



## AUCTION ITEMS

**GUEST CRITIC WITH BILLY COSTA ON “TV DINER” Diner for a Day:** It’s time for your 15 minutes of fame! You are invited to come on the show and review a restaurant recommended by “TV Diner”! We film your evening out and then you come into NECN studios during one of our taping days to sit down with **Billy Costa** and tell us about your experience. Our viewers matter a great deal to the “TV Diner” crew, we want to know your opinion! Please allow up to 6 months to schedule due to pre-booked shows. *Donated by TV Diner, NECN, 160 Wells Avenue, Newton* • **Value: priceless!**

**WALK-ON ROLE Once in a lifetime chance to be in the spotlight!** A walk-on role for one person on an upcoming film or television project. Established in 1991, Boston Casting is the premiere casting company in New England, having worked with directors such as Errol Morris, The Farrelly Brothers, David Mamet and Rob Reiner. With over 3,000 square feet of office and studio space, Boston Casting is the largest casting house in the greater Boston area. Boston Casting specializes in casting feature films, commercials and reality television shows, for principal roles as well as extras. With over 20,000 actors on file, including children, special ability actors and those seeking reality television fame, Boston Casting is a versatile and resourceful company that continues to excel at arranging the perfect ensembles. *Donated by Susan and Richard Lapierre and Boston Casting* • **Value: Priceless!**

**DINNER AND THE RED SOX I! Four Grandstand Red Sox tickets** for a 2009 May or June game on a Thursday or Friday (there will be a choice of two games to be determined at a later date), and a **\$75 gift certificate for Game On!** at the Fenway (voted best sports bar in Boston). *Donated by Anthony Troiano, Esq., One Thompson Square, Suite 303, Charlestown, Mass.* • **Value: \$375**

**DINNER AND THE RED SOX II! Four Grandstand Red Sox tickets** for a 2009 May or June game on a Thursday or Friday (there will be a choice of two games to be determined at a later date), and a **\$75 gift certificate for Game On!** at the Fenway (voted best sports bar in Boston). *Donated by Anthony Troiano, Esq., One Thompson Square, Suite 303, Charlestown, Mass.* • **Value: \$375**

**A DATE WITH THE RED SOX III! Two Grandstand Red Sox tickets** for a 2009

May or June game on a Thursday or Friday (there will be a choice of two games to be determined at a later date). *Donated by Anthony Troiano, Esq., One Thompson Square, Suite 303, Charlestown, Mass. • Value: \$150*

**PRIVATE WINE & CHEESE TASTING** Private tasting for four at **Formaggio Kitchen**, where you will sample wines and cheeses with the manager, and get a tour of the Cave. Formaggio Kitchen has been an institution in Cambridge, Massachusetts for over 20 years — a gourmand's paradise doubling as a neighborhood grocer. Visitors come to stock up on cheeses, cured meats and baked goods, always leaving with something they've never seen before that is sure to become a new house staple. But it is the cheese cave, built out of an old office deep in the nether reaches of the basement beneath Huron Avenue, that makes us most proud. Constructed in 1996 (as the first of its kind in this country) with all the damp, musty, chilly characteristics of an Alpine hillside, the cave now holds our precious stock at their ideal temperature and humidity, creating both a place to age young wheels and maintain moisture in older ones. *Donated by Formaggio's Kitchen 244 Huron Avenue Cambridge • Value: \$200*

**OVERNIGHT AT THE CHARLES** One night at the **Charles Hotel** with **\$150 gift certificate at Henrietta's Table**: A most original luxury hotel, the newly renovated **Charles Hotel** combines classic New England design and sophisticated service. You can see our character in our signature quilts, bountiful regional cuisine, and thoughtful planning. Located in the heart of Harvard Square, just minutes from downtown Boston, The Charles Hotel has become the home away from home for internationally renowned business leaders, government officials, entertainment executives and leisure travelers. **Henrietta's Table** serves award-winning New England classics using ingredients procured from local vendors and organic farmers for breakfast, lunch, supper and Saturday and Sunday brunch. *Donated by The Charles Hotel, One Bennett Street, Cambridge • Value: \$600*

