

WELCOME

TO OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL INTERACTIVE ARTY PARTY AND AUCTION



Tonight, we unleash artistic expression at its most direct level with our theme, Street Art—the ultimate “canvas” available to all. At Nimbash 2017, we invite you to experience the wide range of street art, from ageless to immediate, from whimsical to challenging, and the ways that it captures the energy and spirit of the moment but also communicates messages that are deeply personal and truly universal.

You have helped to make Nimbus Arts central to our community for more than twelve years, and with deep gratitude we continue our mission to ignite artistic expression and make art accessible throughout Napa Valley. As street art combines the voices and stories of so many people, Nimbus Arts also brings together “Hundreds of Hands,” connecting our community through art and our team of dedicated and creative artist instructors.

We could not begin to achieve our mission without the support and participation of our Board of Directors, Leadership Circle, and donors (large and small) who sustain us. We also could not continue without the involvement and generosity of our community, people like you who have chosen to join us tonight.

Tonight, make your “mark” on the world in celebration of our differences, finding common ground, and coming together in support of community creativity and our creative community! Thank you joining us on this journey and for helping to shape a future where art is central, accessible, and a vital part of life in Napa Valley.

Have a bashing good time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jamie Graff'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

JAMIE GRAFF, *Nimbus Arts Executive Director*

THANKS

TO OUR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to acknowledge and thank our 2017 Nimbash Sponsors:
Martin Design, Backen, Gillam & Kroeger Architects, Ogletree's Inc,
Harold Smith & Son, and Cartons & Crates/Napa Valley Art Supply

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We are so grateful to Karen Aldoroty and everyone at 55 Degrees for
expert handling and storage of the NIMBASH wines

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To the exceptional food and wine artisans serving at NIMBASH,
we value you and thank you for your outstanding offerings and support!

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We extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to our friends
and community members who have donated the art, products
and services to the NIMBASH auction.

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With heartfelt gratitude, we thank the St. Helena Montessori School
for the use of the barn for our eighth annual NIMBASH

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Special thanks to Joleen & David Hughes of Level for production of the
amazing NIMBASH graphics and constant creative guidance

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We are most grateful to our auctioneer, Richard D. Pio Roda, Esq., and his family
and team, for contributing time, energy and talent to the Live Auction

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A special tip of the hat to the talented and enthusiastic
Nimbus Arts Board of Directors. You provide us with a guiding light,
steadfast dedication and continual support

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And a special loving thanks to the many artists, community members and the
mighty Nimbus team who have donated their time, talents and good humor to
the production of NIMBASH 2017. Your community effort, passionate creativity,
and grand labor of love are what makes NIMBASH such an original event!

AUCTIONEER

RICHARD D. PIO RODA

*We are most grateful to Richard D. Pio Roda, Esq.,
for contributing his time, energy and talent to the Live Auction.*



ABOUT OUR NIMBASH AUCTIONEER:

Richard D. Pio Roda has been a professional auctioneer for more than nineteen years. He has conducted hundreds of charity auctions for numerous organizations, non-profits, foundations, schools and other charity events throughout the world, notably: Japan's Tokyo English Life Line, Phillipine International Aid Foundation, Napa's Justin Siena High School, the University of San Francisco School of Law Public Interest Law Foundation, The American Red Cross, The American Cancer Society, San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council, and The San Diego Asian American Film Festival, among others.

