

A Gala Named Desire

REVELRY IN THE FRENCH QUARTER

LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW

*From private dinners and performances, to your chance at Arizona Opera stardom,
our live auction includes something for everyone!*

ITEM #1: VOTRE TOAST: MAESTRO IN THE MAKING

Back by popular demand! Have you dreamed of being in the orchestra pit, surrounded by the power of the Arizona Opera Orchestra? Well, here is your chance to take the baton! You'll never feel like a bigger rock star than when you take the podium in front of over 1,000 cheering students to conduct the AZO Orchestra in an excerpt from *Carmen* during the final bows of that production at our Student Night final dress rehearsal in January 2021. Includes 8 VIP dress rehearsal passes, pre-rehearsal dinner for you and your guests, an exclusive post-performance backstage tour and photo-op, a conducting lesson with Arizona Opera music staff to prepare you for your big day, and of course, your own personalized baton!

ITEM #2: GYPSIES, TOREADORS, AND THIEVES: A SUPERNUMERARY EXPERIENCE

If you couldn't join us at Violetta's elegant garden party in *La Traviata* or in the Parisian streets near Café Momus in *La Bohème*, this is your chance to travel to the gritty, fiery landscape of Seville! Don't miss your chance to win a walk-on role as a supernumerary (extra) in Arizona Opera's production of *Carmen* in January/February 2021. Imagine yourself in the middle of the action, amidst the beautiful scenery, in full costume, under the bright stage lights... the familiar tunes rising up from the orchestra pit... while you're surrounded by glorious voices from world-class opera stars and the power of the AZO Chorus. Trust us: you've never experienced *Carmen* from this perspective before! Includes costume fittings, wigs, and makeup by AZO's talented costume and production staff. Be sure to join us in the lobby at intermission for a champagne toast, and photos with all your friends and family!

ITEM #3: WATCH FROM THE WINGS: ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER FOR AN ACT

If you missed out on the supernumerary experience, here is another chance to see *Carmen* from a seat you've never had before, an opportunity which we are "auditioning" for the very first time today! Watch the first act of *Carmen* from the wings of the stage when you sit beside the stage manager for the first act of the show. Join us 45 minutes before curtain for all the pre-show calls, announcements, and activities. Hop on your own wireless headset with the rest of the production and stage management team so you can hear all the cues, and be sure to practice your announcer's voice now, because you get to call places at the top of the show!

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ITEM #4: A SPECTER SPECTACULAR... IN A SALUTE TO THE STUDIO!

Join Joe and Kate Specter for one of their rare signature dinner recitals, as they invite you and your party of 8 into their home for a delectable 4-course meal (prepared with love by Kate) and an intimate recital of arias, duets, love songs, and stories. To make this evening even more memorable, they will be joined by AZO's Head of Music and Director of the Marion Roose Pullin Studio, Christopher Cano, on piano, with a special guest performance by the alumni of your choice from a select group of current and former Studio Artists. All proceeds from this item go to benefit the Marion Roose Pullin Opera Studio. With this powerhouse combination, you're in for a thrilling night of incredible music, delicious food, and endless memories!

ITEM #5: NYC AUDITION TOUR & METROPOLITAN OPERA PACKAGE!

Pack your bags for the Big Apple – and don't forget your headshot! Bid on your chance to go to some of the most sacred spaces in New York when you join AZO Artistic Staff during the Arizona Opera Audition Tour, October 7-11, 2020. Your trip includes roundtrip air travel from PHX to NYC; 3-night hotel stay; a day of auditions and callbacks at the OPERA America National Opera Center with Joe Specter, Zack Hayhurst, and Chris Cano; a backstage tour and tickets to TWO Metropolitan Opera performances of your choice that week. Choices include *Carmen*, *Roberto Devereux* with Angela Meade and Jamie Barton, *The Tales of Hoffmann* with Matthew Polenzani, and *Aida* with Anna Netrebko!

ITEM #6: GET READY FOR RED PARTY, OR HAVE THE HALLOWEEN OF YOUR DREAMS!

Opening night of our thrilling 2020/21 Season is just 6 months away – do you know what you're wearing yet? Be ready for the RED Party or your next big fall event in your one-of-a-kind, custom-made cocktail dress or three-piece suit designed and built locally by the phenomenally skilled artists and designers of the AZO Marlu Allan and Scott Stallard Costume Artisan Workshop. Meet with your own personal design team this spring to plan the outfit of your dreams, take your measurements, and choose your fabrics. We'll work through the summer to prepare your dress or suit, and you'll have the chance to come in for additional fittings, as needed, so we can make sure your look is tailored to perfection in time for RED Party 2020 (September 27 in Phoenix, October 4 in Tucson.) If you already have the attire you need for next year's social season, our team can also build a beautiful period costume for a truly bespoke Halloween or other costumed affair!