**ROMANTIC GETAWAY AT LE MERIDIEN CAMBRIDGE** One night stay at **Le Meridien Cambridge** with breakfast, and one night stay at **Le Meridien Cambridge** with dinner at **Upstairs on the Square**: **Le Méridien Cambridge** provides welcoming guest rooms and suites in a contemporary chic style. The calming earth tones of golden maize, heathery moss and warm copper, walls accented with original artwork for the MIT Collection and sleek contemporary furniture offer a palette for respite or serene productivity. Views look out over the peaceful local area or the picturesque and quaint streets below. Spacious bathrooms and powerful showers offer an extra touch of added comfort to all guest rooms. **Upstairs on the Square** is the winner of *Boston Magazine's* 2008 "Best of Boston" Award: "Amid pastel-colored walls (so charming!), fireplaces (so cozy!), and food like Wellfleet oysters on the half shell with yuzu ice (so flirtatious!), what makes this the Hub's most romantic option is the space. Specifically, that there's lots of it. Amorous ambiance is so often ruined by patrons who are positioned a little too close and talking little too loudly. At Upstairs on the Square, it's private enough to murmur juicy tidbits and sweet nothings with abandon." *Donated by Le Meridien, 20 Sidney Street, Cambridge, and Mary-Catherine Deibel, Upstairs on the Square, 91 Winthrop Street, Cambridge • Value: \$500*

**SPECIAL GETAWAY AT LE MERIDIEN CAMBRIDGE** One night stay at Le Meridien Cambridge with breakfast, and one night stay at Le Meridien Cambridge with dinner at Sidney's Grille: Le Méridien Cambridge provides welcoming guest rooms and suites in a contemporary chic style. The calming earth tones of golden maize, heathery moss and warm copper, walls accented with original artwork for the MIT Collection and sleek contemporary furniture offer a palette for respite or serene productivity. Views look out over the peaceful local area or the picturesque and quaint streets below. Spacious bathrooms and powerful showers offer an extra touch of added comfort to all guest rooms. **Sidney's Grille at the Le Meridien** is an innovative American Grille with a contemporary and eclectic setting for combining fresh flavors with a Mediterranean flair. *Donated by Le Meridien, 20 Sidney Street, Cambridge • Value: \$500*

**TWO SHOWS WITH DINNER** Two sets of tickets to the Central Square Theatre 2008–2009 theatre season, \$50 gift certificate to Rendezvous and a \$50 gift certificate to Craigie Street Grill: The Central Square Theater will provide a home to Underground Railway Theater (URT) and The Nora Theatre Company, two professional theater companies with a combined track record of over 48 years of excellence. URT has a 29 year history of connecting high quality professional theater with communities, performing new plays for young audiences, families and adults, and teaching through its rigorous education programming. Combining actors, puppetry and music, URT reaches out to and engages diverse audiences with performances of great beauty and compelling social content. During The Nora's 19 years, audiences and the media have recognized it for its exceptionally high quality work. Mission-driven to bring cutting-edge, thought-provoking, and contemporary productions to New England audiences, The Nora has introduced local audiences to Boston, New England, and/or world premieres. Have dinner at either of these Cambridge classic restaurants before or after your theatre experience! *Donated Central Square Theatre, 450 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge; Rendezvous 502 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, (617) 576-1900, Craigie Street Bistro, 5 Craigie Circle, Cambridge, 617-487-5511 • Value: \$250*

**CELEBRITY CHEF COOKING LESSON** The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts — two \$100 gift certificates for Celebrity Chef Series, Nick Malgieri, Saturday, February 7, 2009, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. As seen on the Food Network's "Throwdown with Bobby Flay," Nick Malgieri is a nationally recognized pastry chef residing in New York City. He is the author of nine award-winning cookbooks, including the newest, *The Modern Baker: Time-Saving Techniques for Breads, Tarts, Pies, Cakes and Cookies*. His cookbook *Chocolate* received the IACP/Julia Child Cookbook Award and was named Best Chocolate Book in the World by the 1998 Salon International du Livre Gourmand. He received the prestigious James Beard Award for the book *How to Bake*. *Food and Wine Magazine* named two of his books in its Best of the Best list. Nick was named one of ten best pastry chefs in America by *Chocolatier* and *Pastry Art and Design* Magazines. During his appearance at The CSCA, Nick will demonstrate several chocolate desserts from *The Modern Baker*. In his demo, Nick will show fast and easy tips for working with chocolate and baking while saving time in the kitchen. Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions throughout the baking demo.

Nick will conclude the demo with a book signing. Includes the cookbook, *The Modern Baker*. Please note, this is a demo and not a hands-on class. **Donated by The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, 2020 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge • Value: \$200**

**YOGA PRIVATE INSTRUCTION (details to come) • Value: \$500**