Richard is an attorney and works as a partner in the law firm of Meyers Nave Riback Silver and Wilson in San Francisco and Oakland, CA, where he practices corporate and municipal law, public contracting and construction for cities, counties, and special district clients all over the state of California. He currently serves as a Commissioner for the City/County of San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

(For Both Silent and Live Auctions)

- ① Your paddle number is registered in your name. Use it when bidding and do not allow anyone else to use it.
- ② Payment must be made in full by cash, check or credit card to the cashier after the conclusion of bidding on May 13, 2017. All sales are final. Items will be released on presentation of paid receipt and must be removed from Nimbus Arts this same evening.
- ③ For auction items and services not available for pickup at Nimbash, dates, times and location of use or availability are specified or shall be arranged to meet the mutual convenience for the donor and buyer.
- ④ Nimbus Arts warrants neither the quality nor value of items and services auctioned. All items are sold “as is” and “with all faults or charms.” Values listed are good faith estimates of fair market value.
- ⑤ Nimbus Arts is not responsible for typographic errors.
- ⑥ Items are not to be returned to donors for exchange or refund. All sales are final. In the event that the bidder and donor are in dispute regarding a purchased lot, Nimbus Arts reserves the right to refund the bidder the full purchase price.
- ⑦ Art and tangible products are subject to sales tax in accordance with California state law.

NIMBASH 2017

Our program begins with the Silent Auction and Art Activities, running from 5:30—7:45 pm. During this time auction items are on display with bid sheets available. Food and wine tastings are offered from Napa Valley's finest restaurants, caterers, wineries and beverage companies. Throughout the site, there are interactive art activities created and hosted by our amazing Nimbus artists.

SILENT AUCTION

5:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Please bid in increments indicated on each bid sheet. Under no circumstances should the bid sheets be removed from their location. Take Away bids are listed on each bid sheet. Those wishing to purchase at the Take Away price should sign at that location and will be guaranteed the item. In the event of a dispute, the Auction Marshall shall have the final authority to determine the winning bidder, or to re-offer the item in the Live Auction.

LIVE AUCTION

Begins at 8:00

The Auctioneer is the agent of the seller, and has the right to determine and set bidding minimums, and increments on each item. The highest bidder acknowledged by the Auctioneer shall be the purchaser. In the event of a dispute, the Auctioneer shall have the sole authority to determine a successful bidder or to re-offer and resell the item. On the fall of the Auctioneer's hammer, title to the item shall pass to the acknowledged bidder.

TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS: LA ADVENTURE FOR 4

Just in the last 2 years, Los Angeles has become the undisputed mecca for emerging artists. See what the buzz is about by spending 2 nights in luxe suites at **Hotel Covell**, located at the nexus of Silver Lake, Los Feliz and Hollywood, called the “hippest hipster district” in the country by the *New York Times*. While there, your group will enjoy dinner at two of Silver Lake’s iconic restaurants: **El Condor**, a destination for “high end/low brow” Mexican food where the margaritas are big and strong, and the **L&E Oyster Bar**, known for the coldest, freshest, and best-cleaned oysters in town.

Work off your meals on a **bike tour of the Graffiti street art** of downtown LA led by **LA Art Tours**. Use your 4 free passes to check out the latest exhibits at **LACMA** (LA County Museum of Art), just a short drive or Uber trip from Silver Lake. To commemorate this unique experience, take home the ultimate symbol of LA culture: a **surfboard** painted by local artist **Jermaine Burse**.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- Two suites for two nights at **Hotel Covell**
- Dinner for 4 at **El Condor Restaurant**
- Dinner for 4 at **L & E Oyster Bar**
- **Graffiti Bike Tour** for 4 by LA Art Tours through downtown Los Angeles
- 4 passes to **LACMA + Curator led tour of your choice of exhibits!**
- **Hand-crafted Aleutian Juice Surf Board** painted by **Jermaine Burse**

[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon dates. Expires 5/14/2018.]

DONORS: *Matt & Amy Rogers, Lily Oliver & Jon Berlin, LACMA, Jermaine Burse, Tyler Bell, L&E Oyster Bar, El Condor*

DINNER AT THE CARTER CREATION ZONE

BUY-A-SPOT DINNER for 30: \$250/person

Date: Saturday, August 26th, 2017, 6:30–10:30pm

Join California sculptor and designer **Richard Carter** for dinner under the stars at his property in Pope Valley. Carter, the second owner of this 1871 homestead, has restored and preserved it with care. Nestled in Pope Valley, the 85 acres includes his farmhouse and kitchen garden, barns, a creek-fed swimming pool, two studios, and traditional wood-fired kilns.

