



**You are at...**

***Supernova!***

**April 30, 2018**

The Board of Directors of Aurora Theatre Company  
is delighted to welcome you to

# *Supernova*

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**Monday, April 30, 2018**

**Old Kan Beer & Co.**

**6:00pm – The Evening Begins!**

Mix and mingle all night long

Silent Auction, Treasure Balloons, & Raffle Tickets

Live Music from The Gentlemen Amateurs

**6:30pm – Buffet & Stations Open**

Enjoy some of everything, or pick and choose your favorites

**7:30pm – Raffle Drawing & Live Auction**

Silent Auction closes at 7:20pm

**Following the Live Auction, Back to Dancing & Mingling!**

Dessert and coffee will be served

**Visit the Checkout Table before you leave to sign for your winnings  
and get a special take-home treat!**

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# Hello Aurora Friends!

Along with the entire *Supernova* Committee and Aurora's Board of Directors, we are thrilled to welcome you to our very first *Supernova*! Tonight's event is an update for Aurora and a fun, new take on our annual fundraising gala. We are so honored that you chose to be here with us tonight.

Aurora is in the midst of its 26<sup>th</sup> Season, and we hope that everyone is enjoying the fine selection of productions as much as we are. Be sure to see *A Number* and *Eureka Day* before they close (*Eureka Day* was actually developed right here at Aurora as an Originate + Generate commission!), and then join us again in June for the opening of *Dry Powder* to close out the season. Coming up, Aurora looks forward to its recently-announced 2018/2019 Season, the third year of its popular Student Matinee Program, the naming of a fourth Originate + Generate artist, and continuing to welcome audience members from across the Bay Area for theatre that is as intelligent as it is entertaining.

Tonight is all about raising critical funds to support Aurora. Just by being here, you have already made a difference. While you mingle with friends, rock out to The Gentlemen Amateurs, dine on the delicious cuisine curated by award-winning chef James Syhaboub, and sip your cocktail, Old Kan brew, or the wine generously sponsored by Hafner Vineyard and Narsai and Venus David, don't forget to bid on the fantastic Silent Auction items we have for you! Try your luck with one or two (or three or four...) of Aurora's famous Treasure Balloons, and be sure to get your raffle tickets before the drawing that precedes the Live Auction. The Live Auction has a number of tempting packages, and everyone wins when you make a gift to support Aurora's artists and productions during the Fund-a-Need. There are many ways to participate, so pick your favorites!

We give a standing ovation to our Corporate Sponsors, Host Committee, *Supernova* Committee, auction donors, volunteers, Aurora staff, artists, and to you. It is because of the collective support of the community that Aurora continues to thrive, and we thank you for the leading role that you play.

Let's begin!



Deborah S. Goodman  
*Supernova Co-Chair*



Ellen B. Levine  
*Supernova Co-Chair*

# TONIGHT'S MENU

CRAFTED BY OLD KAN BEER & CO.

## HORS D'OEUVRES

Chilled Pea Soup with Lemon Oil  
Beef Croquettes

## BUFFET & STATIONS

Smoked Salmon Platter with Condiments  
Garlic Fries with Fresh Parsley  
Charred Asparagus with Espelette Sabayon  
Pork Meatballs in Rich Tomato Sauce with Cheese Toast  
Rice & Peas with Jerk Chicken or Tofu

## DESSERT

Incredible Cookies, with choices of Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin,  
& Peanut Butter  
Seasonal Fruit Panna Cotta  
Coffee

## WINE

Zaca Mesa 2014 Z Blanc, Hafner Vineyard 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon,  
and a selection of Pinot Noir from Patz & Hall (2007) & Peay Scallop Shell (2005 & 2006)

## OLD KAN BEER

**Original** – Standard Pub Ale (5.5% abv); **Dark** – Dark Session Ale (4.5% abv);  
**Old Kan Light** – Cream Ale (4.5% abv); **Old Kan Classic** – California Common Lager;  
奧克蘭 (ÀOKÈLÁN) – California Rice Beer (4.5% abv);  
**RKTLV** – California Bitter (5% abv)

## COCKTAILS

**Sunrise** - tequila, orange, pomegranate  
**Kentucky Maid** - bourbon, muddled mint & cucumber, lime, simple  
**Negroni** - gin, cappelletti, cocchi vermouth

*Special thanks to Chef James Syhababout, Brewer Adam Lamoreaux, Ray Hsieh  
and the entire Old Kan Team; Wine Sponsors Narsai & Venus David and Hafner  
Vineyard; and Trudy & Gary Moore for sponsoring the Aurora appetizer plates that  
allow you to bid while holding your dinner!*

# LET THE BIDDING BEGIN!

## AUCTION RULES AND INFORMATION

### CHECK-IN: START OFF THE EVENING!

Thank you for joining us for *Supernova*! **Your bid number is on the back of your program, so be sure to keep it all night.** Consider signing up for **Speed Checkout.** By choosing Speed Checkout, you are authorizing your designated credit card to be charged for any purchases made during the evening. This will greatly reduce your waiting time at Checkout, as you'll be able to use the designated Speed Checkout line.

