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River
Rhapsody

SYMPHONY BALL 2024
Saturday, May 4

EVENT CHAIRS
Diane and Tony Hofstede



Evening Schedule

- 5:00PM** Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
HILTON THIRD FLOOR
- 6:30PM** Dinner and Live Auction
HILTON BALLROOM
- 9:00PM** Concert featuring the Minnesota Orchestra,
conducted by Thomas Søndergård
ORCHESTRA HALL
- 9:45PM** After-Party: food, specialty drinks and
dancing with Jack Brass Band
ORCHESTRA HALL
- 12:00AM** Celebration Concludes

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CELEBRATING THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD'S
INAUGURAL SEASON WITH THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Thomas
Søndergård*

Hej!

Andreas and I are so thrilled to be here with you at my first Symphony Ball as music director of the Minnesota Orchestra. One thing I appreciate about conducting here is how much this community loves this Orchestra and the arts in general. And I have to say that the electricity of connection radiating from you, our wonderful audience, is an absolute joy! That flow of energy and love is crucial to our work, and it doesn't happen in all concert halls in the world. I—we—always look forward to performing for you.

Thank you for joining us this evening to support this Orchestra and the work it does in Minnesota and beyond. It inspires me to see that an event like Symphony Ball has been a part of this community for over six decades, supporting the mission of the Minnesota Orchestra.

Growing up near water and with access to quality music education were formative foundations in my youth, and I love that tonight's theme so graciously intertwines music and the importance of the Mississippi River to our city. I look forward to this festive evening.

THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD
Music Director

Thomas Søndergård





Thomas Søndergård conducted his first concert as music director of the Minnesota Orchestra in September 2023, becoming just the 11th artistic leader in the ensemble's 120-year history. Entering from the wings, he set in motion a new partnership and new era of music-making in our community.



PAINTING THE TOWN RED

Minneapolis extended a warm welcome on Søndergård's arrival, lighting the skyline and local bridges red and white in tribute to the colors of his native Denmark's flag.



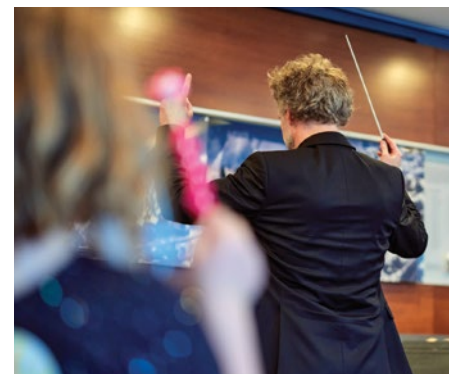
REACHING FOR ARTISTIC PEAKS

In his first concerts, Søndergård led Richard Strauss' *Alpine Symphony*, an epic work that brings listeners on a remarkable journey up a mountain; he called it symbolic of the "journey we will embark on together."



RINGING IN FUN

Pianist Stephen Hough helped Søndergård and the Orchestra ring in 2024 with style in an exuberant concert that featured corks popping and Champagne (literally) flying on stage.



CONDUCTING THE FUTURE

"I want to be the music director for all generations," Søndergård said on his arrival in Minnesota. He followed through by conducting a family concert in January—and then leading a conducting how-to-session with some of the organization's youngest fans.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

*Diane + Tony
Hofstede*

**"Without water and music, we cannot live."
(Quincy Jones, composer-producer)**

Welcome to Symphony Ball 2024! Tonight, we are celebrating the Mississippi River and the Minnesota Orchestra in a gala called *River Rhapsody*. With Thomas Søndergård in his inaugural season as our music director, this is the perfect moment to showcase these magnificent gems of water and music.

The Mississippi River has been and remains critically important to the state of Minnesota. And as the nation's greatest river, its role cannot be understated! Much like the movement of the magnificent river, the Minnesota Orchestra has enriched our community for over 120 years.

We have attended concerts at Orchestra Hall for decades, and what we love most is seeing the exuberance and engagement of younger audiences at concerts. We are excited by all that's ahead for the Orchestra, and ask you to join us in raising funds to invest in its educational programs which bring diverse audiences to the Hall and which make an enormous impact in our community.

