



## **SILENT AUCTION OF PROMISES, 24 JANUARY 2019**

**7 PM, AMEY THEATRE**

The Music Department at Abingdon School is hosting a 'silent auction' to support the First Orchestra and Big Band Tour of Japan. There are some truly incredible lots and all parents can make a bid. Successful bids will be announced by the Headmaster at the Japan Benefit Concert this coming Thursday (24 January), but our two "Star" lots will be open to bids until the start of half term (6pm on Friday 15 February) – this will give you time to confer with family or friends, join forces perhaps and enter that winning bid!

There will be opportunities to bid on the night of the Benefit Concert, but if you can't attend all you need to do is contact Caren Hardiman by email ([caren.hardiman@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:caren.hardiman@abingdon.org.uk)) with your prize preferences and maximum bid – it's that easy!

These are all fantastic prizes – please support us and our benefactors - be generous with your bids!

### **Star Prizes**

*(Bidding on these items will close at 6pm on Friday 15 February [the start of Half Term])*

#### **1 One week in a beautiful 17<sup>th</sup> Century farmhouse in the 'Lot' region of SW France**

Make your first week of the summer holiday extra special with a week in a restored 17<sup>th</sup> century stone farmhouse in a truly breath-taking region of France – sleeps 8-14 (4 doubles & a dormitory for 6), including a 10m private swimming pool. Available from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13 July 2019. Join forces with family or friends and grab yourself an amazing bargain! ([www.maison-lafeuille.co.uk](http://www.maison-lafeuille.co.uk))

#### **2 A weekend in London – Enjoy a theatre trip and stay in a 2-bed apartment in Chelsea, which includes a welcome basket with a bottle of Champagne!**

Spend an unforgettable weekend staying one of London's most historic boroughs – a short break that won't be short in experience. Harrods, the V&A, Natural History and Science Museums, the Serpentine Galleries, Kensington Palace and Gardens – all on your doorstep, and we'll throw in £100 of theatre vouchers for a show of your choice!

## Main Prizes

*(Bidding on these items will close during the Japan Tour Benefit Concert on Thursday 24 January)*

- **3 Three course Sunday Lunch for 4 people at the award winning 'Vineyard', near Newbury**

Enjoy a leisurely three course Sunday lunch in the elegant surrounding 3 AA Rosette restaurant and award-winning 30,000 bottle wine cellar. Experience the finest food expertly prepared by Chef Robby Jenks and his team using the freshest local produce... Simply Perfect! ([www.the-vineyard.co.uk/food](http://www.the-vineyard.co.uk/food))

- **4 City Mazes Escape Room Experience for 6**

Real life escape game complex – choose your location, choose your game, bring your team and see if you can solve the puzzles and escape in less than 60 minutes! Fantastic fun for friends and family! ([www.citymazes.com](http://www.citymazes.com))

- **5 Loose Cannon Brewery Tour for four people**

A brilliant evening out on your doorstep! You'll get a tour of the brewery and then get to sample their wonderful selection of beers on offer. These tours are becoming legendary!

- **6 A pair of tickets to hear the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**

Recognised as one of the world great orchestras, the CBSO give over 100 concerts each year, playing music that ranges from the classics to contemporary, film music and even symphonic disco! These tickets are valid up to 17<sup>th</sup> February – an ideal Valentines gift! There is also the option of four conducting lessons with the Director of Music and an invitation to appear with Second Orchestra at the summer concert.

- **7 A meal for two with a bottle of wine at the esteemed Pierre Victoire restaurant in Oxford**

This French bistro is one of Oxford's busiest and best loved restaurants – its rustic charm and excellent menu is perfect for that candlelit dinner for two! ([www.pierrevictoire.co.uk](http://www.pierrevictoire.co.uk))

- **8 A Deer stalking experience for one person for one Day**

A Deer-Stalking Experience in the Cotswolds for one person with a qualified and licensed countryman. The day will start with gun training and practice and an itinerary roaming the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside.

- **9 A two-day Cookery Course for up to three teenagers (or pre-university students) to learn to cook excellent recipes (3 lots for separate bidding)**

Three places on a 2-day cookery course for 3 teenagers or a pre-university cookery course given by an experienced cook from a parental home near Newbury - ideal for those young fledglings!

- **10 A delicious Seasonal Supper for four with a bottle of organic wine at an exclusive Pop up restaurant in an ancient threshing barn near Thame.**

This is a genuine and unique “field to fork” experience for 4 and a bottle of organic wine at a pop-up refectory in an ancient threshing barn at Sandy Lane Farm near Thame, starting with drinks and canapes around an open fire. The meal is cooked by 5\* chefs, showcasing the freshly harvested organic produce grown on the farm.  
[www.sandylanefarm.net/seasonal-suppers](http://www.sandylanefarm.net/seasonal-suppers)