### CHECKOUT: IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

The Checkout Table will open shortly after the close of the Live Auction and Fund-a-Need. If you have won a Silent Auction item (check the posters near the Checkout Table), bought a Treasure Balloon or Raffle Tickets, or participated in the Live Auction or Fund-a-Need, thank you! Please visit Checkout to finalize your purchase...and to pick up a one-of-a-kind treat. **If you have opted for Speed Checkout, you will be able to stand in the Speed Checkout Line for faster service.** Final receipts will be mailed to all *Supernova* participants.

### TAX INFORMATION

Our Tax Identification Number is 94-3168663.

Items purchased at the auction are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law (raffle tickets are not tax-deductible). The law permits the purchaser to deduct any payment amount for an item that is greater than the item's fair market value. We urge purchasers to consult tax professionals for the appropriate tax treatment of items. Please note: California State Law requires us to charge sales tax on all tangible items. Sales tax will be calculated based on the following formula and added to the winning bid amount:  $\text{Winning Bid} \times 9.25\% = \text{Sales Tax}$ .

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## RULES OF THE EVENING

1. All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds are possible. All items are sold "as is." Please read specifications and limitations carefully.
2. All Fund-a-Need participants and successful purchasers of packages, auction items, treasure balloons, and raffle tickets will be mailed a final receipt documenting all purchases after the event. All items must be paid for in full and removed from the venue by the close of the evening. Payment may be made by cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express at the checkout table.
3. The buyer waives all claims of liability against Aurora or the donor of the

property or service. Neither Aurora nor the donor is responsible for any personal injury or damage to property that may result from the property or services sold.

4. Aurora is not responsible for items that cannot be redeemed due to the donor's circumstances.

5. It is Aurora's intent to accurately describe all auction items with information provided by auction contributors. Aurora assumes no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of item descriptions.

6. All gift certificates must be used within one year of the auction unless otherwise specified. The buyer is responsible for contacting the donor for all items and services and for complying with the expiration date of all purchases. Reservations for hotels, restaurants, and airfare are on a space-available basis. Tax and gratuity are not included unless otherwise noted. Use of vacation homes, private dinners, and event tickets without specific dates will be scheduled at a mutually agreed-upon time. Vacation home use and parties/dinners hosted by individuals may not be transferred without the prior written permission of the donor.

7. The *Supernova* Committee reserves the right to add to or withdraw, without notice, items listed in the auction program. If the auctioneer determines that any winning bid is not commensurate with the value of the article offered, he may reject it and withdraw the article from sale.

## **BIDDING IN THE SILENT AUCTION**

All Silent Auction items will have bid sheets nearby. Please do not remove bid sheets from the tables. To enter a bid, please write your bid number on the uppermost blank line of the bid sheet. Please honor the starting bids and minimum increases indicated on each bid sheet. Once a bid is entered, it may not be removed or altered. A written bid constitutes a binding commitment by the bidder to pay. If the minimum increase is not observed, the bid number is illegible, or the bidder uses his or her name instead of bid number, the bid will be disqualified.

## **BIDDING IN THE LIVE AUCTION**

To enter a bid in the Live Auction, please raise your program toward the Auctioneer, with the number on the back facing the Auctioneer. A bid is registered only when formally recognized and called by the Auctioneer. The top bid acknowledged by the Auctioneer represents a legal contract to purchase the item. In the event of a dispute between bidders, the Auctioneer will have sole and final discretion either to determine the successful bidder or to reoffer and resell the article in dispute.

# LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



## 001 – Tony Party!

This is for the true theatre-lover!! Celebrate the 2018 Tony Awards with Tony-winning producer Jonathan and Hillary Reinis on Sunday, June 10. That evening, you and 5 guests will gather at the Reinis home in Berkeley to watch the Tonys as you peruse the hardcopy show programs and receive a blow-by-blow insider's description of each Tony-nominated show. Round out the experience with pastrami and other NYC deli delicacies flown all the way from Katz's in the Big Apple itself!

Donor: Hillary & Jonathan Reinis

*Restrictions: Valid only for the Sunday, June 10, 2018 Tony Awards Show.*



## 002 – Dinner at Commis with Tom Ross!

What an opportunity for four people! Enjoy dinner with Aurora Artistic Director Tom Ross at Commis, Chef James Syhabout's 2-Michelin star restaurant in Oakland.

Over food and wine, get all the inside theatre scoop from Tom. Ask him about how he puts a season together, where he finds his actors, his directors, the other artists necessary to put on a show, and anything else you might wish to find out about theatre.

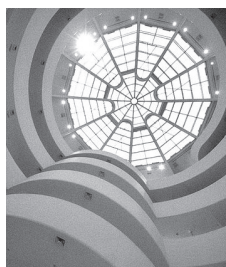
While grilling Tom (pun intended), you'll be eating the wonderful food of Commis, about which Michelin says, "Chef Syhabout pairs well-sourced, local ingredients with precise technique to create his sophisticated nightly tasting menu."

This truly is an all-in package: beverage pairing (wine or non-alcoholic), tax, and tip are included.

Donors: Anonymous; Aurora Theatre Company

*Restrictions: Reservation must be 5:30pm or 9:00pm, with Wednesdays and Thursdays preferred; subject to availability; date must be mutually agreeable; reservation cannot be made more than 60 days in advance; expires 05/01/19.*





### 003 – New York City!

There's nothing like it! New York sparkles in early December, so spend a full week there starting December 2, 2018. Broadway is booming, store windows are glowing with holiday décor, shoppers are bustling to and fro, ice skating rinks are open for fun and watching, and many museums have special exhibits. You and a guest will stay in a fully furnished one-bedroom apartment just one block from Lincoln Center; it comes with a helpful concierge desk, daily housekeeping service, and access to a fitness center.

