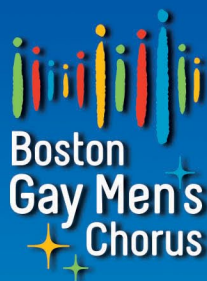


THE ANNUAL GALA
CELEBRATION & AUCTION
benefiting



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015, 7:00PM
CRESCENDO
With Bianca Del Rio



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Annual Gala Celebration & Auction Benefiting the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Registration Opens.....	6:45pm
Silent Auction.....	7:00pm
Photo Booth	7:00pm - 8:15pm
Welcome	8:30pm
Live Auction	8:35pm
Fund the Future.....	9:05pm
Bianca del Rio	9:15pm
Check Out	10:00pm
(or after Bianca's performance.)	

All times approximate

Pre-Party Hosts:

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All sales are final. There are no exchanges or refunds on items by donors or BGMC. No warranties are made with respect to value or quality of merchandise or services auctioned.

Pursuant to IRS code, purchase amounts are tax deductible only to the extent that the purchase price exceeds the fair market value of the item. 100% of the proceeds of the auctions go directly to the BGMC.

This auction catalog is not a complete list of items. Please be sure to browse the auction area for more great items. Thank you for participating – **bid high and bid often!!**

Silent Auction

For each item there is a bid sheet. The opening bid must equal or exceed the minimum bid listed on the sheet. Each increase in bid must equal or exceed the “minimum raise” listed on the sheet.

To make a bid: legibly write your bidder number, name, and bid amount on the bid sheet. Bids that are incomplete or illegible may be voided.

Silent auction tables will close in phases. Announcements will be made as each table nears closing. As silent auction tables close, winning bids will be circled on each sheet.

Live Auction

Our guest auctioneer will give you general instructions on bidding as the live auction starts. In general, to bid on an item you raise your bidder card provided during registration to respond to a suggested bid. The auctioneer will recognize you and call out your number to confirm your bid. The auctioneer will also confirm your number if you are the winner. Your live auction winnings will be included in your statement when you check out.

Checkout

Payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, American Express, check or cash (exact change please). Guests who present their credit card at Registration can avoid visiting a cashier at Checkout.

You may checkout your item(s) after Bianca del Rio's performance – no earlier than 10:00pm. If you are unable to stay to checkout, items may be picked up at the Chorus office in the South End.

Bianca del Rio

Bianca Del Rio is the season six reigning winner of Logo TV's hit series *RuPaul's Drag Race*. In December 2014, she received the Best New Television Personality award from NewNowNext. Global accolades along with a Live Nation comedy tour brought the beloved New Orleans entertainer once known as Roy Haylock into the scrutinizing public eye. Gigs throughout the world, a commercial debut for Starbucks, critical acclaim by *The New York Times*, even an interview on the late Joan Rivers' popular show *In Bed with Joan*, followed. Years of dedication and hard work paid off for this controversial comedian and drag queen.



A self-proclaimed “clown in a dress” with a raw and racy edge, Bianca Del Rio is a costume designer and theatrical performer, as well as the familiar wisecracking artist that emerged on the New Orleans nightclub circuit in 1996 and garnered awards. Long before her success on *RuPaul's Drag Race*, she appeared on MTV, A&E, and the Travel Channel. A staple at gay Mardi Gras events and private parties, this comfortable niche soon opened wide to include mainstream venues and straight audiences on an international level.

Now a resident of New York City, Bianca Del Rio continues to tour the world captivating fans with her sharp wit, dismembering humor, and perceptive commentary in a brash, metro kick to the ego—everything and everyone is her target. Step into her line of verbal fire for an unforgettable, humbling experience. Laugh.

thebiancadelrio.com

Kathy Kingston, CAI, BAS

Kathy Kingston is the founder and principal of Kingston Auction Company, which has raised millions of dollars for organizations nationwide. She is the creator of the Philanthropy Model of Fundraising Auctions. She is the author of *A Higher Bid: How to Transform Special Event Fundraising with Strategic Benefit Auctions*, published by John Wiley and Sons and co-published by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



Kathy, who has been a consultant and professional fundraising auctioneer for nearly three decades, has been awarded two of the auction industry's major awards, the 2012 Chuck Cumberlin Memorial Sportsmanship Award and the 2006 Rose Award from the National Auctioneers Association. She holds the Certified Auctioneer Institute (CAI) designation; only three percent of auctioneers worldwide have achieved this status. Kathy was a charter class member and has been an instructor of the Benefit Auctioneer Specialist (BAS) professional designation program.

