

# ***Auction Catalog Sample of Offerings***



**PTA of PS 8  
Annual Auction  
April 2, 2009**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

On behalf of the Presidents of the PTA of PS 8, thank you to everyone who has helped to make this event possible through your tireless efforts and those who have so generously donated or created amazing items for our auction. Thank you for supporting PS 8!

- Michael Towne Wine and Spirits for generously donating all the wine
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- Ito En tea for the delicious natural fruit tea
- James Weir Florist for the pretty flowers
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- PS 8 Parents and Friends who donated items and services
- Eric Janssen, who is always ready to offer his expertise
- The PTA Spring Auction Committee:
  - Nathalie Fried, the Chair of the event, and her lovely family Mark, Charlotte and Auguste for supporting her in this production
  - The Co-Chairs each of whom had specific tasks but chipped in together to help each other, to ask for some amazing donations from all the neighborhood businesses and beyond, and to assist with the logistics so the Auction would all come together:
    - Susan Sellers for her expertise and design of flyers, invites and posters
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    - Carolanne Patterson and Laurence Moulin for creating beautiful decorations
    - Becky Sternal for organizing the clean up
    - And the many supportive families of our Co-Chairs who helped to make this event happen.

The PS 8 Spring Auction is an outstanding example of the spirit of volunteerism that continues to define PS 8 as a premier neighborhood public elementary school. If you haven't already, we hope you will *Catch the spirit!*

*Note: This catalog is a sample of offerings for the auction only. The auction committee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the items and/or the way they will be auctioned off.*

## **BIDDING STARTS EARLY FOR THE PS 8 KIDS ART**

**ORIGINAL ARTWORK PREPARED BY OUR OWN KIDS!** They worked sooooo hard and the results are wonderful!

The table below details the art projects that you can start bidding for early on **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** by way of secret bid. For 2 days ONLY everyone will get a chance to place their bids. The Auction Committee will then write down the highest bid as the opening bid for the Auction night, and then the bidding continues!!

The related works are on view on the school's website [www.ps8pta.org](http://www.ps8pta.org).

| <b>Class</b>  | <b>Project</b>        | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Size</b>       | <b>Opening Bid for Each Piece</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><i>The PRE-K classes did their own art project, helped by their teachers and beautifully put together by Antonella (Justin's Mom).</i></b>   |                       |  |                   |                                   |
| PK 1<br>Schwartz  | Night Sky Quilt       | This precious royal blue quilt is reminiscent of a night sky with the personalized touch of little hands.  | 39"x55 1/2"       | \$200                             |
| PK 2<br>Levkulic  | Day Sky Quilt         | This light blue quilt is as soft and puffy as the clouds on it. A collaborative drawing makes this piece complete.   | 37 3/4" x 55 1/4" | \$200                             |
| <b><i>Over the last 3 months, Mrs. Kravitz, PS 8 art teacher, with the help of Jenny Bevy from the Guggenheim Museum and many parent volunteers, has worked with each class on making this beautiful art for our Auction.</i></b> |                       |  |                   |                                   |
| K101<br>Davis   | Flower Landscapes (2) | Tempera paint and pencil on high grade watermark paper. Children created their own individual flowers that live happily on a collaborative background. These joyous works of art inspired by Monet and Springtime are the perfect way to celebrate spring! | 30"x22"           | \$150                             |
| K102<br>Ciappetta/Scorza  | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| K103<br>Merriam   | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| K109<br>Barretta  | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| 1-205<br>Ms Levy  | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| 1-207<br>Forrest  | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| 1-209<br>Levy   | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| 1-110<br>Mahoney-Dube/Block   | Flower Landscapes (2) | "  | "                 | \$150                             |
| 2-201<br>Saffady  | Animal Monoprints     | Printing ink on high grade watermark paper. Based on traditional printing methods, these animal designs showcase images shown in bold contrast of color and white.   | 18"x 9"           | \$50                              |
| 2-201<br>Saffady  | Animal Monoprints     | "  | 30"x22"           | \$150                             |
| 2-202<br>Seidman/Gittleson  | Animal Monoprints     | "  | "                 | \$150                             |

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| 2-202<br>Seidman/<br>Gittleson | Animal Monoprints          | "  | 10"x22"     | \$50                              |
| 2-203<br>Douglas               | Animal Monoprints<br>(2)   | "  | 30"x22"     | \$150                             |
| 2-303<br>Jennings              | Animal Monoprints          | "  | 14"x22"     | \$50                              |
| 2-303<br>Jennings              | Animal Monoprints          | "  | 30"x22"     | \$150                             |
| 3-305<br>Browning              | Nature Monoprints<br>(2)   | Printing ink on high grade watermark paper. Based on traditional printing methods, these nature designs showcase images shown in bold contrast of color and white. | "           | \$150                             |
| 3-307<br>Hayes/Jerry           | Nature Monoprints<br>(2)   | "  | "           | \$150                             |
| 3-210<br>Jansen/ Tolhurst      | Nature Monoprints          | "  | 22"x21"     | \$100                             |
| 3-210<br>Jansen/ Tolhurst      | Nature Monoprints          | "  | 30"x22"     | \$150                             |
| 4-306<br>Galashaw              | Whimsical<br>Storybook (2) | Combining photography and drawing with markers and crayons, these one-of-a-kind books are the perfect keepsake.  |             | \$150                             |
| 4-310<br>Nelson/Prascher       | Whimsical<br>Storybook (2) | "  |             | \$150                             |
| 4-309<br>Labenski              | Whimsical<br>Storybook (2) | "  |             | \$150                             |
| 5-302<br>Gazlay                | Mask Collage (2)           | Metallic foil on paper. Inspired by Central American indigenous cultures, these masks are unique and bold.   | 30" x 22"   | \$150                             |
| 5-304<br>Schultz/Green         | Mask Collage (2)           | "  | "           | \$150                             |
| 5-308<br>Flash                 | Mask Collage (2)           | "  | "           | \$150                             |

## **LIVE AUCTION ITEMS**

### **1. ONE WEEK IN A BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND VACATION HOUSE**

Enjoy a relaxing week's vacation at the historic Amazon Littlefield House on beautiful Block Island in Rhode Island. This gorgeous house features four bedrooms, extensive gardens, terrace, and porches to suit a maximum of 10 to 12 people. There is full access to a private beach where you can swim up until mid-October. No smoking or pets. Choose your week, spring until June 27, or fall after Labor Day.

Donated by Susan Sellers and Michael Rock, parents of Silas Rock (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

**Value: \$2,000**

**Opening Bid: \$1,000**

### **2. CAMP ECHO – 4 WEEK SESSION (June 28 to July 25)**

Camp Echo is a co-ed traditional sleepaway camp located about 90 minutes from NYC in the southern Catskills Mountains of NY State. For campers ages 7-15.

This is a quote from last year's successful bidder, Wendy Levine, PS 8 parent:

"Our daughter Zoe, now in 4th grade, was lucky enough to have attended Camp Echo for 3 weeks last summer. It was a marvelous experience for her... great counselors and staff, trapeze and horseback riding lessons, swimming in a beautiful lake and pool, making gorgeous arts and crafts, participating in evening celebrations, and much, much more. For parents, photos of camp activities are updated daily on their website. They serve healthy food (with occasional sugar thrown in). You have the ability to find out how your child is doing, and a nurse on-site at all times. I felt totally secure that my child would be taken care of during her stay and I wasn't in the least bit disappointed.

If any of you are thinking about sending your child to sleepaway camp this summer, this is a great opportunity to give him or her an amazing experience and raise money for PS8 at the same time. I encourage you to check out their website (Campecho.com) for an accurate portrayal of the camp. You can also feel free to email me at wilevine@aol.com and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Good luck and happy bidding!"

Donated by Camp Echo, [www.campecho.com](http://www.campecho.com)

**Value: \$5,850**

**Opening Bid: \$2,000**

### **3. CAMP ECHO – 3 WEEK SESSION (July 26 to August 16)**

See description above. For campers ages 7-15.

Donated by Camp Echo, [www.campecho.com](http://www.campecho.com)

**Value: \$4,550**

**Opening Bid: \$1,500**

### **4. BAKING LESSON WITH FAMED ALMONDINE PASTRY CHEF FOR YOUR CHILD AND 5 FRIENDS**

Famed pastry chef Herve Poussot, formerly of Le Bernardin and Windows on the World, is offering a baking class for up to 6 children, ages 5 and up. The lesson will also include a tour of Almondine in DUMBO and each child will bring home what they bake.

