



6) LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



“MR. POTTER” VOICEMAIL MESSAGE + IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE: LIVE IN CHICAGO! VIP PACKAGE: Impress your friends and family with a custom voicemail from award-winning actor and American Blues Theater Ensemble member John Mohrlein as “Mr. Potter” from *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Receive ten (10) tickets to Chicago’s smash hit holiday production, a backstage tour, meet the cast, and a dinner party for ten (10) at nearby Bacino’s on Lincoln. In addition, win a walk-on role and a chance to perform on stage with the all-star cast. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater, Ensemble member John Mohrlein, & Bacino’s.* **BUY IT NOW: \$1,800.**



PENGUIN EXPERIENCE FOR THE FAMILY: Up to four (4) guests will enjoy the day at Shedd Aquarium where excellence and innovation swim with stunning aquatic life! Take a behind-scenes tour of the facility. Revel in an extraordinary penguin encounter where you’ll touch the sleek, slick feathers of a penguin and take part in a mini-training session. Plus receive a \$50 gift card for lunch in one of three restaurants on the premises. *Courtesy of Shedd Aquarium & American Blues Theater.* **BUY IT NOW: \$2,000.**



CHEF’S TABLE IN YOUR HOME: Professional Executive Chef Charles Webb will create and prepare a decadent meal for six (6) guests in your home. After a personal consultation, he’ll customize your exquisite culinary experience. He’ll prepare your delicious meal in your kitchen with selected Ensemble members serving and providing entertainment between courses. Date to be agreed upon. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater.* **BUY IT NOW: \$2,500.**



NEW YORK CITY WEEKEND: Win an exciting escape for 3 days, 2 nights in NYC. Stay in a downtown Hyatt hotel and see the award-winning Off-Broadway play *The Effect*, featuring Ensemble member Steve Key. This script took London by storm, winning best new play from the UK Critics’ Circle. Now, award-winning director David Cromer (*Our Town, Tribes*) helms a new American production in the first collaboration between The National Theatre, Jean Doumanian Productions, and Barrow Street Theatre. Receive a backstage tour and drinks with Steve & the cast. \$250 towards flight included. Date to be agreed upon. Limited engagement - use by June 19. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater, Ensemble member Steve Key, & Barrow Street Theatre.* **BUY IT NOW: \$3,500.**



CALIFORNIA RETREAT: This La Jolla, California home on the north side of Mt. Soledad sleeps six to eight (6-8) and is available for up to a week. Ocean view to the North and West. A 20-minute drive from the airport and a 20-minute walk (downhill) to La Jolla Village or La Jolla Shores. Enjoy the serene balcony with a big umbrella or dine outside in seclusion. Wi-Fi, of course, and an exercise room with treadmill and elliptical included. A wonderful break from daily life with the opportunity to make meals in its kitchen or go into the village, San Diego, or Del Mar for all varieties of restaurants. Flight not included. Date to be agreed upon. *Courtesy of Sheli and Burt Rosenberg.* **BUY IT NOW: \$5,000.**



LUXURIOUS MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH VACATION: Stay at this iconic luxury hotel located in the best resort setting in the continental United States. Atop an oceanfront bluff with sweeping panoramas of the Pacific Ocean, this beach resort commands 30 lushly landscaped acres in the heart of Laguna Beach. Choose from 250 rooms with exceptional service, plus spa, fitness center, pool, and restaurants. This stunning getaway, given 5-stars by Forbes, is yours for five (5) sun-drenched days & four (4) idyllic nights. Flight included. *Courtesy of Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.* **BUY IT NOW: \$6,000.**

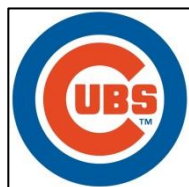
30 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS



LOT #1—WHITE SOX TICKETS: Enjoy four (4) Lower Box Seats to watch the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field. Be sure to choose an April or May 2016 game with post-show fireworks & theme to match your day or night out at the park. *Courtesy of the White Sox.* **MINIMUM BID: \$80 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #2—WHITE SOX PREMIUM TICKETS: Enjoy four (4) Box Seats to the White Sox vs World Series Champions Kansas City Royals game at U.S. Cellular Field. Game day is Sunday, May 22 at 1:05pm. Sit in comfort - Box Seats in Section 123, Row 15, Seats 1-4. Parking is included. *Courtesy of ComEd, Matthew Tassone, & the White Sox.* **MINIMUM BID: \$150 or BUY IT NOW: \$800.**