As a consultant, speaker, and fundraising auction strategist, Kathy conducts benefit auction seminars, tele-seminars, and custom workshops for nonprofit and educational organizations as well as for professional auctioneers. She holds a Master's Degree in Education from Saint Louis University, where in 1986 she was named "Woman of the Year." In 2013, she was inducted into the Million Dollar Consultant™ Hall of Fame.

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The Boston Gay Men's Chorus is one of New England's largest and most successful community-based choruses. Founded in 1982, the 175-voice ensemble is celebrated for its outstanding musicianship, creative programming, and groundbreaking community outreach. Under the dynamic leadership of Music Director Reuben M. Reynolds III, the BGMC sings a wide spectrum of classical and popular music and builds bridges to all people by providing a positive, affirming image of the gay and lesbian community. The Chorus is heard live by more than 10,000 people each season and thousands more through recordings and television broadcasts. In November 2013 CBS-WBZ named The Boston Gay Men's Chorus one of the "top 5" choruses in the city of Boston. In June 2015 the BGMC becomes the first gay chorus to tour the Middle East.

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Smile

SMILE - with special guest Laura Benanti
Sunday, June 14, 2015, at 3pm
Symphony Hall

CHORUS AMERICA - Opening night performance
Wednesday, June 18, 2015, at 7:30pm
Old South Church

MIDDLE EAST TOUR

June 19 - 29, 2015

Follow the adventure on social media



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Friday, June 17, 2016, at 6:00pm
Park Street Stage on the Boston Common

HOLIDAY

Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 3:00pm
Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 8:00pm
Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 8:00pm
Monday, December 21, 2015 at 8:00pm
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

CABARET

Friday, February 19, 2016, at 8:00pm
Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 5:00pm & 8:00pm
Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 3:00pm (VIP)
Club Cafe

SPRING

Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 8:00pm
Sunday, March 20, 2016, at 3:00pm
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

PRIDE

Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 8:00pm
Friday, June 10, 2016, at 8:00pm
Sunday, June 12, 2016, at 8:00pm
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

GALA FESTIVAL

July 3 - 7, 2016
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Cinquencento \$100

Aquitaine Bar à Vin Bistrot \$100

Petit Robert Bistro \$100

Cambridge Common (for four) \$110

Christopher's Restaurant & Bar \$120

West Side Lounge (for four) \$150

Live Auction
Item No. 2
Value: \$920



Bette Midler - VIP Floor seats



Two VIP Floor seats (Section B, Seats 3, 4) for
Bette Midler Live at TD Garden on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 8:00pm.

Restrictions: Valid for stated show and date only, no exchanges.

Donated by: BGMC
Value: \$920



Live Auction
Item No. 3

Value: Priceless

Delightful Door Design



Daniel Faucher has held the South End in awe of his intricate, delightful holiday door design for almost two decades. This is your opportunity to get some of that door decor for yourself with a customer installation at your front door. Includes up to \$200 in design decor.

Restrictions: Must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance for a mutually convenient time between Nov. 23-Dec. 4 (weather permitting). Includes imitation garland, ribbon and appropriate seasonal accents for a single doorway of a home or condo/apartment building. General color palette may be discussed at the time of booking. Lights can be included if the winning bidder has a convenient outlet in which to plug them, and a working timer is recommended. De-installation is the responsibility of the winner.

Donated by: Danny Faucher, Tom Weisend
Value: Priceless



Tiffany for 10 Big Rig



Top chef and out Bostonian Tiffani Faison will provide dinner for 10 at her restaurant Sweet Cheeks. 2 lbs each of pork belly, pulled pork, pulled chicken, brisket, full rack of ribs, 1 whole chicken, 2 shorties including one quart of each side, one of every fried....still hungry, just ask! All food provided, alcohol additional.

Restrictions: Make reservation at least 4 days in advance - any day of the week!

Donated by: Chef Tiffani Faison & Izzy Berdan
Value: \$750



Live Auction

Item No. 5

Value: \$2,300

Sedona Resort & Spa



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The Sedona Vacation Club/Los Abrigados is situated on 22 acres of winding walkways, cascading fountains and shady nooks of the luxurious Los Abrigados Resort in Sedona, Arizona. Perfect for a romantic getaway!

Enjoy fantastic red rock vistas as you lounge by the pool or unwind in the hot tub. The in-house spa offers everything from massages and facials to eucalyptus steam baths. Tennis court and pool. Nautilus machines in the resort's state-of-the-art fitness center. Golf aficionados can tee off at two championship 18-hole golf courses seven miles away. 1 bedroom unit (sleeps 4).