This buy-a-spot dinner for 30 at Richard Carter's property will be cooked by the inimitable **Chef Curtis Di Fede** and his **Miminashi** crew. In 2016, Di Fede, formerly of Oenotri fame, opened Miminashi, a Japanese Yakitori restaurant, to rave reviews. Among other accolades, Miminashi promptly earned three stars from Michael Bauer of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Artist meets artistry...

ABOUT THE ARTIST

In 1990 Richard Carter established Richard Carter Studio to provide an environment in which to stimulate creative and personal growth among committed ceramic artists through mutual exchange of ideas, techniques and philosophies. In the spring of 2000, Richard moved to his new location in Pope Valley and founded Pope Valley Pottery; in 2007, Richard returned to his roots, rechristening the Pottery to Richard Carter Studio, now know as **Carter & Co.**

The property is home to both his personal studio and an artist residency program. Situated on 85 acres of rolling hills, redwood groves and meadows, this 130-year-old ranch was originally a vineyard and winery and later converted to producing dried prunes, walnuts and sheep. Many of the original barns and outbuildings remain and have been converted into working studios, a kiln building, gallery, and resident housing.

DONORS: *Richard Carter, Anonymous, Nimbus Arts*

“ARRONDISSEMENT”

BY NANCY WILLIS

OIL ON CANVAS, 40” x 30”

ABOUT THE ARTIST

St. Helena artist and curator **Nancy Willis** is a vital part of the Napa Valley art scene. As a painter and printmaker she explores themes of social connection and evocative of a sense of place. Her work was recently purchased for the new Archer Hotel Napa and was “The Room to See” at the Startup Art Fair in SF and Chicago.

For the past 10 years, Willis has turned her love of painting and French culture into an annual event, as she leads artists on sensory painting tours through France. The oil painting *Arrondissement* is an homage to the endurance of the joie de vivre of Paris.

In addition to being a Nimbus artist ambassador, Willis teaches at the Culinary Institute of America and Napa Valley College. She received her MFA from San Francisco Art Institute, and can be found in her Napa studio or in the streets of Paris looking to stir things up.

DONOR: *Nancy Willis*

“NIMBUS

is the Upper Valley roost of creativity.”

—JOHN WATERS, JR., EDITOR, THE WEEKLY CALISTOGAN

MAGNIFICENT + MONUMENTAL MAGNUMS

Take home this truly extraordinary collection of 15 monumental magnums.
Establish or enhance your cellar, or host a big BASH of your own!

- 2014 **Arietta** Proprietary Red H Block, Hudson Vineyard
- 2013 **Aubert** Carneros Chardonnay
- 2012 **Casa Piena** Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2013 **Corison** Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, signed by Cathy Corison
- 2013 **Corra** Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2013 **Dalla Valle** Maya Proprietary Red Blend
- 2013 **Dana Estates** Onda Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2012 **Jones Family Winery** Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2014 **Kongsgaard** "The Judge" Chardonnay
- 2012 **LEVY & McCLELLAN** Cabernet Sauvignon, signed by Martha McClellan & Bob Levy
- 2013 **Ovid Napa Valley** Proprietary Red Wine
- 2014 **Scarecrow** Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2014 **Spottswoode** Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2006 **SUM** Cabernet Sauvignon (special Nimbus Arts bottling made by Mark Aubert with grapes from David Abreu's Cappella Vineyard)
- 2014 **TOR** Reserve Chardonnay, Cuvee Susan

DONORS: *Corison Winery, Dalla Valle Vineyards, Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery, Gail & Carmen Policy-Casa Piena Winery, Ovid Napa Valley, LEVY & McCLELLAN, Celia Welch, Fritz & Caren Hatton/Arietta Wine, Tor Kenward Family Wines, Dana Estates, Aubert Wines, Kongsgaard Wine, Anonymous, Scarecrow, Elaine & Rick Jones*

“VENUS MIRROR”

BY OSCAR AGUILAR OLEA

EGG TEMPERA ON CANVAS, 5' X 7'

“This painting presents the eternal dialogue between the figure and the mirror—the window that shows the other’s intimacy.”