And there's more! We're including:

- 100,000 Domestic United Airlines miles.
- Two tickets to a play at Lincoln Center.
- \$200 toward meals at Bar Boulud across the street.
- Two admission passes to the Guggenheim Museum and The Frick Collection.
- A book to read on your flight there: *Food and the City*. It's an oral history of New York's professional chefs, restaurateurs, line cooks, street vendors, and purveyors as they talk about what they do and why they do it.

Donors: Anonymous; Deborah & Howard Goodman; Hillary & Jonathan Reinis; Lisa & James Taylor

*Restrictions: Apartment: Sleeps up to 3 people; to be used Dec. 2-9, 2018; no pets. Performance tickets: Subject to availability. Airline miles: Subject to taxes after first \$100.*



## 004 – Rhine Getaway for Two on Viking Cruises!

Imagine sailing from Amsterdam to Basel on an 8-day journey revealing a rich landscape of beauty and culture. You will be enchanted by turreted fortresses, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns, and the spectacular scenery of the Middle Rhine – it is little wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers.



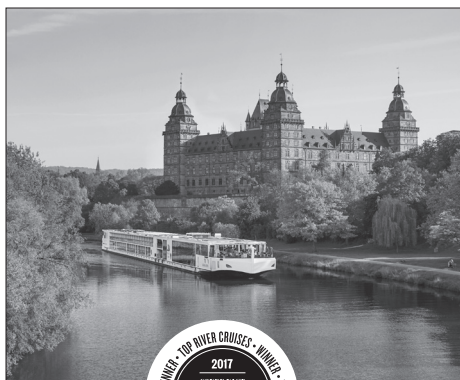
Among the highlights of this cruise: touring Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its network of 19 windmills; overlooking the Rhine from Germany's best preserved medieval castle; visiting Cologne's UNESCO World Heritage Site cathedral and historic Heidleberg; discovering the various culinary traditions of Alsace; exploring the Black Forest as you eat Black Forest Cake and visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration. This is not to be missed!



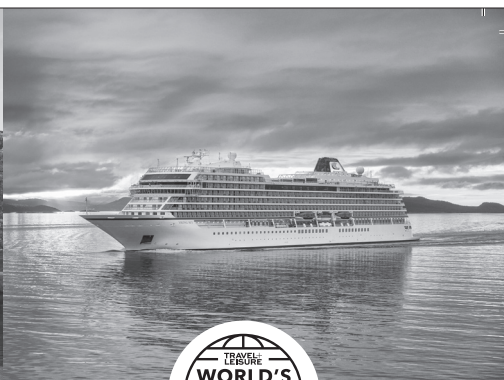
Enjoy all this with a river-view Veranda State Room with included meals and one shore excursion in every port of call. You can create your own pre- or post-trips to extend your vacation in Europe – you have lots of options!

Donor: Viking Cruises

*Restrictions: Valid for one Category B Veranda stateroom, double occupancy, cruise only; not transferable; may not be exchanged for cash; valid on available 2018 or 2019 embarkations only; blackout dates may apply; not combinable with any other offer; subject to stateroom availability; reservations can only be made within 90 days prior to departure; additional add-ons, such as air, transfers, hotels, etc. are only payable by credit card; restrictions may apply.*



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## **Raise your paddle high for Fund-A-Need!**

Aurora's artists, productions, and community programs all benefit when you show your support. What can your gift impact?

### **\$5,000**

The salary for one actor for the run of one mainstage show.  
Costumes for the cast of *Widowers' Houses*.

### **\$2,500**

Materials to build the *Eureka Day* set.  
The fee for one designer on a show.

### **\$1,000**

One week's health insurance for the cast of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.  
Salary and benefits for an actor for one week.

### **\$500**

One high-quality wig for Megan Trout in *Widowers' Houses*.  
Paint for the set of *The Royale*.

### **\$250**

A few hours of rehearsal with a dialect coach.  
Fees for the cast of a staged O+G reading.

### **\$100**

One week of dry cleaning of the costumes for *Dry Powder*.  
The daily cost of a Production Assistant.

# SILENT AUCTION –

## WHAT WILL **YOU** TAKE HOME?



### 101 – East Bay Museums

Explore your own backyard and expand your horizons at these unique East Bay Museums:

- Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive: Membership for free admission for two, discount film tickets for two, store and cafe discounts.
- Oakland Museum of California: Membership for free admission for you and a guest.
- Rosie the Riveter Trust: A family membership and lots of swag.
- Red Oak Victory Historic Ship: A docent-led tour for four.

