

## It Takes Two to Tango Dinner and Cabaret Fundraiser April 4, 2025

## **Special Offerings**

An Evening of Musical Adventure: Back by popular demand, with some musical surprises this year, join PPM singer Kim Kleasen and her husband Glenn Thomas on Thursday, May 1, 6 - 9 pm, for an exciting evening. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while you see and hear beautiful and amazing mechanical musical instruments. Tap your toes to the irresistible music of nickelodeons, orchestrions, and player pianos. Let band organs playing "the Happiest Music on Earth" take you back to riding on a carousel. Revel in classical music recorded by original artists and composers on reproducing grand pianos. All instruments have been restored to museum quality standards. This is one of the best private collections in this country! For up to 25 people at a cost of \$75 per person.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Tour: Tour Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in the historic Berkeley Square neighborhood of Trenton on Friday, June 13, 6 pm. During the 90 minute tour, Bernard McMullen will entertain you with lively stories about the surprising history of the church. You'll see the main sanctuary, with extensive stained-glass windows and icons. You'll marvel at yet another sanctuary with beautiful wooden carving. You'll descend underground into the crypt, discovering both an altar and a basketball court! Outdoors, you may walk the meditative labyrinth. Afterwards, enjoy wine and cheese. For up to 12 people at a cost of \$25 per person.

## Raffle Items

**R01** Survival Kit for the Modern Age: Gin and tonics, anyone? Sitting down for a drink with a friend can ease our troubles away. This survival kit for the modern age has 3 bottles of gin and 4 bottles of tonic.

**R02 Spice Trader Penzey's \$100 Gift Card**: Penzey's sells spices online, elegantly packaged. The selection is vast.

- **R03** The Nutcracker Collection: You know someone who loves The Nutcracker. This collection of items themed with the beloved ballet will delight one of your friends or perhaps you.
- **R04 An Irish Blessing**: Bottles of Jameson's Original Irish Whisky and Guinness Stout--both are Irish blessings.
- **R05** One53 Restaurant \$100 Gift Card: One53 Restaurant and Bar, in Rocky Hill, serves exceptional food made from fresh local ingredients. On Sunday nights, it's open until 9 pm--time to have dinner after a PPM concert!
- **R06** Lovebeads By Janet Planet Bracelet Set: This bracelet set titled *The Valley of the Kings* was inspired by a painting from a Pharaoh's tomb in Egypt.
- **R07 Artisan Teacup:** Designed by an artisan for a Leftie, this tea cup and saucer is brilliantly painted by hand and wild in its shape. Safe for the dishwasher and microwave.
- **R08 Herb Garden Kit**: Plant your own kitchen window herb garden. This kit has everything you need to grow six small pots of fresh herbs.
- **R09 Aperol Spritz Afternoon:** Two friends sit down for Aperol Spritz cocktails, in crystal wine glasses, with Italian aperitivos--what could be more relaxing?
- **R10 Beauty Basket** contains shea butter body wash, body lotion, African black peppermint soap, and turmeric facial cleanser.
- **R11** Rocky Hill Inn \$125 Gift Certificate: Rocky Hill Inn's good food means they're always crowded for dinner.
- **R12** Baby Booties & Sweater: Baby Booties and matching pullover sweater, hand-knitted, washable yarn (line dry).
- **R13** \$100 Gift Certificate to Leonardo's Restaurant & Wine: Leonardo's Restaurant in Lawrenceville is family-run. Includes a bottle of wine to bring along.
- **R14** Folk Art Nesting Dolls: These hand-carved and hand-lacquered nesting dolls are authentic folk art. Are there six dolls or more? Win this raffle item and you will know.
- **R15 Griggstown Farm Market \$100 Gift Card**: Griggstown Farm Market is where to go for locally grown quail, prepared soups, pies, fresh produce, and specialty items.
- **R16 3 Shades of Red (Wine):** Love red wines? There are three different reds for you to taste and compare.
- **R17 \$150 Gift Certificate to La Mezzaluna**: Mezzaluna Restaurant is an intimate place, located a short walk from Richardson Auditorium (very convenient for dinner after PPM concerts). Mezzaluna charges no corkage fee, and included in this raffle item is a nice bottle of Sicilian wine, perfectly complementing the house-made regional dishes.

## **Silent Auction Items**

**A01 One Week Vacation in the Poconos**: Enjoy a week's vacation at the home of Dottie and John Cassimatis on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos. The 3-bedroom house has a full kitchen, a deck with propane fire pit, air conditioning, cable TV, pool table, and other amenities. Winner of this item would be

