

Live Auction

Item #: 39

Alec Soth – Private and Personalized Portrait Session

The winning bidder of this rare experience will be able to tell his/her story through the creativity of internationally-acclaimed photographer, Alec Soth. From this session the winning bidder and Soth will select a single large format photograph to produce.



Alec Soth (b. 1969) is a photographer born and based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His photographs have been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including the 2004 Whitney and São Paulo Biennials. In 2008, a large survey exhibition of Soth's work was exhibited at Jeu de Paume in Paris and Fotomuseum Winterthur in Switzerland. In 2010, the Walker Art Center produced a large survey exhibition of Soth's work entitled From Here To There. He is currently exhibiting numerous photos at the MIA in an exhibition entitled The Nature of Nature. Soth has been the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including the Guggenheim Fellowship (2013). In 2008, Soth started his own publishing company, Little Brown Mushroom. Soth is represented by Sean Kelly in New York, Weinstein Gallery in Minneapolis, Fraenkel Gallery in San Francisco, and is a member of Magnum Photos.

Item #: 40

Lucia Watson - Chef for the Day plus dinner for 4!

The winning bidder of this amazing experience will shadow award-winning chef and Restaurateur Lucia Watson, and her staff at her restaurant, Lucia's, for a day, as her trailing chef. That evening, the bidder will return with 3 guests, and enjoy the meal prepared that day together with wine specially selected to accompany the meal! This will be an unforgettable unique experience!



Chef Lucia Watson is the proprietor of Lucia's Restaurant, Wine Bar, and Lucia's To Go, one of the Twin Cities' favorite neighborhood establishments. Lucia's continuing popularity over the last two decades is a tribute to her sensibility in menu selection and her warm, congenial hospitality. A third generation Minnesotan, Lucia's love for cooking began watching her grandmother Lulu cooking over a wood stove at the family cabin on the Canadian border. After earning a BA in French from the University of Minnesota, she pursued her cooking in numerous restaurants with diverse instruction, including her first level Master Sommelier certificate. Chef Watson has written two books: Savoring the Seasons of the Northern Heartland with co-author Beth Dooley, and Cooking Freshwater Fish. Lucia has been honored with many awards over the last few years, including a James Beard Nomination for best chef in the Midwest in 2004, 2005, and 2006. Lucia teaches and speaks throughout the year, often in support of sustainability and farming issues. She lives in Minneapolis and spends time at her home in France whenever she can, studying French food and eating oysters.

Item #: 41

Nancy Carlson – Children's Author / Illustrator to write/illustrate a custom children's book

In collaboration with the winning bidder, Nancy Carlson will write and illustrate a children's book. This book can be about the winning bidder's life, children or even grandchildren! Together, Nancy and the winning bidder will determine a story line and illustrations that together will become a lifelong treasure.



Nancy has written and illustrated more than 65 children's books since 1972. Publishers Weekly had the following review copy for Nancy's book, I LIKE ME! - The foundation of a healthy self-image, the cornerstone of a happy and successful life, is what Carlson's work is all about. Recognition for her published work includes several Reading Rainbow selections, the Children's Choice Award from the International Reading Association and Children's Book Council, the Minnesota Children's Museum Great Friends to Kids Award and several others. Nancy speaks as a guest author & illustrator in over 150 classrooms, libraries and conferences each year throughout the world.

Item #: 42**J.D. Steele – Singer/Songwriter will write, perform and record a song about you and/or a loved one.**

In collaboration with the winning bidder, J.D. Steele will write, perform and record a song about his/her life story! This song will be a legacy for children and grandchildren and will be a one-of-a-kind experience for the winning bidder.