We are honored and proud to bring our love of the river and the Minnesota Orchestra to our shared role as chairs of the 2024 Symphony Ball. It has been our deep pleasure working closely with Orchestra musicians, board and staff. We gratefully recognize our many sponsors, including the 2024 Symphony Ball Presenting Sponsor, Huntington Bank. Finally, we are appreciative of our dedicated Symphony Ball Committee chairs and members and of the many volunteers—all of whom worked tirelessly to put this incredibly fun event together!

Welcome to *River Rhapsody*!



DIANE HOFSTEDE
Symphony Ball Chair



TONY HOFSTEDE
Symphony Ball Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR
AND PRESIDENT



*Nancy
Lindahl*
BOARD CHAIR

It requires a broad community of individuals and institutions to support a thriving symphony orchestra: audience members and donors, musicians and board members, conductors, staff, volunteers, guest performers and stage crew. Nowhere is this support more evident than at the Symphony Ball; this evening, you lend *your* voice to a chorus of community members who turn out to celebrate and sustain the Minnesota Orchestra—and to emphasize that magnificent music matters in our community. Welcome, and thank you!

Tonight's River Rhapsody Symphony Ball is part of Music Director Thomas Søndergård's first season with the Orchestra—a memorable year in which more than 10,000 concertgoers attended season opening festivities to roll out a hearty Minnesota welcome for our new artistic leader. Thomas has subsequently led performances this season with some of the world's finest guest artists and made it a priority to lead a January concert for families and children. Last month, he conducted an innovative event for music educators, welcoming them to the Orchestra Hall stage to rehearse and perform alongside their Minnesota Orchestra counterparts. "It's really important to me to say a big thank you to all the music educators...who influence kids at a very early age to bring music into their lives," he says. His vision aligns with the institution's priorities: bringing music into the lives

*Michelle
Miller
Burns*
PRESIDENT AND CEO



of students has been a joyful part of the Orchestra's mission for more than a century. Your presence tonight ensures ongoing support for these vital traditions.

Our Ball theme this year shines a spotlight on the musical and culinary traditions that have sprung up beside the Mississippi River as it flows through our community and country. These powerful cultural traditions—of which the Orchestra is a part—lend character to our cities along the river and help bring us together in the most meaningful moments of life.

We offer a mighty thank you to our Symphony Ball Chairs Diane and Tony Hofstede—who have long been deeply committed and connected to Minneapolis—for their visionary leadership, and to their hardworking Symphony Ball Committee that brought this evening to reality through a thousand details. And a special ovation goes to our generous Presenting Sponsor, Huntington Bank!

Most importantly, on behalf of the entire Orchestra, we extend our deepest thanks to all of you. We welcome the opportunity for the Orchestra to play a role in your life and the cultural life of our community. It is a tremendous privilege to serve you through music. Thank you for your support—and enjoy the Ball!

NANCY LINDAHL
Board Chair

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SYMPHONY BALL

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The Minnesota Orchestra recognizes and honors this incredible group of community leaders who have served as Symphony Ball Chairs over the last 67 years:

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2016	Mary, Greg and Emily Sumners	1982	Marnie Westerback
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2013	Trudy Wilgers	1980	Sue Platou, Sally Perlich-Bye
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2011	Cathy Farrell	1978	Nicky Carpenter, Ellie Crosby
2010	Georgia Thompson	1977	Mary Steinke
2009	Susan Campbell	1976	Donald Bush, Monie Crawford
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2005	Maxine Wallin	1972	Shirley Dayton
2004	Jolee Suskovic and Jeannie Suskovic-Joas	1971	Sandy Coleman
2003	Judi Schuman	1970	Dorothy Levy
2002	Julie Nelson	1969	Joan Capen
2001	Deb Hopp	1968	Marna Fullerton
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1999	Judi Schuman	1966	Charlotte Morrison
1998	Teri Popp	1965	Joan Herfurth
1997	Marjorie Nelson	1964	Irene Whitney
1996	Rebecca Pohlad	1963	Kitty Overstreet, Helen Couper
1995	Loretta Mathison	1962	Alice Marvin, Joan Kennedy
1994	Nancy Lindahl	1961	Cynthia Tearse, Alice Mills
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1992	Carolyn Cleveland	1959	Jane White, Barbara Hannaford Bakewell
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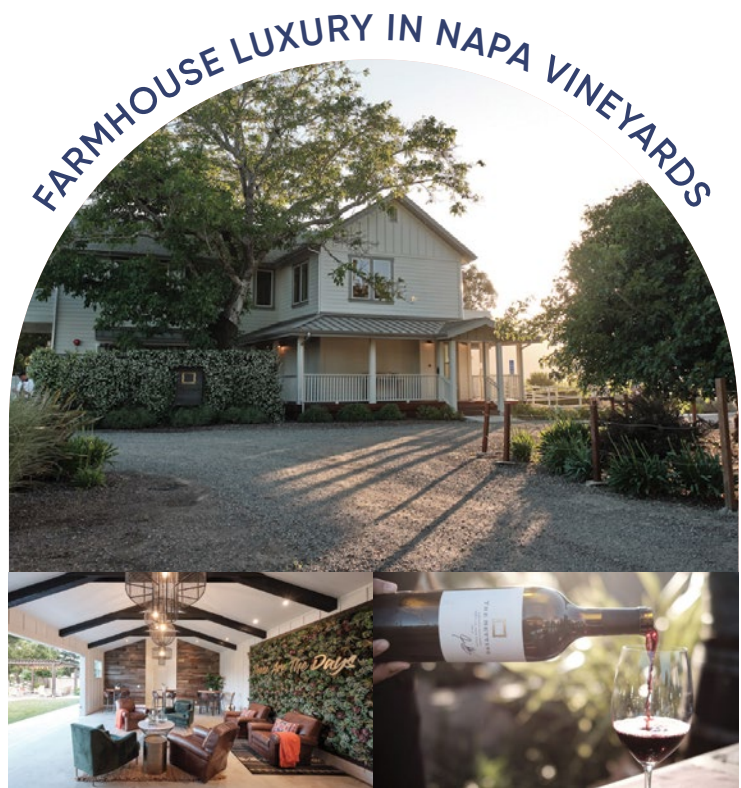
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Live Auction Items



Enjoy a three-night weekday stay (Sunday–Thursday nights) for two people. Daily continental breakfast delivered to your room, featuring pastries from Thomas Keller’s Bouchon Bakery. The main building, a recently remodeled 1901 farmhouse, offers 5 spacious guest rooms. All rooms have one king or one queen bed, a private bathroom with L’Occitane amenities, a fireplace, stylish Restoration Hardware furnishings and linens and Nespresso coffee makers. From the moment you arrive, the proprietors will make sure you feel at home, whether you want to relax in the Barn Lounge, enjoy the vineyard views while seated around one of the courtyard fire pits, or get assistance with planning winery visits and dining at some of the region’s award-winning restaurants. Make yourself at home at this hidden gem nestled between two picturesque vineyards, located minutes from Yountville and downtown Napa. Round-trip coach class airfare for two from within the 48 contiguous U.S. to San Francisco or Oakland, California.

DONORS: Minnesota Orchestra

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Blackout dates: major holidays. Guests 14 years and older welcome. Must be booked within one year of purchase date. Travel must occur within two years of purchase date.

PRIVATE DINNER FOR 12 AT MARA WITH THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD



Join Music Director Thomas Søndergård for an unforgettable meal at Mara, the latest restaurant concept from award-winning Minnesota native Chef Gavin Kaysen. Named the 2022 Restaurant of the Year by the *Star Tribune* and *Minnesota Monthly*, Mara is a special celebration of the flavors and techniques of Mediterranean Cuisine. Indulge in an elegant evening with your closest friends, all while experiencing the rare opportunity to engage with our esteemed new music director.

DONORS: Thomas Søndergård, Mara, Gavin Kaysen, The Four Seasons Minneapolis
ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Date to be mutually agreed-upon between winner, Mara and Thomas Søndergård during the 2024-25 season. Limit 12 guests total, including Thomas Søndergård.