Donated by Almondine Bakery

**Value: Priceless**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

**5. HANG OUT AND HAVE LUNCH WITH FIREMEN AT THEIR FIREHOUSE!**

Your child, you and up to four family members or friends are invited to a lunch hosted by Firefighter Andy Singleton in Red Hook at Engine 202/ Ladder 101, home of the Red Hook Raiders. Have lunch with New York's bravest, tour the firehouse, engine and ladder and yes, of course, have a slide down the pole!

Donated by Andy Singleton

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$500**

**6. AUTOGRAPHED SOPRANOS DVD's, CHIANTI BOTTLE AND POSTER**

Bring home your favorite show with this fantastic set of memorabilia! Chianti Classico bottle signed by 13 cast members, 8x10 color photo from the launch, autographed season 6 DVD with bonus footage and a list of the cast members present who signed it. All this, plus an 11x17 poster.

Donated by Mark Gonsalves – The Sopranos Wine

**Value: \$600**  
**Opening Bid: \$250**

**7. EVENT SPACE FOR 3 HOURS AT GALAPAGOS ART SPACE**

Have your party or your kid's party in the beautiful space of Galapagos Art Space in DUMBO, voted "Best New Art Space" by NY Press in 2008. Galapagos will donate the use of their amazing venue for up to 100 adults and kids for 3 hours on a Saturday, ending by 3pm. You will arrange the details in advance. (Note: Does not include bar and drinks).

Donated by Galapagos Art Space

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$500**

**8. FEEL THE WIND ON YOUR FACE WITH A NEW YORK HARBOR SAIL!**

Tired of being a landlubber? Put away those pirate dress-up duds and actually join the crew! Get up close and personal with the beauty of the wind and water on a sunset sail around New York Harbor, and learn a thing or two about boating while you're at it. The J-24 keelboat will accommodate up to four people (three if you have no sailing experience, and no children under 12) and is available June through October.

Donated by Cap'm Nancy Webster

**Value: \$300**  
**Opening Bid: \$150**

**9. WINE TASTING**

Brian and Virginie Robinson of Gnarly Vines Wine and Spirits (and PS 8 parents!) will donate a wine tasting that will be held at the recipient's home (for 6 people). The tasting will include 6 wines, 5 from Gnarly Vines and one rare, collectible bottle from Brian and Virginie's private collection. The dinner will be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date. Brian will consult with the winner to determine the theme of the wine tasting and to collaborate on the food and wine pairing menu. The winner is responsible for preparing the meal.

Donated by Brian & Virginie, parents of Jack and Teddy Robinson

**Value: \$800**  
**Opening Bid: \$400**

#### **10. BIRTHDAY PARTY AT NYC ELITE**

Hold your child's next birthday party at NYC Elite, the SoHo gymnastics center. The 90-minute party for 10 kids will consist of 45 minutes in the gym, 30 minutes of refreshments, food and cake in the 1,000 SF party room and then back into the gym for a final 15 minute Parachute/Bubble Disco Dance Party. Includes paper goods, ice and balloons. NYC Elite will provide an enjoyable, stress-free experience for parents and your child will leave this unforgettable birthday party feeling like a star! Parties must be scheduled Mon-Fri, 12:30-2 pm.

Donated by NYC Elite

**Value: \$550**  
**Opening Bid: \$225**

#### **11. AN INSIDER'S LOOK AND ACCESS TO NY CITY HALL – A RARE OPPORTUNITY!**

Walk through the historic City Hall building accompanied by a member of Mayor Bloomberg's team and enjoy exclusive access to areas not normally accessible to the public. Ordinary City Hall tours (which are hard enough to get) take you to the City Council Chamber and the Arts Commission. You'll see those, and then Gregorio Mayers, Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development, will take you to see the Executive side of the building as well. Stop into the "Blue Room" to see where press conferences are held, view the Governor's Room, and tour the famous "bull pen" to meet with other Deputy Mayors....if you get *really* lucky, you might get to see the Mayor himself in action! This is a unique opportunity: even the press rarely gets to see this stuff! Limited to a group of 4 individuals, Mon.-Fri. from April 4 – July 30, 2009.

Donated by Gregorio Mayers, parent of Carlos Mayers

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$120**

#### **12. LEGISLATOR FOR A DAY! TAG ALONG WITH DANIEL SQUADRON**

Shadow recently-elected State Senator Daniel Squadron for an afternoon as he takes legislative meetings, sits down with community groups, and works on behalf of the people of the 25th Senate district. Find out what a day in the life of a state senator is like. Daniel's district includes lower Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn. Must be on a mutually agreed upon day when the Senator is in the district.

Donated by NYS Senator Daniel Squadron

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$400**

#### **13. BE SECOND IN COMMAND AS THE VICE-PRINCIPAL OF PS 8**

Your child will shadow Mr. Mikos for the day and see what it's like to be the Vice Principal of PS 8 for a day!

Donated by Mr. Mikos

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$350**

#### **14. RUN THE SCHOOL AND BE THE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**

Let your child experience what it's like to be in Mr. Phillips' shoes for the day!

Donated by Mr. Phillips

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bid: \$500**

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

### FOR YOUR PS 8 STUDENT – PLAYDATES WITH TEACHERS!

Send your child and his/her favorite teacher on a playdate:

1. Our wonderful and sweet Pre-K teacher, **Mariann Levkulic** will show your child a fantastic afternoon on a two-hour playdate. She will pick up your child and he/she can choose the activity!
2. Hang with our energetic kindergarten teacher, **Melissa Merriam (aka Ms. I.)**, for an afternoon of fun! She will pick your child up from his/her classroom and take them to get ice cream and go to the park for 1 hour.
3. **Ann Barretta**, one of our favorite PS 8 teachers, will take 2 or 3 children for a picnic and/or playdate for 2 hours.
4. K-109 is beary happy to contribute to this fundraiser! **Ms. Valentin** would love to take your child (ages 4-7) to Build-A-Bear Workshop.
5. Need a few hours away from the kids?! Why not send them with 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher **Kristen Jennings** for a play-date, and let them come home happy and tired? This is good for up to 3 children of any age. The children choose the activity (ice cream, movies, museum, Central Park Zoo, Empire State building, skating, swimming, etc...) the sky is pretty much the limit!
6. **Kristen Tolhurst**, our great 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, would love to take your child and a friend to afternoon tea at the American Girl Café in Midtown. Of course, they can bring their own American Girl doll (or borrow one from the Café). Kristen will be bringing her Kirsten doll that she got when she was 9 years old.
7. **David Jansen**, also a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, is hosting a Wii party! Two hours of Wii play time for 2-4 kids, and he'll provide the pizza too!
8. **Ms. Green**, everybody's favorite librarian, wants to broaden your child's horizons. She will bring your child and a friend to the Brooklyn Public Library (Brooklyn Heights branch).
9. Our drama queen, **Noëlle Gentile**, will take your child and two school friends to the Prospect Park Zoo for two hours of fun on a Saturday morning or afternoon. [Note: Ms. Gentile will hold a separate lottery drawing for a second session (same-day), open to all students.]
10. Picnic in the park with **Tracey Posluszny**! Up to 3 students will bring games or toys they wish to play. Ms. Posluszny will provide some as well, based on childrens' ages and interests. Also, food items will be discussed with the winner – please indicate whether the children have any food allergies.
11. Let your child have some fun hitting some balls with two private tennis lessons with our own **Greg Williamson**, a former PS 8 teacher.

**Value: Priceless!**  
**Opening Bids: \$50**

## FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE

### 1. AN INTIMATE DINNER PARTY FOR SIX

Nick and Maura Balaban describe themselves as a frustrated musician and a frustrated chef, but would love to realize their ambitions by providing you and two other couples with an elegant evening of food and music to be enjoyed in the comfort of their home. A unique experience not to be missed!

Donated by Nick and Maura Balaban

**Value: \$500**  
**Opening Bid: \$250**

### 2. FABULOUS, GOURMET FRENCH-CARIBBEAN FEAST FOR 8 – A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Chef Bertha Daniel from St. Lucia will prepare a delicious and authentic French–Caribbean meal delivered to your home. The menu will include appetizers such as scallop or salt cod acras, a fish course such as Martinique-style cod with green banana served in banana leaves or a wonderful shellfish blaff, a meat or poultry course such as filet in cocoa mustard or West Indian cassoulet with wonderful curried vegetables, peas and rice. Of course, there will be dessert such as coconut blancmange or warm, chocolate almond cake. The exact dishes can be discussed and tailored to your taste and delivery will be on a mutually agreed upon day.

Donated by Bertha Daniel, friend of student Silas Rock

**Value: \$400**  
**Opening Bid: \$200**

### 3. TERESA’S RESTAURANT - \$75 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Enjoy a great, casual meal at everybody’s favorite neighborhood joint!