— OSCAR AGUILAR OLEA

ABOUT THE ARTIST

In the mid-1970s, along with 20 other student-artists from the Academia de San Carlos in Mexico City, **Oscar Aguilar Olea** took to the streets. The group gave themselves the name SUMA and began to use the fences of Mexico City as their canvas. The murals that they created on the fences attracted a lot of attention, and the SUMA group was invited to show their work at local galleries and museums. They were also invited to participate in the first biennial for young artists in Paris. SUMA caught the attention of artists like Rufino Tamayo, Juan Jose Arreola and others, and won a place in the evolution of Mexican Art.

Following his involvement with SUMA, Oscar dedicated several years to researching techniques, studying egg tempera al fresco, oils, watercolors, etchings, drawings, woodcutting, and sculpting. As an artist and teacher for Nimbus Arts, Oscar applies the techniques he learned and brings his expertise representing the human figure.

DONOR: *Oscar Aguilar Olea*

DIVE BARS + CLASSIC CARS FOR 6

Tired of hushed wine tastings and fancy 9-course dinners? This lot is for YOU!

The cognoscenti know that Napa Valley is not just the home of multiple Michelin starred dining experiences. Plunge into the seamier side of Napa Valley with 5 of your friends. **Matt Rogers and Crew** will take you on a **Dive Bar Odyssey** in 3 classic rides: a **'61 Cadillac** convertible, a **'64 Beaumont**, and a **'64 Landcruiser**.

Quench your thirst at 4 classic watering holes from Napa to Calistoga, including but not limited to **The Green Door**, **Pancha's**, **Ana's Cantina** and **Susie's**, with a possible stop for egg rolls at **Turtle Rock**, and **lunch or dinner for 6** on the road.

Chalk up your big sticks and get ready to ride!

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- **Stylish rides for 6** in a **'61 Cadillac**, a **'64 Beaumont**, and a **'64 Landcruiser**
- Unlimited Adult Beverages at **Susie's**, **Ana's**, **Pancha's**, **Turtle Rock**, and **The Green Door**
- **Lunch or dinner for 6**, at the discretion of the road crew
- 6-pack of "**Never Too Hungover—Feel Great Tomorrow**" prevention and hydration remedy.

[To be arranged on a mutually agreed upon date. Expires 5/14/2018.]

DONORS: *Matt & Amy Rogers, Shawn Heffernan, Anonymous*

MAGICAL MARSHALL: COASTAL GETAWAY FOR 8

Gather your 8 favorite people and head to the magical Sonoma coast to stay at Evan Shively and Maureen Fitzpatrick's beautiful **Coal and Feed Guesthouse** for 2 nights in **Marshall, California**. Described by Quince chef Michael Tusk in *Bon Appetit Magazine* as "the most perfect house in the world," this Coal and Feed getaway weekend is impossible to resist!

Experience the bounty of Tomales Bay on a guided **Blue Waters Kayaking** trip guided by Nimbus Artist and outdoor guide **Claire Tiwald**, followed by a **Hog Island Oyster** orgy. The sheer beauty of this area has captivated artists from around the country, many of whom have established permanent colonies. Spend an afternoon with wood artisan **Evan Shively** on an art studio tour, seeking out the creative sources of these local artisans. As a finale, the legendary Gerard of **Gerard's Paella** will make your squad a seafood paella dinner served on the soft white sands of **Doran's Beach**.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- 2 weekday nights at the **Coal and Feed Guesthouse** in Marshall for 8
- A **guided kayak tour** of Tomales Bay with **Blue Waters Kayaking**, guided by **Claire Tiwald**
- \$100 gift certificate to **Hog Island Oyster Company**
- Art Studio tour with **Evan Shively**
- Oyster Shucking tools
- Seafood Paella dinner on the beach prepared by **Gerard's Paella**

[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon weekday (Monday – Thursday) nights. Expires 5/14/2018.]

