

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



LIVE AUCTION ITEM 1

DINNER AT MARILYN'S



Private dinner party for 10 hosted by Marilyn Carlson Nelson and honorary guest Thomas Søndergård featuring the trumpet section

Step into a world of musical and culinary elegance at this exclusive dinner party with Minnesota Orchestra Life Director Marilyn Carlson Nelson, honorary guest Thomas Søndergård and the musicians of the Orchestra's trumpet section. This exclusive event will be hosted by Marilyn at the Carlson Family Home, located on Lake Minnetonka. You and eight guests will have the opportunity to spend an evening enjoying delicious food and spirited conversation with Thomas and the musicians. You'll have the opportunity to witness up close the dazzling musicianship of the trumpet section as they perform a short program of musical selections to round out this exceptional evening. Drinks provided by Steady Pour, appetizers and dinner provided by Create Catering.



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Thomas Søndergård, Create Catering, Steady Pour, Minnesota Orchestra Trumpet Section

RESTRICTIONS: Dinner is on September 24, 2025 only.

LIVE AUCTION ITEM 2

HOLLYWOOD BOWL



An Evening for Four (4) at the Los Angeles Philharmonic conducted by Maestro Thomas Søndergård

Los Angeles is calling your name. You and three guests will attend Thomas Søndergård's debut with the LA Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl! Attend the concert—held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025—in luxury, with premium box seats and a complimentary dinner served in the box. Thomas will conduct the music of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Sergei Prokofiev featuring guest artist and Minnesota Orchestra audience-favorite pianist Kirill Gerstein. Afterwards, you'll meet Thomas for a post-concert meet-and-greet and be given a backstage tour of the Hollywood Bowl. You'll also discover another iconic LA music venue with a private tour of Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the LA Philharmonic, designed by architect Frank Gehry. You and your guests will have the opportunity to explore all LA has to offer in another Gehry-designed building—the first-class Conrad Hotel—with a two-room, three-night stay, perfectly situated across the street from Disney Hall.



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Conrad Los Angeles, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Lisa and Bruce Paradis, Thomas Søndergård

RESTRICTIONS: Concert is on July 8, 2025 only.

LIVE AUCTION ITEM 3

CONDUCT THE ORCHESTRA



Imagine yourself on stage conducting the Minnesota Orchestra.

Now you can make it happen! Go on! Make a bid to stand (or dance) on the podium, baton in hand, to lead the magnificent musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra. No conducting experience required. Music Director Thomas Søndergård will give you a brief masterclass ahead of sending you onstage at Orchestra Hall during tonight's Symphony Ball concert. As proof of your conducting debut, you'll receive a baton signed by Thomas Søndergård. We've got a special surprise in store that's sure to make this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Thomas Søndergård, Minnesota Orchestra

RESTRICTIONS: During 2025 Symphony Ball concert only.

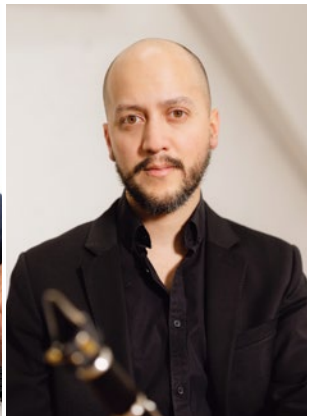
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IN-HOME CHAMBER TRIO



Chamber Trio Performance with Anthony Ross, Gabriel Campos Zamora and Jon Kimura Parkerr

Jon "Jackie" Kimura Parker, concert pianist extraordinaire and Creative Partner for Summer at Orchestra Hall, dazzles audiences around the world with his passionate artistry and charismatic stage presence. Jackie will be joined by Principal Cello Anthony Ross and Principal Clarinet Gabriel Campos Zamora for an intimate chamber music performance for you and up to 20 guests in a private concert in your home or at a venue of your choice within the metropolitan Twin Cities. Seeing and hearing these superb musicians performing together is nothing short of an alignment of the sun, moon and stars. Wine and custom cocktails poured by Small Lot Wines & Spirits and Haskell's; heavy appetizers provided by Chowgirls.



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Jon Kimura Parker, Anthony Ross, Gabriel Campos Zamora, Chowgirls Catering, Small Lot Wine and Spirits in partnership with Haskell's Wine and Spirits

RESTRICTIONS: Concert is on July 22, 2025 only; must have a tuned grand piano.

LIVE AUCTION ITEM 5

LUCERNE FESTIVAL



Lucerne Festival with Sir Daniel Barenboim, Lang Lang performing Mendelssohn and Beethoven

This unparalleled package is for connoisseurs of classical music and international travel! You and a guest will experience breathtaking music surrounded by the picturesque peaks of the Swiss Alps. Welcome to the Lucerne Festival, where the world's most exceptional musicians dazzle international audiences every summer. The centerpiece of this package is a pair of tickets to hear renowned pianist Lang Lang in concert playing Mendelssohn under the baton of legendary conductor Daniel Barenboim on the evening of August 17. As a musical appetizer, you and your guest will attend a private matinee performance and reception the day before (August 16) at Rachmaninoff's Villa Senar (which you'll reach by boat) given by Rachmaninoff Foundation Awardee Kiron Atom Tellian with the Foundation's leadership and Rachmaninoff experts also in attendance. Later that evening, dine in luxury at the Bürgenstock Hotel with Thomas Søndergård and Andreas Landin. Includes a four-night stay at the Renaissance Lucerne Hotel and a self-guided tour of the Richard Wagner House Museum in Tribschen on Lake Lucerne.



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Minnesota Orchestra, Lucerne Festival, Serge Rachmaninoff Foundation, Thomas Herr and Kathryn Newsome-Herr, Thomas Søndergård, Wagner House Museum

RESTRICTIONS: Festival is on August 15-19, 2025 only.

LIVE AUCTION ITEM 6

CELLO SECTION PRIVATE HOUSE CONCERT



Are you a lover of the Minnesota Orchestra cello section's soulful low-string sound?

Then this private house concert experience—featuring the illustrious cello section—is just for you. You and your guests will bask in the rich musical warmth of the cellos while enjoying specialty cocktails prepared and served by Jessi Pollak, U.S. Bartender Guild's Bartender of the Year (2022) and Spoon and Stable's Bar Manager, and desserts by James Beard Award-nominated Pastry Chef Diane Moua of Diane's Place. Don't miss out on this deliciously rich experience.



ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE: Priceless

DONORS: Minnesota Orchestra Cello Section, Chef Diane Moua, Jessi Pollak

RESTRICTIONS: Mutually agreed-upon date, no Friday or Saturday; limit 17 guests.