Donated by Teresa’s Restaurant

**Value: \$75**  
**Opening Bid: \$45**

### 4. ONE IF BY LAND, TWO IF BY SEA - \$150 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Enjoy a sumptuous meal at this gorgeous restaurant located in an old 18<sup>th</sup> century carriage house. The well-executed American fare is enjoyed in the lovely brick building with four fireplaces, candlelit tables and live piano music. This is one of Manhattan’s most celebrated and romantic restaurants, earning Zagat’s ratings of 23 for food, 26 for décor and 24 for service.

Donated by One if by Land, Two if by Sea

**Value: \$150**  
**Opening Bid: \$125**

**5. WHAT'S FOR DINNER? SEAMLESSWEB.COM - \$100 VISA GIFT CARD**

Seamlessweb.com allows you to place your food order online and pay with this gift card. The gift card is good towards any online food delivery purchase made on the website. In just 3 easy steps on the website, you can view the menus of lots of restaurants that deliver to your address, choose a meal, and checkout. Try it!

Donated by SeamlessWeb.com

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**6. PURPLE YAM RESTAURANT - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

The owners of famed Cendrillon restaurant in SoHo will open a new Filipino restaurant in our own beloved Brooklyn. New York Magazine says of the chef-owners, "The genius of Cendrillon and its self-taught chef-owner, Romy Dorotan, is its filtering of Pan-Asian elements through Dorotan's own ethnic heritage. He and his wife, Amy, are Filipino, and their rustically pretty SoHo restaurant is where they recreate the foods – albeit in sophisticated renditions – of their childhoods". We expect the same and more at Purple Yam, slated to open in May!

Donated by Purple Yam

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**7. JACK THE HORSE TAVERN - \$75 DINING GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Enjoy a local night out at this Brooklyn Heights neighborhood restaurant with your gift certificate towards dinner for two. The restaurant is a lively and sophisticated tavern serving exceptional quality food, premium beers, and affordable wine.

Donated by Jack the Horse Tavern

**Value: \$75**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**8. DELICIOUS ORGANIC TURKEY**

For your next holiday or dinner, you can pick up your 14-lb. organic turkey from this neighborhood butcher specializing in organic poultry.

Donated by Heights Prime Meats

**Value: \$55**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**9. SPRING STREET NATURAL RESTAURANT - \$50 GIFT CARD**

Located in the heart of SoHo, enjoy fresh, healthy cuisine at this popular restaurant. Their philosophy is to serve whole natural foods that are minimally processed and they offer plenty of choices for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner.

Donated by Spring Street Natural Restaurant

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**10. HEIGHTS CAFÉ - \$50 DINING GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at this stylish yet casual neighborhood café right on Montague Street.

Donated by Heights Cafe

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**11. DINNER AND A MOVIE IN THE HEIGHTS**

Head to Henry's End for \$50 of delicious New American fare and a varied wine list. This popular local restaurant earned Zagat ratings of 25 for food and 23 for service. (The certificate is good for Sun. through Thurs.) After dinner, go over to the theater at the corner of Henry and Orange and use these tickets for two.

Donated by Henry's End Restaurant and Brooklyn Heights Cinema

**Value: \$70**  
**Opening Bid: \$55**

**12. RICE – DINNER FOR TWO PLUS TWO COCKTAILS AT SPEAKLOW**

Have a night out with this gift certificate for dinner for two at DUMBO's Rice Restaurant, and also enjoy two cocktails downstairs at SpeakLow.

Donated by Rice Restaurant

**Value: Approx. \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**13. WINE, WINE, WINE – 3 BOTTLES**

Enjoy three bottles of wine including Heritages Cotes du Rhone, 2006, Torrentes Sur de los Andes, 2007 and Shiraz Oxford Landing, 2007.

Donated by Montague Wine and Spirits

**Value: \$35**  
**Opening Bid: \$20**

**16. FORAGERS MARKET – \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Stock up at DUMBO's fabulous gourmet emporium – organics, local and exotic ingredients for your home kitchen, or order sandwiches, cheese and fresh drinks from the juice bar – delicious!

Donated by Foragers Market

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**17. TOP IT ALL OFF WITH A NICE, COLD DESSERT**

Treat the whole family at this eco-conscious ice cream shop on Atlantic Avenue. Some may go for the locally- and sustainably-sourced organic dairy, coffees, and teas, or the kids' play area. We go for the baked goods from Baked, and the scrumptious cold creamy stuff!

Donated by Blue Marble Ice Cream

**Value: \$25**  
**Opening Bid: \$15**

## **FOR YOUR HEALTH and BEAUTY**

### **1. HUGE BASKET OF KORRES BEAUTY PRODUCTS**

Pamper yourself with these natural products from Korres, a Greek company with its roots in the first homeopathic pharmacy in Athens – and a location on Montague Street. You will enjoy a giant selection from their lines including Korres Body, Korres Face, and Korres Bath – 18 different products in all!

Donated by Korres

**Value: \$328**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

### **2. TAKE A TIME-OUT FOR YOURSELF WITH A PAMPERING FACIAL**

Treat yourself to a microdermabrasion facial that will comfortably exfoliate layers of dead facial skin, lighten sun damage and age spots, and tighten pores and fine lines. This relaxing treatment includes deep cleansing, facial massage, and a customized soothing mask. Just what you need with the arrival of spring.

Donated by Tres Belle Petite Medispa

**Value: \$200**

**Opening Bid: \$100**

### **3. WHEN YOU REALLY NEED TO RELAX - SET OF FIVE MASSAGES**

De-stress at this Montague spa when you take advantage of this certificate for five 30-minute massages. The time can even be combined or shared with friends or family.

Donated by Zen Soul Spa

**Value: \$250**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

### **4. UPDATE YOUR TRESSES - FABULOUS HAIRCUTS**

Enjoy two gift certificates for haircuts with PS 8 parent, Anna, at this wonderful Atlantic Ave salon.

Donated by Boy Luv Girl

**Value: \$150**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

### **5. IT'S ME TIME.....MANICURE AND PEDICURE GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Take care of yourself with a manicure and pedicure at this local Montague salon - and just in time for spring!

Donated by Irene Dinov Salon and Day Spa

**Value: \$45**

**Opening Bid: \$25**

#### **6. IT'S TIME TO SHAPE UP – SIX 1-MONTH PASSES**

This is a world famous boxing gym in DUMBO! Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) first trained at Gleason's, Robert DeNiro trained here for *Raging Bull*, and Hilary Swank trained here for *Million Dollar Baby*. This is the last great boxing landmark in NYC – come on down and train next to champions and top contenders!

Donated by Gleason's Gym

**Value: \$500**

**Opening Bid: \$250**

#### **7. NO TIME? CAN'T GET TO THE GYM? HOW ABOUT IN-HOME PILATES SESSIONS?**

Try working out with modern dancer and famed Pilates instructor Carey Macaleer. You just need a mat to take advantage of 3 private or semi-private sessions in your own home. Pilates is a no impact exercise that is designed to strengthen core muscles – and it doesn't get any more convenient when the instructor comes to you! (Note: Classes only after to 9:30am and location must be DUMBO, Brooklyn Heights, or Carroll Gardens).

Donated by PilatesbyCarey

**Value: \$255**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

#### **8. GET UP AND GO! WORKOUT TEN-PACK AT THE FITNESS GURU**

Stay in shape at this DUMBO gym which offers classes ranging from pilates mat and yoga to all out crazy cardio. If group classes are not your thing, then you can take advantage of their cardio/strength training circuit. There is sure to be something that will get you moving!

Donated by The Fitness Guru, [www.fitnessgurunyc.com](http://www.fitnessgurunyc.com)

**Value: \$200**

**Opening Bid: \$100**

#### **9. 4 CHELSEA PIERS GOLD PASSPORTS**

This is your passport to fun! Unlimited activities for one day: a Day Pass to the Health Club and the Sports Center. Enjoy the swimming pool, Hudson River sun decks, basketball courts, ¼-mile jogging track, \$15 pre-paid ball card and club rental at the Golf Club (America's 1<sup>st</sup> "Super Range"), admission and skate rental at the Sky Rink, 5 batting cage tokens at the Field House (50 balls!) and more... Go as a couple, or buy all four and take some friends! (Sorry, these passes do not permit kids into the Sports Center).

- a. 2 Gold Passports
- b. 2 Gold Passports

Donated by Chelsea Piers

**Value: \$120 for 2**

**Opening Bid: \$60 for each pair**

#### **10. PRIVATE YOGA INSTRUCTION AT HOME – TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS!**

What could be more convenient than a private 75-minute yoga session in your own home, tailored specifically to your ability and needs? You choose the style of practice that suits you – active and invigorating or gentle and restorative.

