Gopher Football Tickets in TCF Stadium and Pre-game Lunch

College football is back on campus and you can be part of it in the Minnesota Golden Gophers' top-notch facility! Package includes pre-game lunch and 2 excellent seats for one game with long-time season ticket owner (and MDT Board member) Karen Lewis and her husband Steve. Rah! Rah! Rah! for Ski-U-Mah! Go Gophers!

Value: \$250

Donors: Karen and Steve Lewis

Timberwolves vs. the L.A. Lakers – 2 tickets

Watch the Wolves battle it out against the L.A. Lakers on the Target Center court. You'll sit right behind the team and see and hear Coach Rambis work on the plays. Meanwhile, enjoy food from the waitstaff.

Value: \$250

Donor: Ahmad Orandi

Family or Group Ski Lesson with Aspen Ski Instructor Steve Weiss

Rocky Mountain Certified Ski Instructor Steve Weiss will share his expertise with your family or group of up to four on a local ski hill. Package includes a daylong lesson for your group of up to four. Learn to ski,

or polish your technique under the guidance of a master! (Restrictions: Date must be arranged in advance, expires April 1, 2011; does not include lift tickets).

Value: \$800

Donor: Steve Weiss

Interlachen Country Club Round of Golf and Lunch for 3

You and two of your best buddies will play a round of golf with MDT Board Member John Marshall at Edina's Interlachen Country Club. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in the clubhouse immediately following your magnificent 18-hole play. (Restrictions: Date must be agreed upon in advance, expires 8/31/2010).

Value: \$600

Donor: John Marshall

Minikahda Country Club Round of Golf and Lunch for 3

Golf with MDT Board Member Wendy Patrick at Minikahda Country Club. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in the clubhouse immediately following your fabulous round of 18 holes. 3 hats and 3 sleeves of balls included. (Restrictions: Date must be agreed upon in advance, expires October 31, 2010).

Value: \$600

Donor: Matt and Wendy Patrick

English Riding Lessons

Experience the art of English Riding, hunt seat, with professional instructor Karen Hupp of Alpine Farms in Medina, Minnesota. Package includes 4-5 lessons during a month of your choice in 2010. (Restriction: Expires: October 31, 2010.)

Value: \$250

Donor: Sue and Greg Novak

Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders Party and Signed Calendar

The 2010 Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders present an autographed 2010 Calendar, plus two Cheerleaders will make a one-hour birthday visit at a youth birthday party for the young fan in your life.

Value: \$350

Donor: Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders

Fitness Package

Fitness expert Chris Freytag gives you all the materials you need to get dancer's body fit. Includes a fitness book and DVDs, hand weights, a yoga mat, blender bottle, and protein powder.

Value: Priceless

Donor: Chris Freytag at Motivating Bodies

Park Tavern Bowling and Dining Party for 40

Bring your birthday party, reunion group, or very large family to bowl at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park! Bowling and lunch for 40 people could be the very thing you need to relax, play, and have a nice afternoon of fun. (Restrictions: Call the Park Tavern to make arrangements ahead of time).

Value: \$520

Donor: Park Tavern

Gyrotonic or Pilates private or group class

Get started on your resolution to stretch your way into a well-toned form. Victoria Olender offers either private Gyrotonic or Pilates classes for you - or invite up to 19 others to join you for a Gyrokinesis or Pilates mat class.

Value: \$80

Donor: Victoria Olender