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**EARLY ONLINE BIDDING NOW OPEN FOR SELECT PACKAGES
OFFERED FOR THE CLASSIC WINES AUCTION 25TH ANNIVERSARY**
*Michele Russo Lithographs, Columbia-Edgewater Golf Tournament and Dinner
with James Beard Award-winning chefs available for online bidding*

PORTLAND, Oregon – (January 29, 2009) – You don't need a paddle to bid on a select group of dinners, parties and an exclusive golf tournament at Columbia Edgewater Country Club as part of the 25th anniversary Classic Wines Auction taking place on March 7, 2009. A variety of packages and 2009 Commemorative Magnums are now available for purchase with only the click of your mouse. Visit www.classicwinesauction.com for online bidding for more than seven packages, including:

Ben & Jerry's at the Zoo

Here's one for the kids (or the kid in you)! Sign up to take a group of 20 kids (or kid-like adults) to the Oregon Zoo on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** and enjoy Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream from New Avenues for Youth's PartnerShop and admission for your group of 20 people. **\$500 per group of 20 people, up to 30 groups sold.**

Moon Over Monte Carlo

John and Kim Bradley will host an incredible evening at their home on **Saturday, August 8, 2009**. With a French theme, a multi-course dinner will be prepared by Pascal Chureau of Fenouil and paired with French wines. **\$4,000 per table of eight, up to 12 tables sold.**

25th Anniversary Golf Tournament

On **Monday, August 24, 2009**, participating golfers will compete at the exclusive Columbia-Edgewater Country Club for terrific tee-prizes on all four par three holes and a Mini Cooper S from Rasmussen BMW as a hole-in-one prize. Double shotgun starts at 8:00am and 1:30pm - with only one foursome per tee. Price includes golf for four, cart, breakfast, lunch and certificate to shop at wholesale in the Taylor Made/Adidas merchandise tent. Buy a foursome and treat your friends or clients, or get three other golf buddies and buy a foursome together! **\$2,500 per foursome.**

Evening at Tony Starlight's Supper Club

Join Classic Wines Auction past co-chairs Sheryl Manning, Gary Maffei, Linda Hickey, Gretchen Holce, Art Fortuna, Bob Albers, Mike Ellis and Frank Roberti for an evening of fun, Frank Sinatra-themed music, three course dinner and fabulous wine in an elegant "old Hollywood" atmosphere of Tony Starlight's Supper Club! **Thursday, October 15, 2009**, 27 couples will be treated to dinner, music and wines provided by the above past auction chairs. **\$750 per couple, up to 27 couples sold.**

Michele Russo Lithographs

10 limited edition lithographs of a Michele Russo painting have been created. The lithographs are 32"x42" and are in wooden frames. Each one is signed by the Estate of Michele Russo. Pick up or delivery can be arranged after March 7, 2009. Please note: these cannot be shipped. **\$1,000 each.**

Holidays with the Holces

Join Gretchen and Tom Holce for a very special evening in their home on **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**. A

dinner buffet, live entertainment, libations and the Christmas Ships parade are included. If you time it right, you may take the guided tour of this art-filled home; it's amazing! **\$500 per couple, up to 25 couples sold.**

James Beard Award-Winning Chefs Dinner

Dinner at the Multnomah Athletic Club will be one-of-a-kind on **Friday, September 18, 2009**, when four of Portland's James Beard Award Winning chefs come together to prepare a feast for you: Philippe Boulot, Caprial Pence, Vitaly Paley and Greg Higgins. Each course will be paired with some favorite wines of these fabulous chefs. **\$5,000 per table of eight, up to five tables sold.**

2009 Auction Highlights: The following fabulous packages will be available for bid at the Gala Auction and proxy bidding is available at 503-972-0194.

- 2009 Smart Car: Innovative, intelligent and functional: you will look and feel good driving it. And with the organic wines filling the trunk, your carbon footprint is already decreasing.
- 52 Weeks of Champagne: The best of the bubbles are represented; all you need is the reason to celebrate each week.
- Napa Valley: Spend a weekend with Suzanne and Stuart Bryan at Pride Mountain Vineyards or spend two nights at The Carneros Inn and enjoy dinner at Thomas Keller's French Laundry. Both trips include private jet transportation and guarantee luxury; bid on one or both.
- Phenomenal Wine Lots: A 27-bottle collection of rare Cabernets, or wine packages featuring legendary producers of Bordeaux, French Burgundy, or Cult California wines.
- Turtle Island, FIJI: Experience paradise with this seven-day, all inclusive trip for two people.
- Exclusive Resorts®: Treat yourself to a fabulous vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Scottsdale, Snowmass (Aspen) or Costa Rica with the Exclusive Resorts Destination Club. Pampering includes maid, chef and personal driver!

25th Anniversary Gala Auction Benefits Children and Families

"Watching our community raise funds for programs that will impact children and families is the most memorable part of our annual auction," said Executive Director Heather Martin. Classic Wines Auction, Inc. has raised almost \$19.5 million for Portland-area charities since its inception in 1984. The Classic Wines Auction board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2009 auction events: Friends of the Children, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County.

Portland Restaurateur David Machado Designs Menu for 800 at Gala Auction

The Classic Wines Auction is honored to partner with David Machado, executive chef and owner of Lauro Mediterranean Kitchen and Vindalho in Portland, Oregon. Machado will work with his long-time friend Jesus Cibrian, the executive chef for Aventura Catering at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. "The collaboration between these two seasoned chefs will give our 25th anniversary event a special touch," said Martin. "They both bring a commitment to local and seasonal products and have the experience to serve over 800 people at our 25th anniversary event." Machado has received acclaim for his two restaurants in *Esquire*, *Food Arts*, *Food & Wine*, *Bon Appetit* and the *Washington Post*. He is also a guest instructor at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone and the California Culinary Academy. Chef Cibrian has over 20 years experience producing top quality cuisine in large venues and was the executive chef for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, overseeing a crew of 300 and serving up to 100,000 meals each day. He has also been involved with the Oscar awards.

About Classic Wines Auction:

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 for the past seven years by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, CWA has raised almost \$19.5 million for Portland area charities since its inception in 1982. For more information, please visit www.classicwinesauction.com or call 503-972-0194.