PRIVATE HOUSE CONCERT WITH DESSA AND MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA STRING QUARTET



Multi-faceted artist Dessa is one of Minnesota's crowning artistic jewels. Whether performing on stage with the Minnesota Orchestra, rapping with indie hip-hop collective Doomtree, delivering a TED Talk or writing for *The New York Times*, she possesses a razor-sharp wit, keen intelligence and an artistry that defies categorization. This special package for up to 25 guests includes a live 30-minute mini-concert performed by an illustrious string quartet comprised of principal Minnesota Orchestra musicians joined by Dessa, who will perform her own work, as arranged by Andy Thompson. You will be served wine and specialty cocktails provided by A Proper Pour along with hors d'oeuvres provided by Chowgirls Catering.

DONORS: Dessa, Jason Suss-A Proper Pour, Chowgirls Catering, Musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Event to be held on mutually agreeable date within one calendar year.

PRIVATE HOUSE CONCERT WITH JON KIMURA PARKER



Concert pianist extraordinaire Jon Kimura Parker has performed across the globe and for such dignitaries as the late Queen Elizabeth II and the prime ministers of Japan and Canada. Internationally acclaimed for his passionate artistry and charismatic stage presence, Jackie—as he likes to be called—dazzles audiences the world over with his wide-ranging repertoire. In addition to his status as a world-renowned performer, he’s a professor of piano at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and expertly curates summer programming as our creative partner for Summer at Orchestra Hall. You and 20 guests can witness the quintessential magic of Jackie’s artistry in a private concert in your home or venue of your choice within the metropolitan Twin Cities area. You will be served wine and cocktails provided by Steady Pour along with hors d’oeuvres.

DONORS: Jon Kimura Parker, Steady Pour Beverage Co.

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Date is limited to Sunday, July 28, 2024. Location of choice must include a recently tuned grand piano. Site of concert must be within 45 miles of the Twin Cities. The Target Atrium at Orchestra Hall is an available location upon request.

CONDUCT THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA AT SYMPHONY BALL



Have you ever wondered what it might be like to conduct the Minnesota Orchestra? Now’s your chance! Place a bid for your shot to proudly take the podium, baton in hand, in front of the magnificent musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra. No experience required—Music Director Thomas Søndergård will give you a brief masterclass before going onstage at Orchestra Hall during tonight’s river-themed Symphony Ball Concert. After your conducting debut, you’ll be given a baton signed by Thomas himself. Don’t miss out on the thrill of conducting the ENTIRE Orchestra!

DONORS: Thomas Søndergård, Minnesota Orchestra

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: During Symphony Ball 2024 Concert only.

Silent Auction Sampling



INAUGURAL MINNESOTA YACHT CLUB FESTIVAL: 2-DAY RIVERBOAT VIP TICKETS (2)

A sizzling hot pair of VIP tickets to the Minnesota Yacht Club Festival at Harriet Island Regional Park along the majestic Mississippi River in St. Paul on July 19–20. Includes access to Padelford Riverboats' 60-minute cruises along the Mississippi River with complimentary Margarita Happy Hour and DJ prior to headliner sets. Forget driving home after the first day—you'll also receive a reserved Grand Deluxe King Room at Hotel Ivy in downtown Minneapolis for Friday, July 19, with complimentary valet parking.

DONORS: Abigail Rose and Michael Blum, Hotel Ivy, A Luxury Collection Hotel

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$2,267

RESTRICTIONS: Hotel Ivy suite is only for July 19, 2024. No rain date for concert.



TWO TICKETS TO MJ THE MUSICAL AT THE ORPHEUM + DINNER AT ZELO

MJ is the multi Tony Award-winning musical centered on the creation of Michael Jackson's 1992 Dangerous World Tour, from the award-winning creative team of director/choreographer Christopher Wheeldon and playwright Lynn Nottage—offering a rare look at Jackson's legendary creative mind and collaborative spirit. Take home two seventh-row, main-floor tickets to see this thrilling show for yourself, plus four drink tickets. Includes a \$200 gift certificate to Zelo, so you can get your evening started off on a delicious note.

DONORS: Jonathan and Nicki Weinhagen, Zelo

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$1,096

RESTRICTIONS: Tickets good for May 25, 2024, 7:30 p.m. only.