Donors: Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive; Oakland Museum of California; Red Oak Victory Historic Ship; Rosie the Riveter Trust

*Restrictions: BAMPFA and OMCA: Expire one year after redemption. Red Oak: Getting around ship requires climbing stairs; blackout dates apply; expires 01/21/19. Rosie the Riveter: Expires 12/31/18.*



### 102 – Family Fun

Adults will like this – kids will love it! Enjoy the following:

- Two tickets to *Grease* by Berkeley Playhouse.
- Four guest passes to Lindsay Wildlife Experience.
- SS Jeremiah O'Brien: Free admission for two adults and two children to the National Liberty Ship Memorial.
- Two adult and two child tickets to any single performance in Bay Area Children's Theatre's 2018/2019 Season.
- You've had fun with the family – now spend the night alone on a mini-vacation at the Hyatt House Emeryville with a one-night weekend stay in a one-bedroom suite. To top it off, a complimentary hot breakfast is yours when you wake up!

Donors: Bay Area Children's Theatre; Berkeley Playhouse; Lindsay Wildlife Museum; The National Liberty Ship Memorial - SS Jeremiah O'Brien; Hyatt House Emeryville San Francisco Bay Area

*Restrictions: BACT: Valid for any BACT show in Berkeley, San Francisco, and Sunnyvale locations; tickets subject to availability. Berkeley Playhouse: Must redeem by 08/05/18 unless prior arrangements have been made. National Liberty Ship: Expires 12/31/2018. Hyatt House: Based on availability.*



## 103 – Two Nights in Mendocino for Four

Stay with Board Member Kitt Shute and her husband, lighting designer Jeff Rowlings, at their Mendocino Village home overlooking the beautiful Mendocino Bay. Perfect for a couple... and perhaps two close friends (you'll have the whole upstairs...two bedrooms and one bathroom). Happy hour the first night will feature a select tasting of Jeff's favorite single malt scotch whiskies, plus a bottle of wine or champagne to take with you to an included dinner in Mendocino Village. Jeff and Kitt will prepare a special mimosa breakfast one morning. Happy hour the second night will feature a select tasting of Kitt's favorite champagnes and sparkling wines. Oh!... remember to bring your bathing suits for private hot tubbing in the backyard. Kick back and enjoy the view from their spectacular deck (dress warm... even in summer!). Tickets to see a show at Mendocino Theatre Company (literally just around the corner) are also included. The only rule in Mendocino is that there are no rules... so your daytimes are your own so you can tailor the rest to your wants and desires!

Donor: Kitt Shute & Jeff Rowlings

*Restrictions: Stay must be two consecutive nights on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday; dates must be mutually agreeable, and June and July 2018 are excluded; this is a shared house with private quarters for the owners; theatre performance subject to availability; 20% tip for dinner at Mendocino restaurant not included; this is an adult-oriented weekend, so find a sitter for the kids; smoking on the deck is OK, but not in the house; expires 05/01/19.*

## NEW CENTURY

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

## 104 – A Full Season with New Century Chamber Orchestra

Bid on your chance to experience a full season of music performed by the New Century Chamber Orchestra. Only one of a handful of conductorless ensembles in the world, NCCO just welcomed British violinist Daniel Hope as the new Music Director. You can win a pair of subscriptions to one performance for each of their four concert series during the 2018/2019 Season.

Donor: New Century Chamber Orchestra

*Restrictions: Please redeem by September 1, 2018.*





## 105 – D.I.Y. Party

Yes, you can do-it-yourself – and we'll help! We'll give you the music, from Salsa to Samba to Latin Jazz as performed by NUEVO MUNDO Latin Music Ensemble, a case of wine from Campovida, and a gift basket from Trader Joe's. Now all you have to do is invite the guests!



Donors: Campovida; NUEVO MUNDO Latin Music Ensemble; Trader Joe's

*Restrictions: NUEVO MUNDO: Available for 2 hours on a mutually agreeable date and time on a Friday evening, Saturday afternoon or evening, or Sunday afternoon or evening before April 30, 2019, within 20 miles of Berkeley; winner need not provide sound system, but must have access to power and shade if venue is outdoors.*



## 106 – Oregon Gateway

Journey to Applegate Valley, Oregon!

- Spend three nights in a riverside one-bedroom, one-bath cottage located in the Applegate Valley on the Applegate River with trout fishing out your front yard. The cottage sleeps four and is a guest house on a six-acre property.
- Take a scenic drive to Ashland with two complimentary tickets to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- Visit the Schmidt Family Vineyard for wine tasting and lunch for two.
- As a memento, you'll take home one case of Flying Nymph Wine, a field blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc, made with grapes grown on the premises of your cottage and carefully blended by your hosts.



Donors: Carol & Joe Neil; Oregon Shakespeare Festival; Schmidt Family Vineyard

*Restrictions: Cottage: Cottage is only available May through September of 2018, and dates must be mutually agreeable; no more than 4 guests; no smoking or pets; meals not included. OSF: Subject to availability; valid Feb 16-Jun 17 and Oct 9-28, 2018 (Jun 19 - Oct 7, 2018 only Sunday through Thursday). Vineyard: Expires February 2019.*



## 107 – An Aurora Subscription for Two

Enjoy a subscription for two to Aurora's exciting 2018/2019 Season! If you already have a subscription, win this package and introduce friends to Aurora!

Before the show (or anytime) eat around the corner at Comal with an included \$50 gift card.