J.D. Steele exploded onto the Minnesota music scene in the mid 1980's along with Prince, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, Soul Asylum and The Steeles. He developed his abilities as a vocal arranger as a young teen while directing a 100-voice choir at age 16. Mr. Steele and his dynamic vocal siblings, The Steeles, have garnered every major music award and accolade the state has had to offer. J.D. and the family began touring the international hit show Gospel at Colonus with Morgan Freeman around the world before finally landing on Broadway in 1988 for a successful nine-month run. After that The Steeles signed their first record deal with Elektra records and released Heaven Help Us All in 1993. Since then J.D. has produced, performed and recorded six additional Steeles albums and has gone on to write, produce, perform and record with Prince, Donald Fagen, George Clinton, Mavis Staples, Kim Carnes, Fine Young Cannibals, The Sounds of Blackness and many other artists. He has performed on stages all over the world. In addition to performing, he has developed music workshop curricula across the country with K – 12 students as well as university music programs.

Item #: 43**Week-long stay for 8 at a home on Dewees Island, South Carolina - a nature lover's dream! + 80,000 US****Bank FlexPerks® FlexPoints**

The winning bidder of this item will enjoy a relaxing, nature-filled experience! The beach is wide and beautiful and the house is lovely with all modern amenities. Privacy and relaxation are guaranteed. The island is like a nature preserve that visitors get to only by ferry. The ferry runs every hour so one can easily get on and off the island to go into Charleston for dinner, to sightsee, etc. Nothing can be purchased on the island so the group must bring all groceries and beverages with them. The island protects natural wildlife, including alligators. There are only golf carts and bicycles for transportation. This trip would appeal to bird watchers, beachcombers and those who like to fish and cook meals together.

**Item #: 44****Week-long stay for 2 (up to 4) at an apartment in Healdsburg, CA - a wine lover's dream! + 40,000 US****Bank FlexPerks® FlexPoints**

The winning bidder of this item will enjoy a fun-filled week, right in the heart of Sonoma wine country! A new fully furnished apartment close to Healdsburg Square is the winning bidder's for the week. The owners of the apartment will help set up daily suggested itineraries for the winning bidders. Wineries are located 5-10 minutes away with an additional 100 within 25 miles. Downtown Healdsburg is 4 blocks from world class restaurants, art galleries, and shopping, as well as spas and musical events. Cycling is also an option with places like Bodega Bay a 45 minute ride away.

The winning bidder and owner must decide on a mutually agreeable date to be used by April 30, 2015. (March 2015 unavailable, fully-refundable \$250 security deposit required, for more information see VRBO listing# 501027.)



Food & Spirits

Item #: 1

Farm to Table Dinner and cooking lesson in your home with Beth Dooley featuring dishes from her latest book, Minnesota's Bounty: The Farmers Market Cookbook.

Beth will work with the winning bidder to design a cooking class and accompanying menu, working with local ingredients from organic sources. The class will include a copy of her book for each guest. The meal is up to the winning host — lunch or dinner or brunch. Beth will provide all of the ingredients and the books; the host is responsible for beverages.

Item #:2

Chef's table for 6 at Gianni's Steakhouse with wine pairing from private cellar.

Enjoy a spectacular evening at the iconic lakeside restaurant, Gianni's Seafood and Steakhouse, located in charming downtown Wayzata. The lucky bidder will receive a chef's table for six and a special bottle of wine from owner Terri Huml's, private cellar. This is sure to be an amazing evening of food fun and drink. Item does not include tax or gratuity.

Item #:3

Chef's table dinner for 2 at Vincent's by Chef Vincent Francoual

Every gourmand yearns to experience a Chef's table dinner! Delight in a 6-course dinner at the Chef's table in the kitchen of Vincent's. French chef extraordinaire Vincent Francoual will create an unforgettable French culinary evening. Vincent prides himself on simplicity in his cooking style with a solid focus on using natural ingredients and working with the beauty of food. In 2010, he was named a James Beard Award Semi-Finalist for Best Chef of the Midwest. In 2011, he received the Alliance Française Award of Excellence. Item does not include beverages, tax or gratuity.

Item #:4

Night out at Beaujo's Wine Bar and Landmark Theater

This evening includes a \$100 gift certificate to Beaujo's Wine Bar on 50th and France and 2 Landmark Theater tickets.

Item #:5

Night out at Restaurant Alma

This item includes a \$200 gift certificate to Restaurant Alma in Minneapolis. Restaurant Alma is a casual fine dining restaurant, offering unique cuisine inspired by many different cooking traditions and interpreted by Executive Chef Alexander Robert's unique creative vision.