OUTLAW MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SOMERSET, WI

Bob Dylan. Willie Nelson. John Mellencamp. Need we say more? Plan your day trip around this unfathomable, once-in-a-lifetime shot at seeing and hearing three revered music legends performing on one stage. Dylan, Nelson and Mellencamp have earned an impressive 23 Grammy Awards among them. These premium tickets are for Section A4, Row G, Seats 27 and 28.

DONORS: Mike and Linda Murrell

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$1,329

RESTRICTIONS: Tickets are good for September 6, 2024. Transportation, parking not included.



BOUILLABAISSE DINNER WITH MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

This special evening features a musical performance curated by Principal Horn Michael Gast and his fellow horn section mates as they demonstrate the history of the horn—"from the forest to Carnegie Hall"—followed by dinner featuring Warren's own recipe for bouillabaisse accompanied by his favorite French wines. Hosted by Linda and Warren Mack in their Minneapolis home.

DONORS: Members of the Minnesota Orchestra Horn section, Linda and Warren Mack

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Mutually agreed-upon date.



NICOLLET ISLAND INN EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a lovely afternoon boat cruise for six around Nicollet Island on the Mississippi River while sipping wine and snacking on treats in a specially curated picnic basket. After docking, you and your guests will dine inside the elegant and historic Nicollet Island Inn.

DONORS: Larry and Caryl Abdo, Nicollet Island Inn

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$1,300

RESTRICTIONS: Winning bidder must call Nicollet Island Inn to schedule anytime between May and September 2024. Date is weather dependent.



IN THE KITCHEN WITH ERIN KEEFE AND SUSIE PARK

Your party of four is invited to witness the culinary preparations and indulge in the dishes prepared by Concertmaster Erin Keefe and First Associate Concertmaster Susie Park at the Minneapolis home of Erin and Osmo Vänskä. You will appreciate the humor in, and honing of, the favorite recipes that these masterful musicians and kitchen artists create for you and your guests.

DONORS: Erin Keefe, Susie Park

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Mutually agreed-upon date.



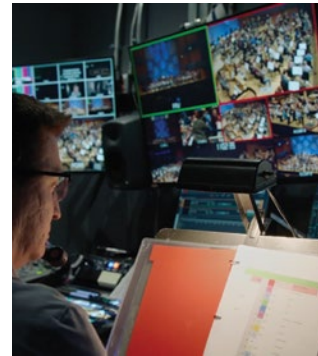
PRIVATE CELLO CONCERT OVERLOOKING LAKE MINNETONKA

Join your hosts Abigail Rose and Michael Blum for an unforgettable evening of mesmerizing music curated by cellist Sonia Mantell and performed by members of the Minnesota Orchestra cello section. You and up to 20 guests will enjoy exceptional wines, hors d'oeuvres and expansive views of Lake Minnetonka as well as the stimulating company of musicians and music lovers.

DONORS: Abigail Rose and Michael Blum, Members of the Minnesota Orchestra cello section

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Limit 20 guests. Date by mutual agreement during the 2024-25 season; see full item listing for available dates.



BEHIND THE CURTAIN: LIVE BROADCAST FROM ORCHESTRA HALL

Get a behind-the-scenes look at a *This Is Minnesota Orchestra* live production. Join with the producer and evening's host to experience a flawless, entertaining live broadcast with the Minnesota Orchestra and featured guest(s). Toast your success with the show's producer. Your name will be included in the production credits!

DONORS: Ashleigh Rowe, Minnesota Orchestra

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

RESTRICTIONS: Date by mutual agreement based upon *This Is Minnesota Orchestra* broadcast schedule. Valid during the 2024-25 season only.

CUSTOMIZED RUN OF 30 FARIBAULT BLANKETS AND PRIVATE TOUR

You and your guests will be treated to a private tour of Faribault Mill, one of the last remaining vertical woolen mills in America. Since 1865, Faribault has produced high-quality products renowned for their design, comfort and durability. You will also get a customized run of 30 woven Faribault blankets with a design you submit. A memorable gift for family, friends or clients.