LOT #3—CUBS TICKETS FOR A GROUP: Six (6) Box Seats to a Cubs' home game (mutually-agreed upon date) in the beautifully restored Wrigley Field and located in the heart of the Chicago. Section 133, rows 10/11. Seats are together and perfect for a family or group. In addition, receive an autographed photo of Fergie Jenkins. *Courtesy of Citi Private Bank, Doug Gourley, & the Chicago Cubs.* **MINIMUM BID: \$300 or BUY IT NOW: \$800.**



LOT #4—BULLS TICKETS + MEMORABILIA: Two (2) Bulls' regular season tickets during 2016-2017. In section 101, these seats are 11 rows up, on the "30-35 yard line", behind the Bulls' bench. You'll also receive a signed photo of Joakim Noah, signed Derrick Rose bobblehead, and chrome ballpoint pen. *Courtesy of the Chicago Bulls.* **MINIMUM BID: \$325 or BUY IT NOW: \$900.**



LOT #5—HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS: Enjoy homemade baked goods delivered quarterly for a year. Request your favorite cookies, brownies, cakes, and more from the team who bakes nearly 5,000 cookies annually for *It's a Wonderful Life: Live in Chicago!* This is the perfect gift to share the love with friends, family, and colleagues. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & General Manager Jaclyn Holsey.* **MINIMUM BID: \$50 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #6—SESSION WITH PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER: You've seen his work in our production photos, actors' headshots, and weddings. Johnny offers a truly special experience to capture your authentic self. You'll receive one (1) headshot or family portrait session. High-resolution digital photos. In studio or on location. Includes a 2-hour shoot and one (1) 8 x 10 print. All photos on disc. *Courtesy of Johnny Knight Photography.* **MINIMUM BID: \$50 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #7—ART LOVERS: Proudly display your custom-made art by American Blues artists in your home or office. Choose between an acrylic painting by Producing Artistic Director Gwendolyn Whiteside – OR – a metal sculpture by Ensemble member John Mohrlein. Collaborate with the artists to choose the color, style, and feel of your unique visual art. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater, Producing Artistic Director Gwendolyn Whiteside, & Ensemble member John Mohrlein.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**



LOT #8—PLAYLIST BY NATIONALLY RENOWNED SOUND DESIGNER: Ensemble member Lindsay Jones will create a 3-hour playlist to set the mood for any occasion. His music has been heard in film festivals around the world including Cannes, SXSW, and Chicago Underground Film Festival. Theatrically, he's composed and designed for world premieres of plays by Sam Shepard, David Mamet, Terrence McNally, John Guare, Lynn Nottage, Tarell Alvin McCraney, David Lindsay-Abaire, Steven Dietz, Craig Lucas, Romulus Linney, Bruce Norris, Naomi Wallace, and many others. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Ensemble member Lindsay Jones.* **MINIMUM BID: \$50 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #9—LADIES WHO POWER LUNCH: Join Chicago attorney, CEO, and corporate director Sheli Rosenberg, and American Blues Theater's Producing Artistic Director Gwendolyn Whiteside for a power brunch, lunch, or drinks at Gibsons on a mutually-agreed upon date. *Courtesy of Sheli Rosenberg, Gibsons Restaurant Group, Producing Artistic Director Gwendolyn Whiteside, & American Blues Theater.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #10— INSTANT WINE CELLAR + HOME PUB: Enjoy a case of exceptional varieties of wines selected by American Blues Theater's Board of Directors, a case of Two Brothers' Prairie Path golden ale beer, and a 6-pack of home brew. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater's Board of Directors, Two Brothers Brewing Company, & Artistic Affiliate Shawn Goudie.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$700.**



LOT #11—CUSTOMIZED RE-DESIGN: It's like an HGTV episode, live in your living room! Receive up to three hours of in-home paint color consultation and home makeover advice with Ensemble member and owner of Eye to Eye Interiors [value \$450]. For nine years, Eye to Eye has transformed living and work spaces and awarded Best in Customer Satisfaction by Houzz. Rated 5 stars on Houzz, Angie's List, and Yelp. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater Ensemble member Dawn Bach.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**



LOT #12—HANDYMAN FOR A DAY: If Jim Leaming, Co-Founder of American Blues Theater, can build a theater from an old factory, he can fix up your joint! You'll receive a consultation prior to his visit. He'll bring his tools and renovate your home. Date to be mutually-agreed upon. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Ensemble member Jim Leaming.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**