Item #:6

Night out at The Bachelor Farmer

This item includes a \$200 gift certificate to The Bachelor Farmer, housed in a historic brick-and-timber warehouse located in the North Loop neighborhood of Minneapolis. The Bachelor Farmer serves fresh and simple food that honors Minnesota's Nordic heritage.

Item #:7

Gift Certificate to Breadsmith for 12 Loaves of Bread

Enjoy up to 12 varieties of delicious artisan, hand-crafted bread. Breadsmith is your neighborhood place for the finest breads. With locations throughout the Twin Cities, fresh Breadsmith loaves are sure to complement a delicious dinner in, or serve as the perfect host gift at a dinner with friends.

Item #:8

Spout Traveling Tea Room Party for 2 at your home or workplace

You and your guests will enjoy *The Sampler*, a party featuring scones, 2 tea sandwiches, 2 mini-desserts, and bottomless pots of tea. Also included are table linens, place settings and beautiful vintage serving pieces. Equal parts vintage charm and urban sensibility, Spout Traveling Tea Room creates customized events inspired by tradition with a modern twist. Spout Traveling Tea Room brings the tea room experience to your home or workplace. From an organic tea bar to complement your next potluck to a full-service three-course tea party, we'll work with you to create a custom experience that will leave you and your guests uplifted and delighted.

Lessons & Classes

Item #:9

Personalized yoga session with Yoga Instructor Mary Reyelts.

Looking to improve your technique and learn from an expert? Look no further than a personalized yoga session with Mary Reyelts.

Item #:10

Eight – class package to Kula Yoga in Edina, MN

Kula Yoga studio's mission is to be a workspace for everyone; a place of practice, ever-evolving. This studio is unique and refreshing, and is welcoming to beginners and experts alike!

Item #:11

\$500 gift certificate to MODO Yoga

Modo Yoga is a green, clean, hot yoga series that stretches, strengthens and tones the muscles while detoxifying the body and calming the mind. While all classes are rooted in the Modo Yoga series, teachers are encouraged to bring their own unique knowledge and experience every time they enter the room to teach. Located on West Lake Street in Minneapolis.

Item #:12

Two Hour Photography Class, *Taking Better Vacation Photos*, with Professional Photographer, Peter Beck

We could all use help when it comes to capturing those memorable moments. This item includes a two-hour photo class, *Taking Better Vacation Photos*, for four people. Peter Beck has 40 years of experience taking photos for commercial and personal use.

Item #:13

G-Werx Fitness Studio - 1 month for free (3 sessions a week)

Need someone to get your rear in gear? G-Werx® Fitness specializes in a unique and affordable small group personal training system. G-Werx Trainers are certified by nationally accredited organizations such as American Council On Exercise (ACE), and have also undergone an extensive G-Werx development program.

Item #:14

90-Minute Hands-On Healing Energy Session in your home

Hands-on energy healing session in your home with Ron Moor and Sandra Field. For this 90 minute session we provide everything but you. The session may be split up into two consecutive sessions of 45 minutes each so that two people can receive healing energy. Ron Moor is on the board at Pathways and is a hands-on healer with over 33 years experience. Sandra Field is a nurse healer with 40 years operating room experience.

Going Out

Item #:15

Golf foursomes at Two Private Golf Clubs

Do you enjoy golfing at different clubs? This item includes golf for four at Midland Hills Country Club and golf for four at Minneapolis Golf Club. Includes green fees and carts at each club.

Item #:16

Four tickets to the Guthrie Tickets and \$200 giftcard to Sea Change Restaurant

Enjoy a double date night with a show at the Guthrie and dinner at Sea Change Restaurant!

Item #:17

Four tickets to *Huck Finn* at The Children's Theater

Looking for the perfect activity for the whole family? *Huck Finn* runs from March 3-April 4, 2015 and is recommended for Grades 3-8.

Item #:18

Exhilarating Horse Back Ride through Lake Rebecca Park.