Donated by Geri O'Driscoll, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher)

**Value: \$125**

**Opening Bid: \$65**

**11. REIKI TREATMENT IN YOUR OWN HOME**

This healing practice will promote balance and well-being. It's one of the more widely known and forms of energy healing which is beneficial for all. Enjoy a 45-minute session in your own space.

Donated by Geri O'Driscoll, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher)

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**12. OM.....YOUR CHOICE OF YOGA CLASSES – 3 CERTIFICATES**

This package consists of three certificates, each one redeemable for one free class. Classes are offered seven days a week, for beginners and advanced yogis alike!

Donated by Yoga People

**Value: \$60**  
**Opening Bid: \$30**

**13. PAIN MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS CENTER - \$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

This is a great gift certificate to use towards consultation, chiropractic care, acupuncture, or massage. Right here at the corner of Hicks and Clark Street.

Donated by Pain Management and Wellness Center

**Value: \$250**  
**Opening Bid: \$125**

**14. NIOXIN HAIR PRODUCTS**

These products build a head of thick, healthy hair – it's a great starter kit!

Donated by Studio Fryzura

**Value: \$45**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**15. FINALLY GET THOSE TEETH TAKEN CARE OF**

Stroll over to Pineapple Walk and buff up your smile! Signature Smile Dental is offering a comprehensive exam, x-rays, cleaning and a fluoride treatment for one individual, child or adult.

Donated by Signature Smile Dental

**Value: \$400**  
**Opening Bid: \$200**

**15. ORGANIC BEAUTY PRODUCTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Organic products for the kids, Kiehl's products for Mom.

Donated by Bridge Apothecary

**Value: \$150**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**16. LOTSА VINYASA**

Take one of these ten-class cards and head to Yoga Effects, a Vinyasa studio on East 54<sup>th</sup> Street, for any 1 hr 20 min class (card not valid for the shorter “express” classes). Yoga Effects offers 60 weekly classes at 5 levels from beginner to advanced, offering a vigorous workout while emphasizing proper alignment and safety in a friendly, encouraging environment. Pop over on your lunch hour, and go back to work feeling energized!

- a. 1 Ten-Class Yoga Pass
- b. 1 Ten-Class Yoga Pass

Donated by Yoga Effects and Liz Mandarano

**Value: \$160 each**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**17. DANCE CLASSES FOR ADULT – 3 SESSIONS PLUS A COOL T-SHIRT, TOO**

Get yourself moving with three dance classes at Brooklyn’s best dance studio – it’s not just for your kids anymore! Expires June 30, 2009.

Donated by Mark Morris Dance Company

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**18. HOLISTIC HEALTH AND NUTRITION COUNSELING – 3 SESSION SERIES**

When was the last time you talked with someone about your health and received the personal attention you deserve? Sit down with Susie, a health & nutrition counselor and neighborhood resident, for 3 one hour-long sessions to figure out the food and lifestyle choices that best support your current and future health goals. Rather than counting calories, carbs, fats, proteins, restrictions and lists of good and bad foods, work with her to create a happy, healthy life in a way that is flexible, fun and free of denial and discipline.

Donated by Susie Harley Wellness, [www.susieharleywellness.com](http://www.susieharleywellness.com)

**Value: \$200**  
**Opening Bid: \$100**

## FOR YOUR KIDS

### 1. NEW YORK KIDS CLUB – ONE WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP GIFT CERTIFICATE

What a great way for your child to spend a week this summer! Take advantage of one week of summer camp from 9am to 12pm (pending availability) at this popular Montague location.

Donated by New York Kids Club

**Value: \$550**

**Opening Bid: \$225**

### 2. WEEKLY COOKING CLASSES FOR YOUR CHILD THIS SPRING

Maybe your child will prepare something for you for a change! Send your child, aged 2 to 13, to cooking classes starting the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> and ending the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> (see schedule for class times) at Creative Cooks on Atlantic Ave. This is a hands-on cooking experience that exposes children to different ingredients and cooking techniques. The theme for this semester is Street Food, which will include foods such as crepes, falafel, and pad thai. (Note: This starts next week.)

Donated by Creative Cooks

**Value: \$335**

**Opening Bid: \$165**

### 3. FOR YOUR BUDDING ARTIST AND FOUR FRIENDS – \$335 ART LESSON GIFT CERTIFICATE

Enjoy a group art lesson for five kids, including all the art materials, and a private art lesson for the auction winner's child(ren). All art activities are custom-tailored to the students' age, skill level, and interests. Ideal for ages 2+. The kids will love this opportunity to exhibit their creative selves.

Donated by Private Picassos

**Value: \$335**

**Opening Bid: \$165**

### 4. KARATE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR UP TO 15 YOUNG MARTIAL ARTISTS

A karate birthday party offers up to 15 guests an introductory lesson in the art of Tae Kwon Do together with a variety of exercises, games, history and philosophy through storytelling. Your birthday boy/girl will be the designated "Assistant Instructor" of the day. As a unique opportunity for the partygoers, the celebration concludes with an invitation for supervised board breaking! This is sure to be a fun-filled 2 hours.

Donated by WMA Karate Corp on Atlantic Ave.

**Value: \$250**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

### 5. SLUMBER PARTY GIFT BASKET FOR 4

Delight your daughter and host a no-effort slumber party! Basket comes with manicure/pedicure and hair styling supplies, a \$15 iTunes gift card, four pairs of socks for the guests, four pillow cases with fabric pens to decorate them, a breakfast treat mix for the morning, even a book about how to plan slumber parties – and a \$22 Dashing Diva manicure gift certificate to reward the mom who hosts.

Donated by Janet Weeks-Cohen

**Value: \$125**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**6. FOR THE NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY - EVENT SPACE FOR 2 HOURS**

This is a great and convenient location on Pineapple Walk for your next birthday party, event, or gathering.

Donated by Brooklyn Dojo

**Value: \$250**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

**7. MOVE IT, MOVE IT, MOVE IT! GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR LITTLE GYM MEMBERSHIP FEE AND FALL SEMESTER CLASS**

The Little Gym offers a variety of movement classes for babies to big kids up to 12 years old. This offering includes \$50 membership for the year and half off of a fall semester 2009 class.

Donated by The Little Gym of Brooklyn Heights

**Value: \$350**

**Opening Bid: \$155**

**8. TUMBLING/GYMNASTICS CLASS - ONE FALL 2009 SEMESTER SESSION**

Enroll your active one in a class he/she will be sure to enjoy – either Tumbling Toddlers, or Beginner Gymnastics for ages 1-6 years old. Best of all, the club is located on Clark Street near PS 8, making it very convenient as an after school activity!

Donated by Eastern Athletic Clubs

**Value: \$275**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

**9. SWIM LESSONS FOR ONE SEMESTER**

Register for a 10-week semester of swim lessons for either one student (adult or child) or for a child/parent class. Lessons are once a week and are one-hour (4 years and up) or 30 minutes (child/parent class). Ages 6 months and up. Located in Canarsie.

Donated by Paerdegat Athletic Club through Felisha Bennett, parent of Alyssa Bennett, [www.paerdegat.com](http://www.paerdegat.com)

**Value: \$200**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**10. FOR YOUR YOUNG YOGI - KIDS YOGA CLASSES**

Your child will enjoy the fun poses and activities in these classes. Five yoga classes at either Karma Kids Yoga or at the Brooklyn Dojo.

Donated by Karma Kids Yoga

**Value: \$125**

**Opening Bid: \$60**

**11. EVERYONE LOVES CARMELO THE SCIENCE FELLOW - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Enroll your child for an afterschool session at the Cosmic Cove with Brownstone Brooklyn's favorite scientist! You know junior will be developing science skills in physics, chemistry, creative problem-solving, etc. – all your kid knows is "Carmelo the Marshmallow" is a blast! Partial tuition valid for after-school classes only.

Donated by Carmelo the Science Fellow, <http://carmelothesciencefellow.com>

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**12. ONE FULL SUMMER SESSION OF BALLET CLASSES**

Your child will love five classes of ballet held at your choice of either the Cobble Hill Ballet's Clinton Street location (July 11<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> session) or Union Street location (June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup> or July 29<sup>th</sup> to Aug 26<sup>th</sup> session). Classes are grouped by ages 3-4yrs, 4-5yrs, or 5-7 yrs.