LOT #13—SONG COMPOSED FOR YOU: Enjoy a song written and composed for your specific desires by award-winning composer/lyricist and actor, Michael Mahler. It's the perfect gift for celebrating a birth, anniversary, wedding, or special birthday. His songs have been sung in reviews across the US, the UK, Japan, and Australia. He's currently working on an original musical series for ABC and Sony Pictures/Television, *Boyfred*. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Ensemble member Michael Mahler.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**



LOT #14—DAY OF PAMPERING: Treat your special lady like a queen! Included in this package is a 60-minute massage, private yoga session, BioLife organic spa gift certificate, a gift certificate for flowers, and a personal stylist and beauty makeover at Nordstrom's Michigan Ave location. *Courtesy of lillieAnn's, Artistic Affiliate Christopher J. Neville, BioLife Organic Spa, Veronique's Floral, and Nordstrom.* **MINIMUM BID: \$125 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #15—"WAIT WAIT...DON'T TELL ME" + DINNER: You and a guest are invited to Chicago's live taping of NPR's popular hour-long quiz program "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me". This is one of Chicago's treasures! Enjoy dinner before the taping using your Shaw's Crab House gift certificate [\$100 value]. *Courtesy of WBEZ & Lettuce Entertain You.* **MINIMUM BID: \$200 or BUY IT NOW: \$750.**



LOT #16—"OUT OF THIS WORLD" PACKAGE: You and a guest will receive Box Suite seats to a spectacular experience at Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Friday, November 26 at 8:00pm. Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece comes to the big screen at Symphony Center. Experience the unforgettable adventure about a little lost alien who befriends a 10-year-old boy, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performing John Williams' Academy Award®-winning score live. As an additional gift, receive the complete works of Verdi (75 cds) and Whole Foods gift certificate [\$80 value] for special night when you want to stay home. *Courtesy of Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Whole Foods, & Sheli and Burt Rosenberg.* **MINIMUM BID: \$200 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,000.**



LOT #17—AUCTION SERVICES: Acclaimed public speaking duo Tyson Carter and Keith Karlson will cast their vocal wizardry* upon your potential buyers, leaving them with no choice but to outbid all others in the running for every item in your charity auction. You'll be winning so much, you'll be tired of winning. Snark, humor, sass, and a good cop/bad cop routine included for free! *Carter and Karlson have attained the highest level of Wizard in "Gauntlet Legends" for Nintendo 64, so you know it's legit! *Courtesy of Tyson Carter & Keith Karlson.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #18—JOFFREY BALLET + DINNER: You and a guest will see the world-renowned ballet company perform an evening of premieres entitled “Game Changers” between February 15-26, 2017; choreography by Wayne McGregor, Christopher Wheeldon, and Justin Peck. Enjoy dinner before the show at Petterino’s with your gift certificate [\$75 value]. *Courtesy of Joffrey Ballet & Petterino’s.* **MINIMUM BID: \$150 or BUY IT NOW: \$400.**



LOT #19—CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA + DINNER: "The World's Best. Chicago's Own." The CSO's tagline says it all. Hear and see from a box why Mo. Muti and the mighty orchestra deserve its praise. Face value of two (2) tickets is \$404. Date to be mutually-agreed upon. Enjoy a Shaw’s Crab House gift certificate [\$150 value]. *Courtesy of Chicago Symphony Orchestra & Lettuce Entertain You.* **MINIMUM BID: \$350 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**



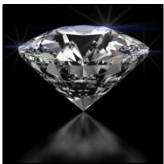
LOT #20—GLAMPING: Glamorous camping? Fun for the entire family. Sleep under the stars in a private 4 acres getaway. One hour north of Chicago, your Three Oaks Campground will provide all the amenities for a relaxing stay with none of the hassle. Tent and set up provided. Check-in and check-out are included. Groceries purchased and meals prepared. Enjoy hiking, fishing, photography, a scavenger hunt. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Ian Van Handel.* **MINIMUM BID: \$100 or BUY IT NOW: \$300.**



LOT #21—SIX-PACK OF THEATER [a]: Witness the phenomenon of Chicago theater! Receive two (2) tickets each from the following companies during 2016-2017: American Blues Theater, Goodman Theatre, Lyric Opera, Northlight Theatre, Paramount Theater, & TimeLine Theater. *Courtesy of above-mentioned theaters.* **MINIMUM BID: \$250 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,200.**