The winning bidder will have an opportunity to learn about the special nature of horses from Mary Johnson, horse owner, seasoned rider, and practitioner of Equine-Facilitated Healing Therapy and Rosie Lebewitz, horse owner and horseback rider extraordinaire. Your day will begin at the Frost Training Stable near Loretto, Minnesota. Your horse for the ride will be Shawnee, a beautiful bay Paso Fino. The ride will last about 2 and a half hours. We have all the equipment necessary except for boots. The horse trail goes all around Lake Rebecca and is about 10 miles of beautiful forest and fields. Your hostess, Mary Johnson, will take several pictures for you.

After the ride, you will be treated to a savory lunch at McGare'y pub in downtown Maple Plain. You will then be returned to the filled with good food, fond memories, and a feeling of connection to the universe that can only be experienced from the back of a horse.

Item #:19

Two sets of Skybox Tickets for Rock the Garden 2015

VIP Skybox offers exclusive access to the Walker's rooftop terraces (with new and improved sightlines to the stage), complimentary hors d'oeuvres from Modern Events by D'Amico, three free drink tickets, and complimentary water and soda. A voucher for a Rock the Garden T-shirt (up to \$25 value), free parking for your party in the underground parking garage, entry to the VIP Green Room, the Grove on the ground level adjacent to the stage, and all general admission areas are also included.



Item #:20

Four tickets for Jungle Theater Season 2015

Great theater awaits you with these 4 tickets good for your choice of any play on any Thursday evening during the Jungle Theater's 2015 season. Information on specific play titles will be announced October, 2014.



Item #:21

Tickets to *Italian Style: Fashion Since 1945* Exhibition at the MIA and a personal tour with curator, Dr. Matthew Welch.

Interested in history and fashion? This is the first major exhibition to examine Italy's rich, arresting contribution to postwar fashion, showcasing the clothes that turned *Made in Italy* into the mark of style. The exhibition includes about 100 ensembles from the collections of the Victoria & Albert Museum as well as other lenders, and is supplemented by film and fashion photography. Exhibition Dates: Oct. 26, 2014 – Jan. 4, 2015



Item #:22

Membership to the Walker Art Center

Walker members enjoy exclusive benefits, including: a year of unlimited gallery admission, invitations to special events and programs, discounts on performances, film screenings, shopping, and dining, free subscription to Dwell magazine, and much more!



Item #:23

Four spots on Mississippi River Day Trip with Wilderness Inquiry

Looking for adventure in the heart of the Twin Cities? Explore the Mighty Mississippi River up close and personal on a half-day guided canoe trip. Paddling the Mississippi in one of our beautiful 24-foot cedar strip canoes is easy, fun, and affordable--everyone enjoys it. These popular adventures take place in our local National Park – the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA). You will discover wildlife and experience the amazing human history of the River.



Item #:24

"Clay for Couples" Pottery workshop – Northern Clay Center

Looking for a unique date-night activity that is sure to impress your mate? Look no further than NCC's original "Clay for Couples." Saturday, November 15, 7-10 pm, Instructor: Jennica Kruse.



Home & Garden

Item #:25

Peterssen Keller Architects 2 hour consultation for a remodel

Considering a remodel? Peterssen/Keller Architecture is an award-winning full-service architectural firm that specializes in custom homes, lofts, cabins and boutique commercial projects. Their collaborative, client-focused design process results in unique residences that are as distinct as their owners.

Item #:26

Universal Framing - \$200 towards any framing project

Universal Framing Inc. provides quality custom and production picture framing to commercial and retail customers through-out the upper Midwest. This item will be perfect for that beautiful picture you have that is waiting around for a gorgeous frame!