Donated by Cobble Hill Ballet

**Value: \$85**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**13. ROCK STAR FOR A DAY! A 1-HOUR DRUM SESSION IN A MUSIC STUDIO OR IN YOUR HOME**

Make some music with a drum set lesson in a professional Midtown music studio or in your own home. This is great for your choice of one adult or for one or two kids.

Donated by Heather Ferguson, Drummer of PS8 Parent Band

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**14. PRIVATE INTRODUCTORY VIOLIN CLASS WITH A PROFESSIONAL VIOLINIST AND TEACHER- 45-MINUTE SESSION**

Get started with a 45-minute private introductory violin classes with Trina Basu who has been teaching violin to children for over 10 years. This class is applicable to all ages and she will introduce the child to basic beginner techniques, violin parts, instrument care, basic note reading/identification and listening activities. The class can even be shared within a family so that one or more siblings can participate. (Note: Only one 45-minute lesson can be bid on by a family.)

Donated by Trina Basu, Violin teacher

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**15. PRIVATE INTRODUCTORY VIOLIN CLASS WITH A PROFESSIONAL VIOLINIST AND TEACHER- 45-MINUTE SESSION**

Same as above, see description.

Donated by Trina Basu, Violin teacher

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**16. PRIVATE PIANO LESSON – 45 MINUTE IN HOME SESSION FOR CHILD/ADULT**

This is an excellent introduction to the piano or to enhance your piano skills in the privacy and comfort of your own home. Tanya is an experienced and internationally respected instructor who enjoys nurturing creative self-expression in musicians from a wide range of ages, performance levels, and musical backgrounds.

Donated by Tanya Kalmanovitch Piano Studio, [www.tanyakalmanovitch.com](http://www.tanyakalmanovitch.com)

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**17. PRIVATE PIANO LESSON – 45 MINUTE IN HOME SESSION FOR CHILD/ADULT**

Same as above, see description.

Donated by Tanya Kalmanovitch Piano Studio, [www.tanyakalmanovitch.com](http://www.tanyakalmanovitch.com)

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**18. HEIGHTS KIDS - \$100 GIFT CARD**

Pick up that toy you promised at this neighborhood store that carries a wide variety of specialty toys and baby items. All conveniently located to PS 8!

Donated by Heights Kids

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**19. DRESS YOUR WEE ONE AT THE HEIGHT OF FASHION**

This beautiful and versatile dress fits your 12-month-old now, and will become a tunic as she grows bigger. Together with the cleverly reversible coat (size 12M) and crocheted bunny rattle, these duds will make your little one the envy of the playground set!

Donated by Ulalume Zavala / enfant-terrible

**Value: \$125**  
**Opening Bid: \$60**

**20. YOU HAVE TO HAVE ONE - MINI-KICK SCOOTER**

This is the latest and greatest model of the Mini Kick scooter. A must-have for warm weather fun! Ideal for ages 2-5.

Donated by Kickboard USA

**Value: \$75**  
**Opening Bid: \$45**

**21. HANNO THE WOODEN GORILLA by DAVID WEEKS**

Like Hanno, the Greek voyager who discovered gorillas 2500 years ago, your Hanno is brave, strong, and curious. His powerful hardwood frame can hold many poses, and his elastic-band muscles and durable wood limbs make him almost impervious to breakage. Made from sustainably harvested beech wood.

Donated by David Weeks Studio

**Value: \$95**  
**Opening Bid: \$45**

**22. 10 CLASS GIFT CERTIFICATE TO WHITE WAVE DANCE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

Children's classes at this DUMBO dance studio offer a fun, creative, and nurturing introduction to dance movements while developing strength, flexibility and grace of movement. Students also get to sing and work on balance, rhythm, and coordination. 10-class session begins April 22.

Donated by White Wave Dance

**Value: \$220**  
**Opening Bid: \$110**

**23. MADAME ALEXANDER RADIO CITY ROCKETTES DOLL**

Madame Alexander Carol of the Bells Rockette 1987 Cissette doll. Limited Edition, from the 2008 Madame Alexander collection. Comes with costume accessories and certificate of authenticity.

Donated by Devin Reiman

**Value: \$120**  
**Opening Bid: \$60**

**24. 10-WEEK SESSION WITH AUDRA ROX**

A powerhouse of talent and charisma, AudraRox is beloved by the kiddie music set. This is the best musical experience around for children ages 3 months to 5 years – join the fun!

Donated by Audra Tsanos/Audra Rox, Inc., <http://www.audrarox.com/class.php>

**Value: \$235**  
**Opening Bid: \$120**

**25. HIGH-FASHION BABY GEAR FOR STYLISH PARENTS**

Look your best on the go with this beautiful (and gadget-filled!) Fleurville diaper bag. Then when you're home, let baby enjoy the luxury of these gorgeous swaddling wraps, sleepsacks, towels and washcloths by Aden & Anais.

Donated by Aden & Anais, Inc.

**Value: \$297**  
**Opening Bid: \$175**

**26. THE SOFTEST OF BABY WRAPS AND BATHING ACCESSORIES**

Your baby will love the soft feel of these cotton muslin swaddling wraps (4 each), sleepsacks, towels and washcloths (3 each) by Aden & Anais. You will love how beautiful they look in your nursery!

- a. Set of muslin sleep and bath wraps
- b. Set of muslin sleep and bath wraps
- c. Set of muslin sleep and bath wraps

Donated by Aden & Anais, Inc.

**Value: \$132 each set**

**Opening Bid: \$55**

**27. BECOME A STAR WITH GYMSTARS – CLASSES OR CIRCUS CAMP**

Your child ages 2-10 will have a blast at this lively local gymnastics and acrobatics class. After-school classes begin with lively music and dance warm-up routines and then progresses to the colorful, fun obstacle course where young gymnasts tip-toe across the beam, roll down the cheese mat, cartwheel on the rainbow, and more as they practice their skills, right here at Plymouth Church. In July and August, Circus Camp comes to Cobble Hill, and your child will learn not just acrobatics but also juggling, clowning, even plate spinning! Let your child run away to the circus, and use this certificate to take \$100 off.

Donated by GYMSTARS, [www.gymstarsbrooklyn.com](http://www.gymstarsbrooklyn.com)

**Value: \$100**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**28. HAVE A DELICIOUS TIME WITH KIDS COOK!**

Enroll your budding chef for eight weeks of children's cooking classes for ages 2-4 or 5-9. Toddler classes are held Monday morning, 9:30 -10:30. Big kids classes are held Tuesday afternoon, 3:45-5:15. Both classes meet at The Moxie Spot, 81 Atlantic Avenue. The next session begins April 20.

Donated by Kids Cook!, [www.kidscookbrooklyn.com](http://www.kidscookbrooklyn.com)

**Value: \$275**

**Opening Bid: \$135**

**29. IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S READING WITH A LITERACY CONSULTATION**

A nationally recognized literacy consultant and author will come to your home to work with you and your child on reading and/or writing. She will show you how to observe your child's strengths and needs, explain features of your child's current book level, and suggest next steps for you to take together. This is so much more than a tutoring session!

Donated by Stephanie Parsons

**Value: \$250**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

**30. AWESOME CARDBOARD APPLIANCES**

Nume's Minimalist Cardboard Appliances - fun, beautiful, and completely recyclable! Toy washing machine and stove for the modern age.

Donated by Pomme

**Value: \$84**  
**Opening Bid: \$40**

**31. P'KOLINO EASEL**

The P'kolino easel is a multifunctional, creative space for growing minds! This playfully smart easel has so many neat-o benefits. Use it as a traditional easel, a chalkboard, a whiteboard, or a puppet theater. For ages 3+.

Donated by Half Pint Citizens

**Value: \$110**  
**Opening Bid: \$55**

**32. CLASSIC WOODEN RIDING HORSE**

The classic Plan Toys Lusitano rocking horse is built with leverage so children can rock backwards and forwards. It will help develop their balance, strength, leg muscles, quick (kinesthetic) movement of the body, and be tons of fun in the process! For ages 2+.

Donated by Half Pint Citizens

**Value: \$110**  
**Opening Bid: \$55**

**33. SET OF TOYS AND GAMES**

Make your child's day with these fun games! Includes novelty cards – one set invisible and one set glow-in-the-dark – and a Superhero magnetic pixels puzzle game with 1400 magnets.

Donated by Pieter Woudt, father of Anouk and Maximiliano

**Value: \$49**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

## FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT

### 1. A RARE OPPORTUNITY! 2 VIP TICKETS TO THE MARTHA STEWART SHOW!

Be part of the audience for Martha Stewart's Season Five show! VIP seating puts you closest to Martha.