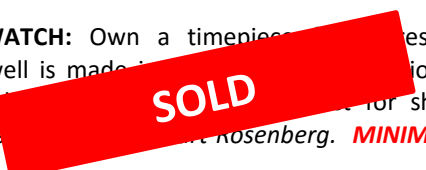
LOT #22—SIX-PACK OF THEATER [b]: Witness the phenomenon of Chicago theater! Receive two (2) tickets each from the following companies during 2016-2017: American Blues Theater, Steppenwolf Theater, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Court Theatre, Writers Theater, and iO Theater. *Courtesy of above-mentioned theaters.* **MINIMUM BID: \$250 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,200.**



LOT #23—DIAMOND PENDANT NECKLACE: Wear this stunning 18 inch, 14k white gold, 7-diamond pendant necklace. The ascending diamonds create a beautiful design that’s perfect against any neckline. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater.* **MINIMUM BID: \$200 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,000.**



LOT #24—SHINOLA WATCH: Own a timepiece made by the president Obama’s favorite watchmaker. The Runwell is made in Detroit, a symbol of restoring American manufacturing. The story of the watch is a testament to showing your support of American Blues. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Rosenberg.* **MINIMUM BID: \$200 or BUY IT NOW: \$600.**





LOT #25—HOME ON LAKE MICHIGAN & TRANQUIL GARDENS: Rest and relax in this architect-designed, lakeside home in South Haven, Michigan, for 3 days/2 nights! ~120 miles from downtown Chicago. It has 2+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths, study (with sleeper sofa), TV room, man 'aerie' (with extractor fan for cigar smoking), 2 decks, .5 acre of gardens (magnolia, rhododendrons, day lilies, hydrangeas, bamboo, and much more). Enjoy fabulous views of Lake Michigan and sunsets. 1.5 miles into town and short drives to the award winning Fennville winery, various farmer markets, and walking distance to first rate beaches. Sleeps 4+. *Courtesy of Anne & Keith Moffat.* **MINIMUM BID: \$400 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,500.**



LOT #26—CASINO ROYALE: Turn \$200 to \$2,000! Four (4) people will enjoy dinner at Rivers Casino's popular restaurant—Hugo's Frog Bar & Chop House – with complimentary wine from CEO Greg Carlin's private collection. Receive a "backstage" tour of the casino from the CEO. American Blues will throw in \$200 worth of chips so you can revel in 1,050 slots and 48 table games at the entirely non-smoking 43,000 square-foot gaming floor. Special access to the VIP lounge, TEN, to enjoy coffee, light hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Must be 21yrs+ to bid and enter the casino. Must not be enrolled in the Illinois Gaming Board Statewide Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program. Date to be mutually-agreed upon. *Courtesy of Rivers Casino, Greg Carlin, & American Blues Theater.* **MINIMUM BID: \$750 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,750.**



LOT #27—LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS + RECEPTION: See the musical revival of the season! You'll receive ten (10) complimentary tickets to the production, a backstage tour, meet the cast, and 20 complimentary drink tickets to be used before, during, and after the show. Subject to availability. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Greenhouse Theater Center.* **MINIMUM BID: \$250 or BUY IT NOW: \$1,000.**



LOT #28—DUTCHMAN/TRANSIT + OPENING NIGHT PARTY: You and a guest will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Opening Night performance [Thursday, Sept 1 @ 7:30pm] and a backstage tour. You'll meet the cast, design team, directors, and production staff. Celebrate with the artists at the Opening Night party immediately following curtain call. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Bacino's of Lincoln Park.* **MINIMUM BID: \$125 or BUY IT NOW: \$300.**



LOT #29—THE COLUMNIST + DINNER: Receive two (2) tickets to the Chicago premiere of Pulitzer prize winner David Auburn's provocative story about real-life American journalists Joe and Stewart Alsop. Before the show, enjoy an elegant dinner for two (2) at European bistro Aquitaine. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Aquitaine Restaurant.* **MINIMUM BID: \$125 or BUY IT NOW: \$300.**



LOT #30—BEAUTY'S DAUGHTER + PRIVATE RECEPTION: Receive two (2) tickets to the Chicago premiere of Dael Orlandersmith's Obie winning script. In addition, you and your guest will meet the solo performer Wandachristine, enjoy a backstage tour, and private reception. *Courtesy of American Blues Theater & Artistic Affiliate Wandachristine.* **MINIMUM BID: \$125 or BUY IT NOW: \$300.**