Item #:27

Julia Knight Piece – Peony Salad Serving Set (color: Snow)

The collections I create speak to me intimately. Each one has a story to tell — whether born from a study in nature, a random cabbie chat on a Manhattan street, or a dialogue with artisans in Italy and India. Each piece is a work of art, handmade of sand cast aluminum with our signature blend of enamel infused with crushed Mother-of-Pearl. Once these pieces manifest in full brilliance, they begin to talk to one another, too, through the beautiful layering of colors, textures and themes. – Julia Knight

Item #:28

Julia Knight Piece – Classic 25 inch Rectangular Tray with Handles (color: Kiwi)

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Item #:29

Julia Knight Piece – Lily 15 inch Bowl (color: Snow)

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Item #:30

One-of-a-kind, custom designed pottery dinnerware set for two by artist Marnette Doyle

Includes: 2 Meetings with the buyer to design the set, 2 Dinner Plates, 2 Roll Plates, 2 Salad bowls, 2 Water Tumblers, 2 Coffee Cups, 2 Saucers, 2 Dessert bowls or plates. Marnette Doyle's works have been featured in various galleries and boutiques within Minneapolis including Paper Hat, the Sikora Salon, Regla De Oro, and most recently the Foundry Home Goods. Ms. Doyle was also commissioned by the Xcel Energy Center to make a custom pottery tea set for Lady Gaga as a gift for her performance in May 2014.

Item #:31

Home Staging consultation with reSee Design with Jay Nuhring

When Jay Nuhring re-thinks your rooms, it's not a do-over. He's not starting from scratch. He's looking at what you have, and finding a way to make it work better. He's putting your pieces together in a totally new way. A way that calms. Or invites. Or defines. Or surprises. After all, you have a story, and what you have in your home tells bits and pieces of that story. Jay will help you put the story together in a way that reflects you best. What you're about. Where you've been. The things you love.

Art

Item #:32

Two fly fishing photos by professional photographer, Peter Beck

Photos taken by Peter Beck on Henry's Fork River, Idaho. Embossed with caddis fly. For over 40 years Peter has been photographing people throughout the world for corporate and editorial communications. These photos will look wonderful on your mantle, in your guest room or even at your cabin!

Item #:33

15 x 30" oil portrait of your pet by artist Heather Dart

Local artist Heather Heefner Dart has extended an invitation to paint a portrait of your pet. Simply provide 5 photos of your pet to her and she will create an oil painting of your beloved friend. She is offering to paint a piece the size displayed, 15 x 30". Please expect a 4 month turn around, as oils take a long time to dry. You can see more samples of her work at www.heefnerdartstudio.com.

Item #:34

Glass Art Piece by Allison Luedtke

Fused glass, handcut and polished limestone base, and aluminum posts. It is food safe, too. Dimensions: 32" x 11" x 7". This piece was inspired by the colors of the Gallitan River in Montana. Each summer, we take a family fly fishing trip. We spend most of our days in the River, looking down at the beautiful water flowing over the rocks.

Creating a cast glass piece is like creating a story. With each layering of glass comes the opportunity to share an emotion or a thought. Allison's work is on display at Gillette Children's Hospital, St. John's and Regions hospitals, as well as at several luxury hotels, advertising agencies and legal firms.

Clothing, Gifts & Jewelry

Item #:35

Pendant on a Chain by Jewelry by Elizabeth Seifert

Elizabeth Seifert has been making jewelry for many years and specializes in using texture to create one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. This cheery piece is the perfect addition to your unique collection!

Item #:36

Hand knit baby sweater set - 100% washable wool.

This adorable and durable set is the perfect gift for a new addition! Hand knit by long-time Pathways board member, Maureen Bazinet-Beck.

Unique Experiences

Item #:37

Max Meditation and Aromatherapy

Experience a customized guided meditation by Sarah Gebeke of True Sanctuary and a customized aromatherapy meditation oil for you and up to 9 friends or co-workers at Bhakti Wellness Center. Discover the Max Meditation System for stress release and relaxation. Calm your mind and restore your energy while learning the art of meditation. Benefits of meditation include: stress reduction, peace of mind, increased serotonin levels in the brain, more clarity and creativity. Experience Aromatherapy with a custom oil blend designed by Patricia Ronning. This aroma will be specifically made and energized for this meditation. Each person will receive a meditation oil. It will help benefit your meditation experience and your overall mood and sense of well-being.

Item #:38

Customized First-Aid Remedy Kit

Work with clinical aromatherapist, Patricia Ronning, to design four personalized remedies for symptoms or skin concerns, i.e. nausea, sleep issues, anti-aging, etc. You will work directly with Patricia in choosing essential oils for each of your remedies.