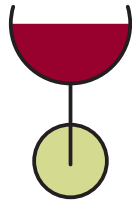


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FACT SHEET

Background:

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wine events to raise funds for local charities benefiting children and families. Named as one of the top ten charity wine auctions in the country by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, the Classic Wines Auction has raised almost \$16.4 million for Portland-area charities since its inception in 1984. Attended by an affluent guest list of more than 800 bidders from around the country, the gala auction includes pre-dinner wine tasting, a five-course culinary feast prepared by top guest chefs, selected wines from both national and international wine ambassadors, and a silent and oral auction. At the exclusive Ambassador's Dinner on Friday evening, 200 guests join wine ambassadors and dine on an elegant meal prepared by a team of celebrity chefs. The week leading up to the auction includes intimate winemaker-hosted dinners pairing Portland's finest chefs along with Pacific Northwest winemakers.

Date:

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 – Saturday, March 1, 2008

Website:

www.classicwinesauktion.com

Inaugural Auction:

1982

Amount Raised:

1982 - \$9,000

2007 - \$2.8 million

Executive Director:

Heather Martin

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Classic Wines Auction Board Members:

Marc Albers, President and COO, US Bakery

Debbie Alley, Trustee, Oregon College of Art and Craft

Rita Duyn, Principal, Carlton Farms

Jim Fitzhenry, Capital Strategies Group

Linda Hickey, Director, Ray Hickey Foundation

Karen Hinsdale, President, The Cellar Door

Roger Hinshaw, President, Bank of America Oregon and Southwest Washington

David Johnson, Johnson Family Foundation

Fred Jubitz, Co-President, Jubitz Corporation

Gary Maffei, Trustee, Harry A. Merlo Foundation

Ed Maletis, Chairman, Columbia Distributing
Sheryl Manning, Board Chair of Classic Wines Auction, Inc. (2004-2006) and co-chair of the 2004 and 2005 auctions
Steve Patterson
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Walden Rhines, Chairman & CEO, Mentor Graphics
Greg Robeson, Principal, Robeson Communications
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Bill Stoller, President, The Stoller Group
Paul Vogel, Sr. Director, Public Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, Pacific Power
Craig Wessel, Publisher, Portland Business Journal

2008 Auction Co-Chairs:

Dan Agnew
Linda Hickey
Mark Miller

2008 Ambassadors Dinner Co-Chairs:

Gretchen Holce
Greg Robeson

2008 Winemaker Dinner Co-Chairs:

Michelle Fitzhenry
Cyndy Maletis

2008 Beneficiaries:

Proceeds from the Classic Wines Auction and events benefit local charities dedicated to helping children and families.

- **Metropolitan Family Service** is dedicated to building stronger communities by providing services, connecting people with resources, and offering volunteer opportunities throughout the Portland area.
- **New Avenues for Youth** has a mission to help each youth reach their fullest potential by offering a continuum of outcome-based services that empower homeless youth to exit street life and prevent other youth from becoming homeless.
- **Friends of the Children-Portland** is a revolutionary one-on-one mentoring program that provides paid professional mentors, called Friends, to our community's most vulnerable children.
- **Trillium Family Services** provides the highest quality diagnosis and treatment of mental and behavioral health challenges for young people in Oregon. Trillium works collaboratively with children and their families to understand and treat the causes of mental and behavioral health problems so that young people can live healthy lives in their community.
- **YWCA Clark County**, Washington (New for 2008) offers life-changing services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and homelessness.

2007-2008 Classic Wines Auction Events:

November 13-15, 2007

Oregon Bounty Winemaker Dinners

Tuesday, February 26-Thursaday, February 28, 2008

Winemaker Dinners

A series of dinners at top Portland area restaurants that offer a rare opportunity to mix with award-winning winemakers and chefs in intimate settings. In 2007, 33 restaurants and 62 winemakers participated in the winemaker dinners. \$150 per person.

Friday, February 29, 2008

Ambassador Dinner: Portland to Portland

The Ambassadors Dinner will feature a seated dinner for 200 guests prepared by two chefs who were both named as Food & Wine Magazine's 2007 Best New Chefs in America.

2008 Guest Chefs:

- Steve Corry, chef/owner, Five Fifty-Five, Portland, Maine
- Gabriel Rucker, chef/owner, Le Pigeon, Portland, Oregon

2008 Wine Ambassadors: (not yet confirmed)

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Gala Auction Dinner, Oregon Convention Center, Oregon Ballroom

Guest Chefs:

- John Gorham, Toro Bravo, Portland
- Thierry Rautureau, Rover's, Seattle
- Johnathan Sundstrom, Lark and Licorous, Seattle
- Dominique Geulin, St. Honore Boulangerie, Portland

Accolades:

Top Ten Charity Wine Auction, *The Wine Spectator*, 2001-2007

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