Donated by The Martha Stewart Show

**Value: priceless**  
**Opening Bid: \$150**

### 2. AN EVENING OUT TO SEE "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

You will be able to redeem this item for two tickets on a Monday through Thursday to see this award winning show at the Majestic Theatre on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan.

Donated by Steven Fettes with The Shubert Organization

**Value: \$243**  
**Opening Bid: \$120**

### 3. GO, RANGERS, GO! (OR GO, CANADIENS, GO!) - TWO TICKETS TO NEW YORK RANGERS VS. MONTREAL CANADIENS HOCKEY GAME, PLUS NASLUND AUTOGRAPHED STICK

Two tickets to see the Rangers in action at Madison Square Garden next Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. These are excellent seats in Section 110, Row D. (As an added bonus, there is also a \$10 off coupon for nearby parking that evening.) In addition, take home your very own hockey stick autographed by Markus Naslund!

Donated by Future Parent of P.S. 8 students and the New York Rangers

**Value: \$300+**  
**Opening Bid: \$150**

### 4. SEE THE KNICKS PLAY NEXT WEEK – 2 TICKETS

Make it a date night or a pals' night out with these two tickets to see the NY Knicks play the Detroit Pistons next Wednesday, April 8. Seats are in Section 221, Row D, Seats 3 & 4.

Donated by Sandra Navarro & Cesar Estrada

**Value: \$160**  
**Opening Bid: \$65**

### 5. TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! 4 FRONT ROW TICKETS TO BROOKLYN CYCLONES GAME

Enjoy Brooklyn's own minor league baseball team with these front row tickets located behind the home team on deck circle (perfectly located so you can talk to the players while they wait for their turn at bat!). Your choice of date is flexible, running from the last week of June through to the first week of September and valid for weekday or weekend.

Donated by Rose and Samuel Bernstein, parents of Cayla and Aaron Bernstein

**Value: \$52**  
**Opening Bid: \$30**

**6. FOUR TICKETS TO WATCH THE NEW YORK LIBERTY**

Encourage your daughters' hoop dreams -- take your kids to see how powerful women can really be! The New York Liberty offers you four (4) tickets to any 2009 regular season game in August at Madison Square Garden.

Donated by New York Liberty

**Value: \$40**  
**Opening Bid: \$20**

**7. 4 TICKETS TO THE NYC OPERA'S PRODUCTION OF THE MAGIC FLUTE on APRIL 4th**

City Opera brings Mozart's *The Magic Flute* to Queens, introducing families to the music, characters, and storytelling that make up this thrilling opera. Join us for an interactive workshop led by City Opera's performers and teaching staff. The audience will sing arias, see how artists prepare for a role, and learn about the plot and characters of this beguiling fairy tale. The fun continues with a one-hour, semi-staged performance, sung in English featuring City Opera's orchestra and singers. A few lucky children will even be given walk-on roles! At LaGuardia Performing Arts Center in Long Island City, this Saturday, April 4 at 1 pm.

Donated by NYC OPERA

**Value: \$80**  
**Opening Bid: \$40**

**8. INSIDER'S TOUR AT THE FRICK**

Private tour for up to 4 people (no children under 10) of The Frick Collection and access to behind-the-scenes spaces not seen by the public, such as the famous bowling alley.

Donated by Anonymous

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**9. COOPER-HEWITT, NATIONAL DESIGN MUSEUM – ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP**

Take advantage of a one year Dual/Family membership which is good for two people (at same address) and for children under 18 years. The Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution is the only museum in the nation devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. The Museum presents compelling perspectives on the impact of design on daily life through active educational and curatorial programming.

Donated by Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

**Value: \$120**  
**Opening Bid: \$60**

**10. DIA BEACON, DIA ART FOUNDATION'S MUSEUM – 4 ADMISSION TICKETS**

This museum located in Beacon, NY in the Hudson Valley, presents one of the world's most distinguished collections of contemporary art. The museum occupies a 300,000 SF former box-printing facility, a model of modern industrial construction – an ideal site for contemporary art. Set adjacent to 70 acres of riverfront parkland, the museum is 80 min from Midtown.

Donated by Dia Art Foundation

**Value: \$40**  
**Opening Bid: \$20**

**11. PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? TAKE A LESSON WHILE SIPPING WINE....**

Learn some French phrases with a private lesson/class for child or adult. Also included will be a nice bottle of French wine, some cheese and a scrumptious Almondine baguette.

Donated by Nadia Mehenni and Nathalie Fried

**Value: \$120**

**Opening Bid: \$60**

**12. FABULOUS FAMILY PHOTOS**

Take advantage of this opportunity for a great keepsake with a 1-2 hour photo shoot at a location of your choosing. Jennifer Neuman's photography style is best described as a photojournalistic approach to allow real moments to be captured on film. Whether the setting is in the park, an apartment, beach, or simply cooking in a kitchen, her goal is for the family to be comfortable so that she can capture the story at hand. Real faces, real expressions, real love and true exchanges is what she wants because when you look back, your story will be told in an honest way. This package includes an online gallery of photos plus two 5x7 prints both in color and black and white.

Donated by Jennifer Neuman, Family Photography

**Value: \$600**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

**13. SET OF BEAUTIFUL, AWARD-WINNING ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY BOOKS**

Add these gorgeous books to your collection. These books have been featured in Vanity Fair, New York Times, CBS News, etc.

Donated by Nan Richardson/Umbrage Editions

**Value: \$600**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

**14. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM – ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP**

Enjoy a one year Family membership, giving you free admission for two adults and any children under 18 to any of the five Guggenheim locations around the world! Membership also entitles you to bypass ticket lines, get discounts on the gift store, café and public lecture tickets, and receive a members magazine and invitations to exclusive member parties and family events.

Donated by Guggenheim Museum

**Value: \$135**

**Opening Bid: \$65**

**15. "CRAFT OF COOKING" COOKBOOK – SIGNED BY CHEF TOM COLICCHIO**

The star chef shares secrets from the kitchen at Craft restaurant. Each chapter includes ingredient portraits, as well as essays, that give a sneak peek behind Craft's doors. 140 recipes, over 100 photos, hours of fascinating reading – and it's autographed!

Donated by Craft New York

**Value: \$37.50+signature!**

**Opening Bid: \$25**

**16. POWERHOUSE ARENA - \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Use this certificate to purchase any book by Powerhouse Books or merchandise for sale from this DUMBO merchant.

Donated by Powerhouse Arena

**Value: \$50**

**Opening Bid: \$35**

**17. CUSTOM FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION**

This Family Portrait Package includes a photo session on location; your choice of color, black & white or a combination; an online gallery for viewing, sharing and ordering portraits, and two (2) 5x7 custom prints.

Donated by MG Vander Elst Photography, [www.mgvanderelst.com](http://www.mgvanderelst.com)

**Value: \$325**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

**18. TWO-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NATION**

Enjoy two full years – 94 weekly issues – of the respected liberal magazine. Devoted to politics and culture, *The Nation* describes itself as "the flagship of the left."

Donated by Betsy Reed, mother of Georgia

**Value: \$99**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

## **FOR THE FASHIONABLE YOU**

### **1. SIGNED MINAUDIERE DESIGNED BY RAFE TOTENGO**

Own this genuine snakeskin minaudiere bag with faceted rhinestone embellishment, signed by Rafe Totengco. This was a piece specially designed for celebrity Eva Longoria's 2007 wedding.

Donated by Gigi Dement

**Value: \$450**  
**Opening Bid: \$225**

### **2. GORGEOUS GOLD NECKLACE WITH HEART CHARM**

Don't miss the opportunity to own this unique necklace with a cutout heart charm in 14K yellow gold, on an 18" fine chain.

Donated by Helen Ficalora

**Value: \$205**  
**Opening Bid: \$100**

### **3. BEAUTIFUL GEMSTONE AND PEARL NECKLACE**

This is a gorgeous piece to add to your collection. The necklace is approximately 40 inches long and secures with sterling clasps.

Donated by SweetLily Designs

**Value: \$60**  
**Opening Bid: \$30**

### **4. STUNNING HANDMADE JEWELRY BOX**

This is a custom, handmade Egyptian Pharaoh-style jewelry box inlaid with mother-of-pearl – not to be passed up!

Donated by Parents of Naomi Kenyatta

**Value: \$20**  
**Opening Bid: \$15**

### **5. TANGO BOUTIQUE - \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

This local Montague boutique carries great pieces. Pick up something new.

Donated by Tango

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**6. ALI KAT NYC BOUTIQUE - \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE PLUS LESPORTSAC COSMETIC BAG**

Head over to Court Street and treat yourself to something new and trendy for spring!