DONORS: Faribault Mill

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$8,359

RESTRICTIONS: Winner may submit their design, and the design will be woven in wool for 30 identical blankets.



INTERLOCKING PLATINUM & DIAMOND RING

This exquisite platinum ring features a captivating design of interlocking diamonds. Two bands adorned with 59 round diamonds gracefully twist together to create a mesmerizing display of sparkle. But there's more to this ring than meets the eye! An additional 12 baguette-cut diamonds are nestled within the gallery, adding a hidden touch of luxury only the wearer can truly appreciate. With a total diamond weight of 1.09 carats, this ring (size 6.5) is a brilliant combination of modern design and timeless elegance.

DONORS: Wixon Jewelers

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$6,995

RESTRICTIONS: Winning bidder must take home item the night of the Ball or arrange to pick up from Orchestra Hall no later than June 7, 2024. Winning bidder is responsible for the cost of resizing if required.



VIKINGS VS. PACKERS 2024 BORDER BATTLE

Don't miss the annual border battle between these NFC North Division rivals at U.S. Bank Stadium. Four outstanding seats overlooking an end zone, above the tunnel where players charge onto the field. Date and time unavailable at time of printing. Includes an official helmet signed by Vikings wide receiver Jordan Addison.

DONORS: Diane and Tony Hofstede, Minnesota Vikings

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$800

RESTRICTIONS: Tickets are valid for this home game only in 2024 regular season.



TICKETS TO MINNESOTA WILD AT XCEL ENERGY CENTER

Your hockey-crazed friends will attend a regular season Minnesota Wild home game at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. You're practically in the arena with the players with these Row 13 tickets! Never a dull moment when the Wild take the ice.

DONORS: John and Trudy Wilgers

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$700

RESTRICTIONS: Date to be mutually agreed-upon with winner and donors.



MINNESOTA LYNX TICKETS AT TARGET CENTER

Two floor seats to see the Minnesota Lynx in action against the Indiana Fever at Target Center on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 7 p.m. The game will likely feature #1 draft pick Caitlin Clark as well as the retirement of former Lynx star Maya Moore's jersey. Don't miss this historic moment!

DONORS: Pentair

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$1,200

RESTRICTIONS: Tickets good for August 24, 2024 only.



SEVEN DAYS, SIX NIGHTS IN PARADISE: BLUE TANG INN, BELIZE

Bask in the tropical beauty of Belize with a vacation for two at the Blue Tang Inn, idyllically situated on the beach and steps away from the culture of San Pedro. Spend the mornings enjoying your daily continental breakfast while soaking in the view of the ocean from your suite. Other amenities include a full kitchen, air conditioning, on-site pool and access to the Inn's sailboat. Close to Ambergris Caye and boasting other attractions like the Belize Barrier Reef, the Blue Tang Inn is truly a destination getaway.

DONORS: Lisa and Bruce Paradis

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$1,650

RESTRICTIONS: Does not include airfare. Stay is valid May 1-December 14, 2024, only.



HASKELL'S WINE CRUISE ON THE ST. CROIX RIVER

You and nine friends will join the Haskell's summer Boat Cruise on a beautiful summer day in 2024. The boat departs from Stillwater, Minnesota, and cruises the picturesque St. Croix. Over the course of your three-hour ride, you'll be treated to a delicious lunch that accompanies samplings of more than 50 different wines and 50 different beers. Sit, sip and enjoy this crazy, lazy summer afternoon on the river.

DONORS: Haskell's

ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: \$850

RESTRICTIONS: Limit 10 guests. Must be over 21 to participate. Cruise departs and returns to Stillwater. Must be redeemed summer of 2024.

Auction Guidelines

HOW TO BID IN THE LIVE AUCTION AND FUND-THE-MUSIC

Professional auctioneer Glen Fladeboe will lead the live auction. To bid, hold your bidder number up high when the auctioneer calls out the amount you wish to bid. If you are the winning bidder, an auction assistant will approach you to document your winning bid on an electronic bidding tablet.

AUCTION CHECK-OUT AND ITEM CLAIM

Checkout and item pickup will be available beginning after the concert concludes. Need to leave before the concert? We'll have staff available to assist you with payment and pickup arrangements at both the Hilton and Orchestra Hall. **All auction items must be paid for in full on the night of the Symphony Ball, by credit card, check or cash.** For winning bids of \$10,000 and above, the option of signing a pledge form to be paid within 30 days is available.