DONORS: *Evan Shively & Madeleine Fitzpatrick, Gerard's Paella, Claire Tiwald, Blue Waters Kayaking, Hog Island, Nimbus Arts*

“TRANSPARENCY”

BY MERCEDES BAKER

OIL ON CANVAS, 4' x 4.5'

Mercedes Baker grew up on a cattle ranch in the hills of the Napa Valley. She and her sisters, isolated from town, kids, and pretty much any kind of pop media, spent their time creatively -- drawing, writing, and turning old dusty hay barns into palaces of their imaginations. And the best thing about it is that they have never stopped. Oil painting stole Mercedes' heart in college and has been king of her creativity ever since, but she still has a great capacity for other media. After art school in Wisconsin, she and her sister Melissa moved back to the Napa Valley, where they converted an old family farm into an art hub: Ehlers Society.

“It’s a 6-acre ranch in the sticks, with hundred-year-old houses, trees, rusty cars, fields, a barn, a gypsy wagon, a river, and an abundance of talented artists. It’s where community is luxury and creativity is treasure. So basically it’s a mansion.”

— DOMINIQUE ELLERMEIER, AMERICAN ART COLLECTOR

Mercedes' oil paintings have been exhibited both nationally and abroad, in galleries, museums, universities and wineries. Mercedes believes that artists need each other. Artists give each other courage and help each other remember that art is the mirror of humanity. It directly correlates to our surroundings, both physical and emotional, and it allows us to process all things seen and unseen.

Her current work reflects the passage of time and the transparency of figures, buildings, and animals, as they reflect their heritage. She is fascinated by the idea that every person carries with them all that came before as well as everything that has affected them in their lives. Our connection to each other is vast and it is only a thin veil of perception that makes us feel alone.

DONOR: Mercedes Baker

“STEER A MINDFUL TRIGGER”

BY RICHARD VON SAAL & VONSAAL DESIGN TEAM

MIXED MEDIA: ACRYLIC PAINT, GREASY SHOEPRINTS, GUM, STEEL, BRASS,
SALVAGED 1970'S HORSE BRIDLES FROM LOS ALAMOS' "BROWNE RANCH",
BARN OAK, SWEAT AND A LITTLE GUNPOWDER: 6' X 8'

*“The piece is created to evoke thinking about the repercussions of anger,
and the passions of greed that lead to violence. There is always a reflective behavior
with any action...what's yours before you pull the trigger?”*

Every employee of Vonsaal had a hand in the construction, artistic applications and theories of this piece. It's a Vonsaal collaborative effort.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Vonsaal Design Build is a collection of artisans, craftsmen and innovators of creative space. **Richard Von Saal** has spent the last 18 years building Vonsaal with the spirit of collaboration and diversity in branded aesthetics. Vonsaal Design Build is a mixed media design company, focused primarily on architectural and interior design, furniture design and fabrication. Branding strategy and wine label design is a recent appendage of this studios diversity, leaving no creative outlet unexplored. Please come visit Vonsaal, the new artisan gallery and event space, and take a tour of the fabrication studios.