Donors: Aurora Theatre Company; Comal

*Restrictions: Please call to book your subscription as soon as possible; subject to availability; cannot be transferred to another season; no cross-show transfers; only for the 2018/19 Season; not valid on opening nights.*



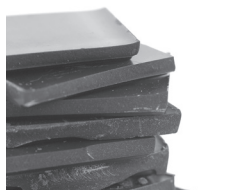
## 108 – Dinner and a Concert in Oakland

Spend a night out in Jack London Square! Begin your evening at Lungomare with a \$100 gift certificate for a delicious meal that highlights Northern California's bountiful harvest by offering a culinary tour of a one-of-a-kind climate and culture. Following dinner, use your \$75 voucher for tickets to a show at Yoshi's, whose lineup offers an eclectic mix of performers to meet your musical tastes.

Donors: Lungomare; Yoshi's

*Restrictions: Lungomare: Does not include gratuity.*

*Yoshi's: For tickets only; expires 10/30/18.*



## 109 – Chocolate Lovers, Unite!

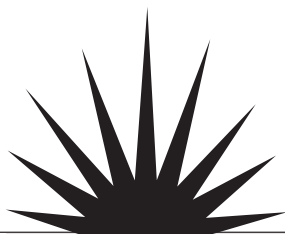
For all of the chocolate lovers and their partners in crime! Invite five of your fellow chocaholics to join you at a tasting and tour of Alegio Chocolaté. You'll taste the pure flavor of cacao, thanks to Claudio Corallo, an Italian-born agronomist who's made it his mission to produce the world's best chocolate. Claudio lives and grows his cocoa on the tiny island of São Tomé e Príncipe and ships his single estate-grown organic chocolate directly to his stores in Berkeley and Palo Alto. Your tour is available at either of the two stores.

Donor: Alegio Chocolaté

*Restrictions: Reservations required.*

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**ALEGIO**  
chocolaté





Think deeper. Laugh louder.

***And bid on item #107!***

## AURORA THEATRE COMPANY 2018/19 SEASON

### **DETROIT '67**

By Dominique Morisseau  
Directed by Darryl V. Jones

**AUG/SEP 2018**

### JONATHAN SAFRAN FOER'S **EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED**

Adapted by Simon Block  
Directed by Tom Ross

**NOV/DEC 2018**

### **CREDITORS**

By August Strindberg  
A new version by David Greig  
Directed by  
Barbara Damashek

**JAN/FEB 2019**

### **ACTUALLY**

By Anna Ziegler  
Directed by Tracy Ward

**MAR/APR 2019**

AT HARRY'S UPSTAGE IN  
AURORA'S DASHOW WING

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**

By Oscar Wilde  
Directed by Josh Costello

**APR/MAY 2019**

### **THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING**

By Joan Didion  
Directed by Nancy Carlin

**JUN/JUL 2019**



DAN HOYLE, MICHAEL GENE SULLIVAN, AND MEGAN  
TROUT IN *WIDOWERS' HOUSES*. PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS ON SALE NOW!**

Visit the box office | Call 510.843.4822 | Visit [auroratheatre.org](http://auroratheatre.org)



## 110 – Subscription for Two to the Berkeley Symphony

Under the music direction of Joana Carneiro, the Berkeley Symphony is known for its vibrant selection of classical music. Audiences enjoy well-known works in addition to new pieces from young composers, and now you can experience an entire season with two season subscriptions to their Symphonic Series at Zellerbach Hall, with admission to the Post-Concert Members' Receptions. A whole year of music!

Donor: Berkeley Symphony

*Restrictions: Winner must reserve seats by 09/15/18; tickets and seating are subject to availability; C-level seating in rear orchestra/mezzanine; cannot be exchanged for credit or combined with other promotions or purchases.*

## 111 – Frank Family Wines

Enjoy a trio of wine from the Frank Family Vineyards, including:

- 2 bottles of Frank-Rombauer Larkmead Cellars 1996 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford, Napa Valley
- 1 bottle of Frank Family Vineyards 2013 Zinfandel, Napa Valley

Donor: Alan Elnick



## 112 – Edible Excursion Through the Gourmet Ghetto

We all love to eat! Win this package to receive:

- An "Edible Excursions" Gourmet Ghetto Culinary Walking Tour for two.
- \$25 gift certificate for The Local Butcher Shop, dedicated to seasonal, locally-sourced, sustainably-raised fresh meat.
- \$75 gift certificate for Saul's Restaurant when you don't want to cook and you just want to eat.
- Coffee Tasting (and beans!) for 5 from Philz Coffee, where you'll taste 3 blends of coffee paired with bites of food.



Donors: Edible Excursions; The Local Butcher Shop; Philz Coffee; Saul's Restaurant & Delicatessen

*Restrictions: Edible: Tours are Thursdays 11:00am-2:15pm and Saturdays 10:00am-1:00pm; expires December 2018. Saul's: Not valid on holidays.*



## 113 – For the Adventurous Artist

Relish three opportunities to let your creative side soar! At Kinetic Arts Center, you can fulfill your dream of running away to the circus with a certificate for a three-class starter package to help you on your way to juggling, contortions, and acrobatics. With \$250 from The Crucible, sign up for a class in anything from blacksmithing to jewelry-making or glass blowing. You also have \$200 toward a class or a workshop at the Richmond Art Center, where you can hone your skills at painting, printmaking, weaving, and more!

