

# **Chicago Master Singers Annual Benefit Gala –**

## **Silent Auction Items Wanted**

The silent auction at the annual Benefit Gala is not only a fundraising tool, but adds an element of fun to the occasion. The success of the auction is directly related to collecting the right items for the audience.

Donated items are used in the auction any of the following ways:

- Auctioned as a single item
- Auctioned in combination with another item
- Placed in a themed basket

### **Most Desired Items**

- Gift cards /Gift certificates (any value, examples below)
  - Restaurant
  - Retailer (online or brick & mortar)
  - Salon/Spa
  - Casual entertainment venues (movies, golf or mini-golf, entertainment complexes such as Dave & Busters)
- Pre-filled baskets from retailers
  - Spas/salons
  - Grocery retailers (Trader Joe's, Peapod, Mariano's)
  - Specialty food retailers (chocolate, candy, wine, etc.)
- Entertainment / Cultural Experiences
  - Theater tickets (Chicago or suburban)
  - Symphony/Opera tickets (Chicago or suburban)
  - Museum passes
  - Destination passes (observatory, architectural tours/events, water park, theme park, etc.)
- Health, Wellness, Professional Services
  - Personal training packages, gym passes or membership
  - Fitness classes
  - New Fitness equipment (pedometer, fitbit or similar, exercise mat, etc.)
  - Professional services (voice or music lessons, life coaching, cleaning service, lawn care, pet sitting, piano tuning, recitals, custom printing, photography, etc.)
- Other
  - Foods and beverages (coffee, chocolate, candy, wine, tea, any assorted liquors such as whiskey, brandy, etc.)
  - Wine accessories (stoppers, charms, carafe, holders, bottle openers, etc.)
  - Children's books, discovery toys, clothes (new only)
  - High-quality handmade items such as quilts and knitted items
  - Pet items (blankets, treats, toys, bowls, etc.)