Donated by Ali Kat NYC

**Value: \$70**  
**Opening Bid: \$50**

**7. EXQUISITE 'BIRD ISLAND' NECKLACE**

This beautiful necklace made of hand-oxidized hammered brass on a 20" silver chain is from Jalea Jalea's LITTLE KINGDOMS I & II Collection. The figure measures approximately 4 x 3" (10 x 7 cm). Made in México.

Donated by Jalea Jalea (designer Tatiana Sanchez)

**Value: \$98**  
**Opening Bid: \$45**

**8. LARGE FELT TOTE BAG AND FELT CELL PHONE CASE**

Grab this all purpose bag for all your items and cell phone, made out of this unique fabric.

Donated by Poem Crown, parents of Amma and Edda Yamada

**Value: \$225**  
**Opening Bid: \$115**

**9. P.S. 8 IN THA HOOD!**

Show your neighborhood pride with this gift certificate for any customized product, including T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Donated by Neighborhoodies.com

**Value: \$50+**  
**Opening Bid: \$30**

**10. CUSTOM-TAILORED SHIRT**

There's nothing like the luxury of a bespoke shirt - try one and you'll be hooked. With over 1,000 fabrics to choose from, you may never buy off-the-rack again. This Lower East Side tailor was listed in New York Magazine's 2008 "Best Of" issue. One (1) shirt for either men or women.

Donated by Michael Andrews Bespoke

**Value: \$165**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**11. DRESS THAT BUMP RIGHT**

Ruby Fay Maternity T's for evolutionary moms! What a great haul: two (2) hoodies, three (3) cap-sleeve crew T's, and also two (2) baby tanks. Custom-order your appropriate size. Plus, prepare for baby's arrival with this 4-pack of beautiful, soft muslin swaddling wraps.

Donated by Ruby Fay Maternity and Aden + Anais, Inc.

**Value: \$244**  
**Opening Bid: \$115**

## 12. ASSORTMENT OF FASHION COCKTAIL RINGS

Local jewelry artisan, Lenore Solmo, has made these fantastic cocktail rings available to us. Her work is sold at fashion-conscious retailers such as Bloomingdale's and has been featured in magazines like *US Weekly* and *InStyle*. Mix and match!

- a. Group of 3 rings
- b. Group of 3 rings
- c. Group of 3 rings
- d. Group of 3 rings
- e. Group of 3 rings
- f. Group of 3 rings

Donated by Lenore Solmo

**Value: \$195 for 3**  
**Opening Bid: \$65**

## 13. COUTURE CLOTHING FOR THE FASHION-MINDED

These flowing pieces are from the Spring 2009 collection at Tucker by Gaby Basora, a boutique on Essex Street. The only other place you'll find them is at high-end retailers such as Barney's, Bergdorf's, and Bendel's.

- a. "The blouse"
- b. "The dress"

Donated by Tucker by Gaby Basora

**Value: Blouse, \$265; Dress, \$325**  
**Opening Bid: Blouse, \$100; Dress, \$150**

## FOR YOUR HOME and LIFESTYLE

### 1. LINDA B. HORN DIGITAL PRINT, TITLED "TWEETY", 2005

This is a wonderful giclée print, archival, and measures 26 ¾" x 41" and will be displayed at auction.

Donated by Linda Bhorn, courtesy of Nicole Fiacco Gallery

**Value: \$1200**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

### 2. PAINTINGS BY CECI N. LOPEZ

These acrylic paintings will really make an impact wherever you hang them!

- a. "Dos Mundos"
- b. Untitled

Donated by Ceci N. Lopez, artist; mother of Jonathan Sanchez

**Value: \$800 each**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

### 3. FRAMED FLOWER PHOTOGRAPH

The vibrant and dramatic colors in this stunning 8x10 photo by up-and-coming fashion photographer Joel Stans (who recently shot his first editorial for *Harper's Bazaar*) are impossible to resist. So quit resisting, and bring it home tonight!

Donated by Joel Stans and Brandi Barber

**Value: \$750**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

### 4. FRAMED ART PRINT

This unique collage is a digital reproduction, measuring 20" x 16" and will be displayed at auction. Title: Keats' Elephants 2007.

Donated by Kylin O'Brien

**Value: \$600**

**Opening Bid: \$250**

### 5. GET YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER WITH ESTATE PLANNING AND WILL PREPARATION

Take advantage of the expertise of a PS 8 parent to get an estate planning consultation and to have your will, health care, and power of attorney documents prepared and updated.

Donated by Carol L. Buell, Weiss, Buell & Bell, parent of Helen Hicks-Buell

**Value: \$750**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

**6. PREPARATION OF PERSONAL TAX RETURN**

Get your taxes done and out of the way. Good for tax year 2008 or 2009.

Donated by Fleming & Associates, CPA, PC

**Value: \$150**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**7. SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR UPHOLSTERED SOFA**

This is a great way to kick start your spring cleaning! You can have any upholstered seven-foot sofa cleaned.

Donated by Fiber-Seal Fabric Care System through Ronald Fried, grandparent of Charlotte and Auguste Fried

**Value: \$150**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**8. \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR ALL YOUR PET'S NEEDS**

Stock up on your pet's needs at this merchant with over 30 years of experience. Now on Clark Street, they carry only superior products and supplies.

Donated by NYCPET.com

**Value: \$100**  
**Opening Bid: \$75**

**9. GET YOUR PET ALL PRETTIED UP WITH ONE FULL SMALL-DOG GROOMING SERVICE**

Your little pooch will be very pleased and pampered after a full grooming service, right here on Hicks Street.

Donated by Perfect Paws Inc.

**Value: \$65**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**10. COMPUTER MAKING TROUBLE? CALL MIKEY'S HOOK-UP!**

Keep your Mac running smoothly with this certificate for Mikey's Hook-up in DUMBO - one of the highest rated Apple repair centers in all of New York City, fixing hundreds of Apple computers per month. Or use the dough for peripherals, cables and wireless networking equipment, or even AV equipment – they have it all.

Donated by Mikey's Hook-Up

**Value: \$25**  
**Opening Bid: \$15**

**11. METS M&M DISPENSER WITH LOTS OF EXTRA M&M'S**

This is chocolate, need we say more? The kids will love you if you bid and win this.

Donated by Anonymous, a PS8 Family/Relation

**Value: \$60**  
**Opening Bid: \$15**

**12. SEAPORT FLOWERS - \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

With European and Asian inspired trends, Seaport Flowers combines modern aesthetics with traditional sensibilities. Arrangements are created with the finest and most unique flowers available, with daily imports from Holland, France, South Africa and New Zealand.

Donated by Seaport Flowers

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$35**

**13. BROOKLYN BRIDGE PACKAGE: BOOK, T-SHIRT AND WOOD CARVINGS**

This is your chance to own the marvelous children's book, "*Twenty-One Elephants*" by Phil Bildner, about the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge. To complete the package, you get an original Brooklyn themed T-shirt and a beautiful hand-carved wooden elephant with calf.

Donated by Brooklyn Women's Exchange

**Value: \$50**  
**Opening Bid: \$25**

**14. A COOK'S COMPANION - \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

You will find everything that you need for your cooking needs at this Atlantic Ave store. Great for the gourmet in the family!

Donated by A Cook's Companion

**Value: \$25**  
**Opening Bid: \$15**

**15. FEATHER YOUR NEST WITH THIS GREAT PACKAGE**

Organize your home with this Nesting Package from TheNest.com, the sister website to wedding planning site TheKnot.com. The Nest is the go-to advice resource for couples building and organizing their lives together, from buying first homes to organizing their finances to decorating, entertaining, and relating. Package includes two books (*The Nest Home Design Handbook* and *The Nest Newlywed Handbook*), beautiful beaded picture frame, digital photo keychain, silver clock, and two luggage tags.

Donated by TheNest.com

**Value: \$125**  
**Opening Bid: \$60**

**16. LIVEN UP YOUR TABLE WITH THESE GREAT TRIVETS**

Amuse and astound your guests with these tabletop trivets shaped like gas stove grates. What are they really? Heat-resistant nylon (rated 480° F) with non-slip rubber bottoms. Currently sold at the MoMA Design Store. Choose the one that matches your stove!

- a. Round "*Voila!*" trivet
- b. Square "*Voila!*" trivet

Donated by Eric Janssen, PS 8 Parent

**Value: \$50 each**  
**Opening Bid: \$25 each**

**17. DRESS UP THE DOORWAY WITH THESE GREAT MATS**

These doormats are made of recycled rubber. Choose the one you like best.