Donors: Kinetic Arts Center; The Crucible; Richmond Art Center  
*Restrictions: Kinetic: Expires 04/30/19; value is non-transferable and is only valid for option listed; no substitutions.*



## 114 – Dear Evan Hansen at The Curran

This is your opportunity to see the Tony-award winning musical, *Dear Evan Hansen*. It's funny, it's warm, it's heart-breaking; it's got an insecure teen, high school bullying, social media, and a single mom. And yet, as the *NY Times* said, it's "anything but a downer." The music is by the hot team of Ben Pasek and Justin Paul.

Best of all, you don't have to travel to New York to see it - we have two premium seats on the aisle in the orchestra for an evening performance of the show at the Curran Theatre on December 11, 2018. This will be a tough ticket to get - your friends will be jealous!

Donor: Anonymous

*Restrictions: December 11, 2018 performance only.*



## 115 – Hit the Cheese Trail

Hit the California Cheese Trail with help from a few creameries along the way. Your package includes:

- A trip to the Bohemian Creamery in Sebastopol, where a cheese tour for two awaits with an introduction to cheese-making, a tasting, and a visit with the goats!
- A Friday Farm Tour of Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co.
- \$50 to Harley Farms Goat Dairy in Pescadero.

- A cooler and ice packs to preserve your purchases on the drive... plus a Pinot Noir and a Chardonnay from Stomping Girl Wines!

Donors: Anonymous; Bohemian Creamery; Harley Farms Goat Dairy; Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co.; Stomping Girl Wines

*Restrictions: Bohemian Creamery: Reservations required; expires 04/30/19. Harley Farms: Expires 10/26/18.*

## 116 – Healdsburg Getaway

A wonderful opportunity to easily get away from it all – and not have to go through TSA! What a relief!!

- An overnight stay for two at Moshin Vineyards Winery private Guest Suite, located right at the winery, in the heart of the beautiful Russian River Valley. Included is a private tour of their gravity-flow, solar powered winery specializing in Pinot Noir. End with a Pure Pinot Tasting to really get to know their wonderful wines. Plus take home a bottle of their 2012 Chardonnay tonight!
- Williamson Wines: During a special two-hour session, you'll



**Queen Ellen:**  
**Prouf Reeder Extraordinair**  
 -Your Co-Chair, Deborah

CAST OF *THE ELABORATE ENTRANCE OF CHAD DEITY*. PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN

**There's never a bad season. Congratulations to the whole Aurora crew!**  
 - Elizabeth Burwell

L. PETER CALLENDER IN *BREAKFAST WITH MUGABE*. PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN

get to taste six of their wines, several of which are their icon wines – small production, collectible wines made from their finest fruit. You won't want to miss this! Your tasting will be paired with unique food selected by their chef to really get the best out of the wines.

- **Comstock Wines:** Includes a private Terrace Tasting for four of six of their favorite wines, along with a small bite pairing. The Terrace at Comstock Wines is a magical place, overlooking their Estate Merlot Vineyards. It is an ideal place to enjoy the beauty of Dry Creek Valley and fully immerse yourself in the distinct varietals that thrive in Sonoma County.

Donors: Comstock Wines; Moshin Vineyards; Williamson Wines

*Restrictions: Comstock: Based on availability; expires 03/30/19. Moshin: Valid for up to 2 guests; expires 05/01/19; must be 21+; non-smoking property; no pets permitted; subject to availability. Williamson: Reservation required.*



## **117 – Dockside Dinner for Eight**

Anchors Away! It will be quite the seaside dinner party in Alameda when you invite seven friends to join you for a Dockside Dinner Buffet, hosted by Commodore Cruises and Events during their Meet the Fleet event. Dine in style on a delicious buffet dinner and enjoy the hosted beer, wine, champagne, and, of course, dessert!

Donor: Commodore Cruises & Events

*Restrictions: In conjunction with Commodore's "Meet the Fleet" Open House, which takes place 2 Wednesdays a month from 6pm - 8pm; expires 02/24/19.*

## **118 – Be Part of a Start-Up**

For the "Silicon Valley" enthusiast in your life, a great package of swag from the award-winning HBO show: a sweatshirt and t-shirt each bear the show's name, and they fit nicely into a Pied Piper backpack.

Donor: Anonymous





## **119 – Tasting and a Zin from Ridge Vineyards**

Enjoy a private tour and tasting at one of Ridge Vineyards' two wineries for you and three guests. Choose either Monte Bello with Bordeaux varietals high in the Santa Cruz Mountains in Cupertino or the Zinfandel vines at their Lytton Springs winery in Healdsburg. Plus, take home a magnum of their 2015 Lytton Springs Zinfandel from Ridge Vineyards tonight! Awarded 92 points from *Wine Spectator*, this is a wine you can drink now or hold for 10 years.

Donor: Ridge Vineyards

*Restrictions: Two weeks minimum notice when scheduling.*



## **120 – San Francisco Jewish Film Festival**

With two All-Festival Passes to the 2018 Jewish Film Festival (July 19-August 5, 2018), you will be able to view all films selected for this year's Festival at theatres in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, and San Rafael. Now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year, it's the first and longest festival of its kind in the world - make sure you are there!

Donor: Marjory Kaplan & Dan Granoff

*Restrictions: Must be redeemed by 06/01/18.*



## **121 – Let's Go Out to the Old Ball Game!**

Win four tickets to see the San Francisco Giants during the 2018 season and sit in lower box seats that are six rows from the Giants' Bullpen – it doesn't get much better than that! You'll consult with the donor to select the game – and he's very reasonable! You'll also get an autographed photo of Joe Panik, second baseman for the Giants. This is perfect for any Giants fan.