- able to choose a 7-day, 6-night visit during one of the following 2025 time periods: 7/22 8/13, 8/18 28 or 9/2 28.
- **A02 Beer Home-brewed by Kenny**: Enjoy a case (24 bottles) of home-brewed beer from PPM singer Kenny Litvack. This India Pale Ale balances juicy hops with a subtle malt profile, making it perfectly refreshing for the warm sunny days ahead.
- **A03 Silk Shawl by Teri**: Beautifully hand-knitted with crochet border, in a peacock design, of hand-dyed yarn.
- **A04 Riverside Dinner by Bernard**: Spend an evening with six friends enjoying a multi-course dinner with wine hosted by Bernard McMullen and Sam Stephens. Menu developed in consultation with the winning bidder; Al fresco dining or dining-in options at their home in Trenton with optional walk along the Delaware River.
- **A05** Swans in Flight: A beautiful art photo by Carole Haines, professionally framed.
- **A06 Heron with Fish**: Another beautiful art photo by Carole Haines, professionally framed.
- **A07 Massage Therapy**: Treat yourself to 90 minutes of "ahhh" at I Knead You Holistic Massage Therapy. Your achy muscles will thank you!
- **A08 Met Opera Memories**: The crystal chandeliers rise up, and the overture begins . . . memories captured in a silk scarf, opera glasses, a black and gold watch, a porcelain tray, and coasters
- A09 Dinner and NJ Symphony: Conrad Tao is the piano soloist with the NJ Symphony, on June 6 at 8 pm, playing two audience-pleasers: Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #2 and Shostakovich's Symphony #5, conducted by Xian Zhang, in Richardson Auditorium, Princeton. With a \$100 gift card for dinner in Princeton, at Blue Point Grill, Witherspoon Grill, or Kristine's.
- **A10 Bloody Mary in a Basket**: 2 Grey Goose vodka bottles, a Mikasa pitcher, 3 bloody mary mixes, olives, and vegetables.
- **A11 Pet, House or Landscape Portrait by Karen**: PPM singer and artist Karen Repka will create a portrait of your pet, house, or landscape, from your provided photo. Portrait comes matted to fit a 16" x 20" frame. Order by April 1, 2026.
- A12 Easter Basket: Easter Treats--enough to share with your entire family!
- **A13** West Village Dinner by Ryan: Six-course gourmet dinner with drinks, prepared by Artistic Director Ryan Brandau, for up to eight people, served in his home in New York City's historic West Village.
- **A14 B & B in Vermont**: Enjoy a four-night stay for up to four people at Jan & Dave Johnson's lakeside home in Vermont. Enjoy hiking in the mountains, canoeing/kayaking in the lake, and historical sites and museums within easy drive. Dates to be mutually decided upon; kitchen available for meal preparation if desired.
- **A15** James Bond's Martini Basket: Enjoy a James Bond cocktail evening for two with the fixings for a dry martini, "shaken, not stirred." Included are bottles of Gin and Dry Vermouth, a silver cocktail shaker, two martini glasses, gold-toned olive picks, a bottle of martini olives, and the book Shaken: Drinking with James Bond & Ian Fleming, The Official 007 Cocktail Book by Ian Fleming and Fergus Fleming.
- **A16 Origami Class with Mineko**: Learn the traditional Japanese art of origami, with the crane as its iconic symbol. This technique, naturally learned by Japanese children, is not just a pastime but a deep-rooted part of the culture. The crane is a symbol of peace and hope, cherished by many for

- generations. Mineko is excited to share with you (and up to two of your friends) the folding method that she learned when she was young. Enjoy this unique opportunity to connect with Japanese culture.
- **A17 Organize Your Estate**: Organize the information about your estate. Your heirs will benefit from your thoughtful planning. This "Nokbox" includes a fire- and water-resistant box, checksheets, folders, protective bags, and instructions.
- **A18 Gluten-free Cookies by Jan**: PPM singer, Jan Johnson, will bake 4 dozen gluten-free cookies for you, your choice of her recipes, before May 17, 2025 or after November 5, 2025.
- **A19 Pearl Earrings**: Exquisite pearl earrings, made of 10.8 mm fresh-water pearls, with 14K white gold posts. This is a very special gift for someone you love--including yourself!
- **A20 Philadelphia Eagles Party!** Gather your Eagles Fans together for a party! This Phillies Eagle Bag contains one Jalen Hurts NFL game jersey (XL), one Philadelphia Eagles Championship T-shirt (XL), 5 bottles of liquor, and one clear plastic carry bag (required for attending a Stadium game).
- **A21 Grandparents' Kit for Kids**: Your grandkids will be entertained by whatever you pull out of this Grandparents' Kit, which contains many games and crafts projects.
- **A22 Black-crowned Night Heron**: Black-crowned Night Heron is by Andrew Galdi, a Philadelphia-based artist who trained in Chinese brushed ink and watercolor painting. This work of art on Xuan paper measures 11X17.
- **A23 New Hope Gallery Tour & \$200 Gift Certificate:** You and up to five friends will enjoy a tour of the Arete Gallery in New Hope, by the owner. Included is a \$200 gift certificate to use toward a Gallery purchase. Artists who have been represented by Arete Gallery include musician-artists such as Jerry Garcia and John Lennon, as well as several Philadelphia-area artists.
- **A24 Basket of Spices & Oils:** This basket of spices and oils from Penzey's will delight anyone who cooks. Special blends, attractive packaging, and packed with love. Includes a \$100 gift card.
- **A25 Knitting Lesson with Melissa:** Learn to make a knitted scarf, in a 90-minute lesson from a very friendly and knowledgeable teacher, Melissa Kettner.
- **A26 Porcelain Vase:** What a stunning sculpture! This white porcelain flower vase looks as if sheets of paper are wrapped around any loving bouquet that you choose to place in it.
- **A27 William Trent House Tour:** Enjoy an intimate tour for up to six of the historic 1719 William Trent House (for whom the city of Trenton is named) led by the museum's director, followed by a tasty repast on The Island. Menu to be developed by host Bernard McMullan.
- **A28 McCarter Theatre Tickets:** *The Legacy of Light* is "a deliciously quirky, entertaining new comedy with subtle ironies, wry humor and intellectual depth." Two aisle orchestra tickets for April 6, 2 pm.
- **A29 Quilt by Gahan:** Get a personalized quilt, designed and made by Gahan Pandina, in consultation with you! The possibilities include a memory quilt, a T-shirt quilt, or a design you come up with. Your choice of five colors for the flannel backing.