Bridle the evil | Hold the deviant mind's tongue
Don't be improperly seduced | Keep cold feet cold
Don't let the ludicrous peek at chew | Control your brain
Suffocate greed | Don't follow the herd
Contemplate your reflection

DONORS: *Vonsaal Design, Richard Von Saal*

LUCKY DOGS!
CHINESE NEW YEAR COCKTAIL PARTY
BUY-A-SPOT PARTY FOR 75: \$100/PERSON

FEBRUARY 9, 2018: 6:30 – 9:30PM

Celebrate the Year of the Dog at a **Cocktail Party** in the fabulous home of **Dana Johnson + Mark Nelson** perched atop Pritchard Hill, co-hosted with party-ers extraordinaire, **Sharon + Timm Crull**. In addition to sipping a signature cocktail crafted at the discretion of your hosts and enjoying an array of **fine wines and Chinese beers**, feast on a wide variety of **Chinese dim sum and delicious small bites**, all designed to assure you will find happiness and good fortune in the coming year. Gung Hey Fat Choy [*Gong Xi Fa Cai*]!

[We guarantee that no dogs will be harmed in the creation of this good time.]

DONORS: *Dana Johnson & Mark Nelson, and Sharon & Timm Crull*

“WE’VE PROUDLY AND STRONGLY
supported Nimbus Arts for many years. Our support continues because Nimbus Arts has been highly successful in meeting and exceeding their outcomes, and because of the ever-strengthening bonds Nimbus has established throughout the community it serves.”

—THE ROGERS FAMILY FOUNDATION

PERFECTION IN PORTUGAL

(FOR A COUPLE OR FAMILY)

Spend three nights ensconced in the B&B at **Quinta do Tedo**, the stunning Portuguese estate owned by St. Helenans **Kay and Vincent Bouchard**. Located at the confluence of the Douro and Tedo rivers in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage site Douro Valley, Quinta do Tedo produces Porto, Douro DOC red wine and single quinta estate olive oil at their 18th-century estate. You'll enjoy a private tour and tasting at the winery and grounds, and dinner at the estate's **Bistro Terrace** restaurant. Also included is a sunset **sailboat excursion** with a catered dinner + wine.

While there, avail yourselves of the swimming pool, bird watching trails, or use the kayaks and canoes to explore the Tedo and Douro rivers. And local destinations abound too: visit other local wineries, or tour the famous Alleluja Tile factory or the Amorim Cork factory in Espino.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- **3 nights** in a double room or apartment at **Quinta do Tedo**
- One Dinner at the estate's **Bistro Terrace** restaurant
- Private **tour and tasting** of the stunning winery and olive groves
- Private sunset **sailboat excursion with Douro a Vela** with delicious catered meal + wine

[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon dates. Expires 5/14/2018.]

DONORS: *Kay and Vincent Bouchard; Anonymous*

“BUOYANCY”

BY MELISSA BAKER

OIL ON CANVAS, 24" X 48"

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Melissa Baker is a multi-faceted artist who makes art every day. Along with her sister Mercedes, she established **The Ehlers Society**, a thriving art community in the heart of the Napa Valley. Her work fluctuates between the abstract and the surreal. She was recently featured in the April issue of *American Art Collector*. When asked “What does painting mean to you?” she replied: *“Everything. I guess it has become my way of processing thought and interpreting the world around me. I’m the happiest when doing it, and the most present when truly engaged. It’s been one of the greatest joys of my life to paint.”*

“Her work has been described as: “...an abstract style ranging from a landscape-like dream on canvas, to the visceral suggestion of bubbles foaming out of a rift in our very reality, to the dawn of time from deep beneath forgotten seas. The art that covers her studio walls evokes a grand journey through the inner and outer spaces of life, boiling and churning like some barely tamed cacophony.”

—ZACHARY SHUSTER, **AMERICAN ART COLLECTOR, APRIL 2016**

Melissa received her formal painting education from the University of Wisconsin, but has continued to study different aspects of art, music, and film through travel, mentors, artists and life experience. The Baker Sisters, along with the Ehlers Society, do productions, film, art shows, music, stage sets, and Nimbash. She has exhibited her paintings in galleries, museums and universities from New York City to Buenos Aires.

Melissa has been a part of the Nimbus family for 10 years and thoroughly enjoys teaching and giving back to the community through the arts.