Donors: San Francisco Giants; Tom & Amy Worth

*Restrictions: For the 2018 season; game to be determined in consultation with the donor.*



## **122 – A Special Aurora Dedication**

Dedicate an Aurora performance! Whether you are celebrating a special occasion or honoring a good friend, dedicate an Aurora performance and attend with 8 tickets for you and your guests. Includes choice of a pre- or post-

show reception (wine and savory snacks for pre-show, dessert and wine post-show), and recognition at the performance.

Donors: Aurora Theatre Company; Campovida

*Restrictions: Subject to availability; cannot be used for opening or closing night, or the first week of a performance's run; expires 07/31/2019.*



## 123 – Hawaiian Paradise

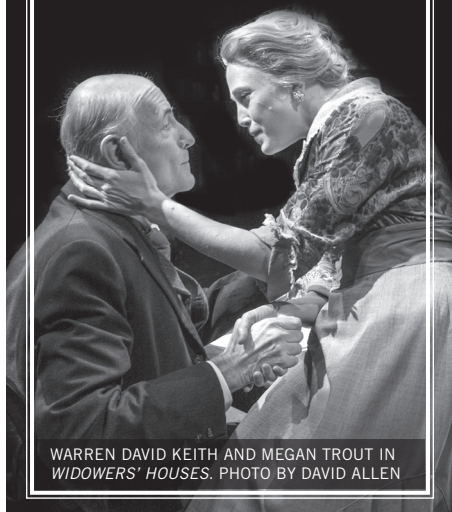
Relax in paradise! Spend one off-season week (7 nights) in Maui in a Kahana Villa timeshare north of Lahaina. This two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment is across from the beach in Kahana between Kapalua and Ka'anapali. Amenities include air conditioning, hot tub, washer/dryer (in room), full kitchen, tennis, outdoor swimming pool, and gas BBQ area. Aloha!

Donor: Linda & Steve Wolan

*Restrictions: Booking must be on mutually agreed upon dates and coordinated with donor; holiday/vacation times are not available, as they are booked up to a year in advance; trip must be used by 12/31/18.*

**Thank you Aurora for  
a wonderful season!**

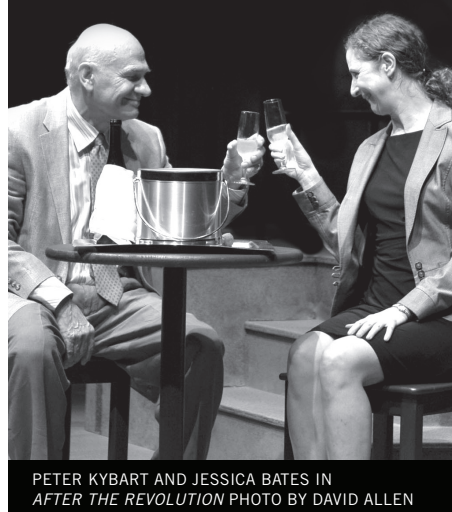
- Gertrude Allen



WARREN DAVID KEITH AND MEGAN TROUT IN  
WIDOWERS' HOUSES. PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN

**Hats off to the staff at  
Aurora without whom  
no season could exist!**

- Ellen & Barry Levine



PETER KYBART AND JESSICA BATES IN  
AFTER THE REVOLUTION PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN



## 124 — The Board's Best

Just for you, a case of assorted wine from Aurora's Board of Directors. Your mix includes one bottle of each:

- Wellington Winery 2014 Reserve Merlot
- Dalla Valle Vineyards 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Hafner 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon
- MacRostie Winery & Vineyards 2015 Pinot Noir, Cummings Vineyard
- Goldeneye Ten Degrees 2015 Pinot Noir
- Silverado Vineyards 2013 Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
- L'Angevin 2006 Pinot Noir
- Hafner 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Grown
- Hafner 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley
- Goldeneye 2015 Pinot Noir
- Patz & Hall 2007 Pinot Noir
- Crossbarn 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Donors: Aurora's Board of Directors

## 125 & 126 — For the Discerning Wine Enthusiast

You have two chances to bid on either four or six bottles of this exquisite 2008 Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret Grands-Echézeaux Grand Cru, a Pinot Noir from the Burgundy Region of France. *Wine Spectator* rated it 93 points, and it can be described as "peaceful and dreamy, serene with age, subtle and refined, this wine fully reveals the complex nature of a really good Burgundy" with a structure that is "solid, full-bodied, rich and exceptionally harmonious."

Donor: Ed & Liliane Schneider

*Restrictions: Item 125 is six bottles, and item 126 is four bottles.*





## TREASURE BALLOONS: ALWAYS A FUN SURPRISE!

The colorful **white, teal, and gold** balloons circulating through the crowd contain a myriad of treasures inside! **Purchase a balloon for \$25, \$50, or \$100 and you are guaranteed to take home a prize worth at least as much as – and oftentimes more! – than what you paid.** Try your luck and a fabulous prize such as:

- Spirits, fine wines, or tastings from Faction Brewing, St. George Spirits, Stomping Girl Wines, Campovida, Ed's Red and others!
  - Tickets to Rialto Cinemas, Smuin Ballet, Merola Opera Program, A.C.T., Oakland Symphony, Marin Theatre Company, the Oakland Zoo, Asian Art Museum, Piedmont, Piano Company, SFMOMA, and many more!
  - Dining at Poulet, Hopscotch, Gather, Trabocco, La Piazza, Saul's, Bette's Ocean View Diner, and Nido, just to name a few!
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## RAFFLE – ONE NIGHT ONLY!