DETAILS

The Minnesota Orchestra has made every reasonable effort to describe all items and represent their values accurately. All items are sold "where is," "when is" and "as is," and it is understood that any items and services acquired by the buyer become the sole responsibility of the buyer. The Minnesota Orchestral Association, committee members and sponsors will incur no liability.

If you are sharing an item with another person or group and would like a separate receipt for your tax records, please make arrangements to pay your portion directly with the Minnesota Orchestra. This can be handled at auction check-out with everyone present, or you can ask to have the Minnesota Orchestra invoice each individual for their portion.

TAX INFORMATION

Current tax laws stipulate that only the portion of the payment *above the stated value* of the goods and services qualifies as a charitable donation. The receipt you will receive at the end of the evening can be used as a guide and can be given to your tax advisor to help determine your tax deductions.

ABOUT THIS EVENING'S

Music + Entertainment

RIVER RHAPSODY

Tonight's concert opens with a celebration of music inspired by great rivers throughout the world. Our journey begins with the Danube and Vlatava rivers in Europe before we wind our way back home, cruising south on the Mississippi. We end our journey with the jazzy sounds of New Orleans, a place rich with the legacy of the river and the people who settled along its banks for generations.

THOMAS SØNDERGÅRD CONDUCTOR

Danish conductor Thomas Søndergård, who last fall began his tenure as the Minnesota Orchestra's 11th music director, is a highly regarded conductor in both the orchestral and opera spheres. Among highlights of his inaugural season are two weeks of Season Opening concerts including Richard Strauss' *Alpine Symphony*, his first family concert and a season finale program spotlighting LGBTQ+ composers. Since 2018 he has been music director of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. His guest engagements this season include visits to the New York Philharmonic and London Symphony Orchestra. More: minnesotaorchestra.org.



DESSA DINNER HOST

Dessa is a singer, rapper and writer who has made a career of bucking genres and defying expectations. Her collaborations with the Minnesota Orchestra include the live album *Sound the Bells*. She contributed a track to *The Hamilton Mixtape*, and her written work has been published by *The New York Times*. More: dessawander.com.



HANNA LANDRUM CONCERT HOST

Minnesota native Hanna Landrum joined the Minnesota Orchestra's second violin section in 2019 after holding the position of principal second violin with the Rochester Philharmonic. She has performed with numerous orchestras and at music festivals across the country, and has participated in the premieres of many new American works. More: minnesotaorchestra.org.



JACK BRASS BAND

Jack Brass Band was formed in 1999 in the Twin Cities. Based on the traditions of New Orleans' brass bands, they are ambassadors to the Crescent City's rich musical history. Jack Brass Band plays everything from the old jazz styles of Louis Armstrong's era to the modern street Mardi Gras anthems with the instrumentation, feel and energy they have mastered through countless gigs, parades, festival appearances and trips to New Orleans to listen, learn and play alongside the masters. Simply put, the Jack Brass Band brings the party to any event with a rich tradition and a groove that will make you want to get up and dance to the New Orleans sound.



AUCTIONEER GLEN FLADEBOE FLADEBOE ADVANCEMENT

Glen Fladeboe, auctioneer, is the Owner of Fladeboe Advancement. With more than 20 years of experience as a professional auctioneer, he has been instrumental in building Fladeboe Advancement into one of the largest benefit auction companies in the nation. More: fladeboeadvancement.com.

Symphony Ball

Over the past 67 years, the generous support of this annual event has raised millions of dollars as an investment in the quality of cultural life available for all Minnesotans. The Minnesota Orchestra's Symphony Ball helps make enriching educational activities and great music accessible to audiences of all ages, from programs at Orchestra Hall and in schools around the region, to on-air and online concerts that are acclaimed nationally and internationally. The Minnesota Orchestra's commitment to statewide community and education outreach has never been more important. By supporting Symphony Ball, you inspire a love of classical music in others and build future audiences and supporters for the Minnesota Orchestra.

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