



AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE IN BLACK AND WHITE

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR SERENATA 2017

Palms and pearls, deco and decadence, Serenata in black and white -- an evening of pure elegance. This, the ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel, magically transformed for our Serenata Wine Dinner and Auction.

And to you, our readers, some details about this year's gala:

Austin's own Ron Oliveira will serve as MC for the evening. Soprano Karen Slack, who wowed audiences last year as *Aida*, will regale us with her beautiful singing. And, Harvey Kronberg will again head our always-lively auction.

After an elegant feast and live auction, the evening will conclude with a dance featuring the ever-popular Reunion Band with our incoming President of the Board of Trustees, Stephen Jeffrey, on horn.

And now a preview of some items to be auctioned off:

For fine-wine lovers, what about a bottle of 2012 Pingus, valued at \$1100? Perhaps simply browse the program to find those lots of wine that speak to your palette.

For those who enjoy fine dining, what about a splendid dinner party for 24 in a lovely private home, including a concert by Anton Nel, all arranged by Eva Womack? Eva and her husband Marvin were our special honorees last year in thanks for their generous support of the arts in Austin.

If these gray winter skies have left you yearning for sunnier climes, imagine a week at Condo Caracoles on Mexico's lovely Isla Mujeres for up to 5 people. Or, what about a week on the beach in Ft Myers, Florida?

For those who love beautiful jewelry, Benold's and Peter Martino have again contributed an exquisite piece for some lucky lady. And our own John Melanson has donated a lovely pair of silver earrings he crafted himself.

Finally, for those of you who prize heirlooms, be on the lookout for special glassware items from the estate of the late Jeanette Nassour.

These are only highlights of the many treasures our hard-working auction committee has gathered. More than 50 beautiful items will be on display at the gala, and more than 30 lots of fine wines will be auctioned off! So, come, browse, and make your bids. Perhaps you'll take home a precious memento of this year's gala. To view the Auction Catalogue use this link: <http://www.auctionsourceonline.com/austinoperaguild/>