This year, we are only offering the chance to buy Raffle Tickets in conjunction with *Supernova*. **The drawing will be onstage immediately preceding the Live Auction**, so look for our volunteers who are selling Raffle Tickets and buy yours!

Tickets are **\$20 for one ticket**, or **\$100 for six tickets**. (*Winner need not be present to win.*)


**1st Prize: Four tickets to one San Francisco Giants game during the 2018 Season, with seats in the Lower Box and just six rows from the Giants' bullpen!**

**2nd Prize: Personalized silver 128GB iPad Mini 4 with WiFi + Cellular (plus a smart cover!)**

**3rd Prize: Magnum of 2014 Dashe Zinfandel Louvau Vineyard Block**

Thanks to Tom & Amy Worth, Mayhill & Jim Fowler, and Ellen & Barry Levine

*Restrictions to 1st prize: Date of game to be determined in consultation with the donor.*



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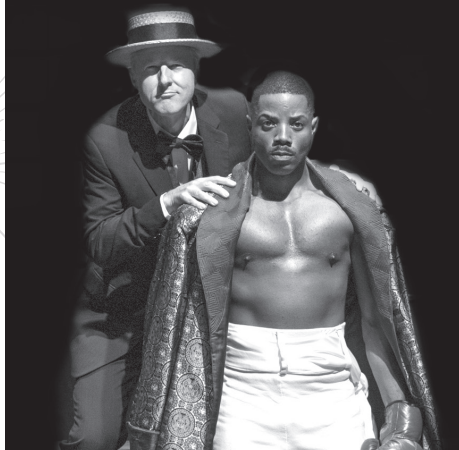
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**We love seeing a good  
 play and discussing it  
 with friends afterward!**

**- Trudy & Gary Moore**



TIM KNIFFIN AND CALVIN M. THOMPSON IN  
*THE ROYALE*. PHOTO BY DAVID ALLEN

**Hats off to co-chairs Ellen and  
 Deborah! You've done it again-  
 a fabulous event honoring a  
 fabulous theatre company.**

**-Helen**

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### The Gentlemen Amateurs

**Sam Jackson** - *Lead Vocals* | **Greg Barr** - *Guitar*  
**Jason Tharp** - *Bass* | **Luna Fuentes-Vaccaro** - *Drums*  
**Adam Louie** - *Trumpet* | **Dana Rietdyk** - *Tenor Sax*

The Gentlemen Amateurs are a live wire, 6-piece band with onstage energy to spare. They honed their craft in garages and basements across the East Bay and have recently graced the stages of many Bay Area venues, including The Great American Music Hall, Bottom of the Hill, and The Starry Plough. The Gents retain an organic musical aesthetic and a dogged do-it-yourself work ethic, opting for sweat and grit over the smoke and mirrors of modern production. Their songs are bright and upbeat, with soul-inflected hooks, tight grooves, and snappy brass. They have the raw energy of rock, the sweetness of soul, and the sophistication of jazz, all drizzled over a bed of funk. Fronted by the disarmingly talented Sam Jackson, the Gents present a sound that is fresh, funky, and frayed around the edges.

### Tom Durein, Auctioneer

A 4th generation Alameda native, and current San Francisco resident, Tom Durein is committed to supporting his community and has provided emcee and live auction support for numerous Bay Area organizations as they work to fulfill their missions and meet their fundraising goals. Groups have included Project Open Hand of San Francisco, Legal Aid of Marin, SF-Marin Food Bank, Northern California Presbyterian Homes & Services (NCPHS), and SF's Merola Opera Program. Tom is also a Deputy Marriage Commissioner for the City and County of San Francisco in his free time, and works full time as the Vice President for Owner Accounts for NetJets, Inc.

**We salute Aurora for twenty-  
six years of entertaining,  
moving, thought provoking,  
intimate theatre experiences!**

**- Amy and Tom Worth, Betsy and Dana Ream**

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Deborah S. Goodman and Ellen B. Levine, *Co-Chairs*

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## WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOU HERE TONIGHT! YOUR PARTICIPATION AT SUPERNOVA 2018 SUPPORTS...

**Local artistry** – Over 95% of Aurora’s actors, directors, and designers call the Bay Area home.

**New works** – Originate + Generate, Aurora’s new works initiative, enables Aurora to be a home for local playwrights and theatremakers.

**Theatre for all** – With free matinees for low-income seniors and local high school students, plus a variety of discounted ticketing opportunities, Aurora strives to make theatre accessible for our entire community.

**Gender parity** – Each Aurora season has three plays by female playwrights and three by male playwrights, and the productions are helmed by three female and three male directors.

**Entertaining, relevant theatre** – Staying true to founder Barbara Oliver’s initial inspiration, Aurora produces shows about important topics for its Bay Area audiences.

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## THANK YOU!

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