- a. "Enter" doormat
- b. "Home" doormat

Donated by Pieter Woudt, father of Anouk and Maximiliano

**Value: \$30 each**  
**Opening Bid: \$15 each**

**18. GREAT BOOKENDS TO COMPLEMENT YOUR SHELVES**

These "Quote/Unquote" bookends are among the best in modern design. These heavy bookends are shaped like quotation marks made out of synthetic rubber molded over a cement core.

Donated by Eric Janssen, PS 8 Parent

**Value: \$90**  
**Opening Bid: \$45**

**19. OLIVE OIL SET**

A perfect addition to your home – an 8oz gourmet bottle with four ceramic dipping bowls.

Donated by Anonymous

**Value: \$25**  
**Opening Bid: \$10**

**20. LEDA DESK LAMP by DAVID WEEKS**

This sinuous modern creation will do your desk – and your sore eyes – a world of good!

Donated by David Weeks Studio

**Value: \$600**  
**Opening Bid: \$275**

**21. SHAKER-STYLE WOODEN CANDLEHOLDERS**

This pair of traditional wooden candleholders will light up your evening.

Donated by Overtures

**Value: \$175**  
**Opening Bid: \$85**

**23. YOUR CHILD'S PORTRAIT FOR THE AGES**

Photo session for up to two children – plus an 8x10 archival, handmade, black and white photograph.

Donated by Classic Kids Photography

**Value: \$580**  
**Opening Bid: \$150**

**24. COMPUTER TROUBLESHOOTING, JUST WHEN YOU NEED IT**

Computer blues got you down? Use this certificate for two (2) hours of computer technical support and finally get things straight!

Donated by Stephen A. Negron Technology Consulting

**Value: \$200**

**Opening Bid: \$100**

**25. ORGANIC BATH SET FROM GREENHOUSE**

Your bathroom will feel its freshest with this set of four white organic cotton bath towels, and Ervaviva jasmine & grapefruit body wash and lotion packed in a reusable tote bag from this Atlantic Avenue eco-emporium.

Donated by Greenhouse Eco-Friendly Living

**Value: \$172**

**Opening Bid: \$85**

**26. MADELINE WEINRIB HAND-PRINTED QUILTED BEDSPREAD**

Painter and designer Madeline Weinrib lives and works in NYC. The great-granddaughter of the founder of ABC Carpet and Home, she carries on the family tradition with her contemporary textile designs. This lightweight, queen size quilted cotton bedspread from India is from her new line of bedding. White with a hand block-printed design in midnight blue.

Donated by Madeline Weinrib Atelier

**Value: \$300**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

**27. P.S. 8 SKETCH**

This framed, 11"x14" pencil line drawing of PS 8's facade was made by an architect. Take it home as a beautiful memory of your child's time at our wonderful school.

Donated by Roger Clarke, grandfather of Pre-K2 student Claudia Flamm

**Value: \$125**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**28. HOME ACCESSORIES FROM BO CONCEPT**

Have a look and bid on this set of 2 white ceramic vases and a beautiful basket, which will be on display at the auction.

Donated by BoConcept

**Value: \$140**

**Opening Bid: \$70**

**29. MIRROR FROM WONK**

This great mirror from DUMBO's Wonk will look terrific in your home.

Donated by Wonk

**Value: \$60**

**Opening Bid: \$30**

**ADDENDUM – EVEN MORE (with these late but great items.....)**

**1. \*\*\*\*\*NEW LIVE ITEM!! \*\*\*\*\***

**FOUR COURSE DINNER AND WINE TASTING FOR 8 AT THE HOME OF CHEF ALAN HARDING**

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a four-course dinner and wine tasting for eight (8) people, cooked by celebrated chef (and PS 8 parent) Alan Harding and served in his Red Hook home. The dinner will be centered on a "Provence" theme. Harding is a famous local chef/restaurateur who was instrumental in developing the Smith Street restaurant scene we all know and love today.

Donated by Alan Harding

**Value: Priceless!**

**Opening Bid: \$750**

**2. PLAYDATE WITH MS. ALISON SCHWARTZ OF PRE-K FAME**

Ms. Alison will accompany your child on a 2-hour playdate for an activity of his/her choosing. She will pick up and drop off!

**Value: priceless!**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**3. FIGURE 8'S WITH MS. BROWNING!**

Our talented 3rd grade teacher, Melissa Browning, is offering a 1-hour skating lesson for 4 children at Prospect Park, to be redeemed next season (Nov-Dec 2009). Admission and skate rental are not included.

**Value: Priceless!**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**4. PLAYDATE WITH MS. FORREST!**

How about a kid-free afternoon? Our fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Aleah Forrest, will take your child and a friend from dismissal time to 5:30 for an ice cream treat and fun in the park!

**Value: Priceless!**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**5. MARC JACOBS BLACK STRAPLESS DRESS – SIZE 8**

Everyone always needs a little black dress. Update your wardrobe now!

Donated by Joyce Ellman, mother of Bobby Schoolman-Ellman

**Value: \$288**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

**6. GET A GREAT LOOK FOR YOUR HAIR- \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Enjoy a great salon experience with Fabio Scalia when you use your gift certificate at this convenient Montague business.

Donated by Fabio Scalia Salon (formerly Femmina)

**Value: \$100**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**7. TRY SOME NATURAL PRODUCTS – ARBONNE SKIN CARE**

Your skin will thank you when you try this natural Swiss-formulated line of botanical based products.

Donated by Rebecca Buyanovsky of Fabio Scalia Salon

**Value: \$50**

**Opening Bid: \$25**

**8. BEAUTIFUL CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING**

This delicately beautiful Chinese brush painting shows a bright little bird among a stand of bamboo. Bring it home and watch your walls smile!

Donated by Guo-Qing Heaton, PS 8 mom

**Value: \$800**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

**9. CHILD-THEMED PRINTS (2 AVAILABLE)**

These wonderful archival prints by local Dumbo artist, Jen Ferguson, will look great in your child's room or any space. Her work has been popular at boutiques such as ModernTots in Dumbo.

Donated by Jen Ferguson

**Value: \$400 each**

**Opening Bid: \$150 each**

**10. DANCE TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT – DANCE CLASSES FOR KIDS**

Enjoy six classes of dance over a six-week period and let your child burn some energy at this Fort Greene/Clinton Hill program.

Donated by Let's Dance Brooklyn

**Value: \$138**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

**11. ADORABLE HANDMADE GIRL'S SKIRT**

This skirt, in vintage cotton with a felt bird appliqué, was handmade with love by a talented PS 8 parent.

Donated by Liz Pitofsky, parent of Sophie Mode

**Value: \$35**

**Opening Bid: \$15**

**12. BLUE RIBBON RESTAURANT – DINNER FOR TWO (2)**

This fantastic 5th Avenue restaurant is especially well-known for its quality seafood, but they do pretty much everything right. New York Magazine has called it "Possibly the most family-friendly restaurant in all of New York." Enjoy dinner for two, excluding bottle wine and gratuity.

Donated by Blue Ribbon Restaurant

**Value: \$200**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

**13. BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN – ONE YEAR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

BBG is a 52-acre living museum where beauty, romance, and fun blossom among world-class plant collections and specialty gardens. Admired as an urban horticultural and botanical resource, BBG inspires visitors to discover that plants are essential to life. Check out the family programs and activities for kids too! Includes 2 adults and any kids, plus parking passes, guest passes, and more.

Donated by Brooklyn Botanical Garden

**Value: \$75**

**Opening Bid: \$35**

**14. QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART – FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND ADOPT A BUILDING ON NYC PANORAMA**

Enjoy a family membership to this wonderful art institution. The crown jewel of the museum is The Panorama of the City of New York. Built by Robert Moses for the 1964 World's Fair, in part as a celebration of the City's municipal infrastructure, this 9,335 square foot architectural model includes every single building constructed before 1992 in all five boroughs. Along with your membership, you can adopt a building on the panorama – try adopting your home!

Donated by Jodi Hanel Fernandez, parent of Ace Fernandez

**Value: \$ 105**

**Opening Bid: \$45**

**15. GREAT COMBO OF ART AND MUSIC – GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR CLASSES**

Let your child get creative! Use this certificate for \$100 off the cost of any class at this venerable neighborhood institution. This is a fantastic option for your little one from birth to 5 years old. (two available)

Donated by ArtsCetera

**Value: \$100 each**

**Opening Bid: \$50 each**

**16. TUTORING BY NYC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Pamela Abramson, a New York City public elementary school teacher, has been teaching and tutoring for eight years. Give your child that extra boost with a one-hour tutoring session (two available) in all subjects – grades K-5. Pamela will come to your home.

Donor(s): Pamela Abramson

**Value: \$90/1hr session**

**Opening Bid: \$50 each**