Escape winter during Valentine's Day / President's Day week:
February 13-20, 2016.

Two roundtrip tickets anywhere on JetBlue Airways, good for travel to any of JetBlue's non-stop destinations. (NO Blackout Dates for this week to Phoenix!)

Restrictions:

Resort: Certain booking restrictions apply, for exact dates only. The nearest major airport to the resort is Phoenix Sky Harbor, 115 miles away. There are also commuter flights into Sedona Airport from Phoenix and Las Vegas

Winner is responsible for mandatory resort amenities fee of \$15 per night, plus tax. Security deposit and credit card imprint required upon check-in at the resort.

Air: Subject to availability and blackout dates, certain restrictions apply. Expires 5/9/2016. . (NO Blackout Dates for this week to Phoenix!)

Donated by: Jeremy Hayes & Andrew Maggiore, JetBlue Airways

Value \$2,000

Live Auction
Item No. 6

Value: \$900



JetBlue tickets

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Restrictions: Subject to availability and blackout dates, certain restrictions apply.
Expires 5/9/2016.

Donated by: JetBlue Airways



Live Auction
Item No. 7

Value: \$500

Red Sox Green Wall seats



Bank of America



Four tickets to the World-Series-winning Red Sox. Seats atop Fenway's
Legendary Green Monster.

Game is Thursday, May 21 at 7:10pm Red Sox vs Rangers

Includes \$100 food voucher

"Tiant Bobblehead" night

Restrictions: Good for the date only.

Donated by: Bank of America

Value: \$500



Ellen - VIP tickets and trip to Los Angeles



Two VIP seats to a taping of The Ellen Degeneres Show in Hollywood. VIP's also get a swanky bag of Ellen swag!

Two roundtrip tickets good for travel to any of JetBlue's non-stop destinations.

Two nights at a Los Angeles hotel

Restrictions:

Ellen: Show tapes most of Sept-May, excluding Dec. Must be 14 years old. Advance reservations required.

Air: Subject to availability and blackout dates, certain restrictions apply. Expires 5/9/2016.

Hotel: Subject to availability and requires advance notice. Expires 5/9/2016.

Donated by: Donated by: Ellen, JetBlue Airways, Philip Welton in honor of his grandparents, Charlie and Phyllis Swanson, for having made their home into a LGBT safe zone.

Value: \$3,000 / Priceless



Live Auction
Item No. 9

Value: \$1,500

Celebrity Chef Michael Scelfo 10 course tasting menu



Chef Michael Scelfo's tasting menu of multiple plates of food paired with wines. At his restaurant "Alden & Harlow" in the heart of Harvard Square.



Restrictions:

Make reservation at least 14 days in advance.

Donated by: Chef Scelfo, Alden and Harlow, Izzy Berdan



Meet & Greet with Megan Hilty



Meet Megan Hilty in person backstage with a backstage tour!

2 VIP Tickets for Broadway @ The Shubert - benefiting the Boston Gay Men's Chorus (\$200 level)

Friday, September 18, 2015

Restrictions: Date and time only

Donated by: Mark Cortale Productions, Megan Hilty, BGMC
Value: \$400/Priceless



Live Auction
Item No. 11

Value: Priceless

“No Pants in the Kitchen!” at Reuben & Bill’s



Gaslight chef Mike Zentner cooks up to 10 courses for 8 people at the *fabulous* South End home of BGMC Music Director Reuben Reynolds and his husband Bill Casey.

Alcohol included!

Everyone in the kitchen will be pantless!

Restrictions: Minimum two month advance notice required, not valid during BGMC concert weeks, restaurant week, or near/on major holidays. Expires 5/1/16.

Donated by: Gaslight Brasserie Du Coin, Izzy Berdan, Reuben Reynolds & Bill Casey
Value: \$3,000 / Priceless



Hawaii - Cottage at Spa



3 night Cottage Stay with meals at Kalani Retreat Center set in 120 acres of organic agriculture, preserved heritage, and retreat accommodations. Exuberant in fiery lava, invigorating ocean, tropical foliage, and exuberant with people celebrating the spirit of aloha.
Two roundtrip tickets anywhere on USAir/American Airlines.

Restrictions:

Resort: Subject to availability.

Air: Frequent flier mile restrictions, taxes extra.

Donated by: Kalani Retreat Center, Kilian Melloy

Value: \$2,100

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