DONOR: *Melissa Baker*

“IT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION to say that taking our kids to Nimbus is the best thing we do. Our students, who are so adverse to learning in any traditional way, come alive when they’re at Nimbus. In fact, we see in them a fascinating combination of enthralled enthusiasm and calm when they are there. Our students tell us being at Nimbus is an “escape”; a “natural high.” It is a place where their imaginations ignite, and they can let go of time. We knew we needed a more extensive art program. What we didn’t know is just how very therapeutic it would be for the students and how much more engaging it would make the whole school experience to have Nimbus in their week.”

—CAROLINE WILSON

DIRECTOR, JUVENILE COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NAPA

“NIMBUS ARTS PROVIDES US ALL with a team of highly creative, passionate, intelligent, and masterful professionals who together have made a team that inspires and engages us. Nimbus invites us to integrate creative expression, innovation and learning in ways that bring every subject alive. The energy around their programs and the environment they have cultivated enriches the hundreds of participants in their programs and ripples throughout our community.”

—OLIVIA EVERETT, PRESIDENT & CEO, ARTS COUNCIL NAPA VALLEY

“NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS proud to have been a supporter of Nimbus Arts since inception. Our donors have enjoyed watching Nimbus grow to serve more than 4,000 artists—children and adults alike—each year.”

—TERENCE MULLIGAN, PRESIDENT, NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LIVING ON THE EDGE: LIVE-EDGE WALNUT TABLE

BY DAVE MASSARO

DIMENSIONS: 84" LONG, 22-43" WIDE, 3" THICK, 31" HIGH (TOP OF TABLE)"

Napa Valley grown and milled! This live-edge, black walnut slab is truly one of a kind. A living Bonsai (symbolizing the unique possibilities in new growth) sprouts from the polished grain. The slab sits atop a base built out of welded chain from local vineyard equipment, representing strength through hard work. This table stands for the beautiful transformations that are possible through hard work, right here in Napa Valley.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

A true Napa Valley native, **Dave Massaro** has been working in metal arts and fabrication for over ten years. His work primarily consists of industrial scraps of steel but it also composed of stainless steel, brass, copper, bronze, aluminum and other types of metal. Voted one of Napa Valley's 25 Most Interesting People by *Napa Valley Living*, Dave's passions for life and art are visibly transmitted through the welding and plasma cutting classes at Nimbus.

His work has been displayed in numerous galleries and shows throughout California, including The Christopher Hill Gallery in St. Helena, Cannery Row in Redondo Beach, Track 16 Gallery in Culver City, Loft Art Studio in San Pedro, as well as Erin Martin Design in St. Helena. His work can also be seen throughout the St. Helena High School campus. Dave has 30,000°F of molten fun while transforming dreams into realities.

DONORS: *Dave Massaro, Nimbus Arts*

“CHAOS REVISITED”

BY TILO KAISER

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE ON CANVAS, ABOUT 48" X 48"

“At first, this work may seem an untamed collage of witty images, constructed with layer upon layer of mark-making and mark-concealing. Assembled with both found and made images, Tilo’s process is to jumble-juggle: pop art here, naïve painting there, draftsmanship here and influences from 70’s graphics there. Op art and raw mark-making dance into a heady psychedelic landscape. This mercurial experimentation is emblematic of an action and re-action approach to painting. What may start with a media image or Bond girl shadow may later only peer through the much-evolved painting. These works inspire meditation and engagement. Look long to find images that are full of humor, irony and provocation yet taunt us with an indulgent snicker.”

—TILO KAISER

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Tilo Kaiser is a collagist, multi-media artist, and a collector of images. Born and raised in post-war Germany, Tilo’s art has been influenced as much by German art movements as by Pop Art, Abstract Expressionism, Pattern Painting, Computer Games, Comic Drawing and Graffiti. Surrounded by the universe of popular culture from MAD Magazine to Mickey Mouse, advertising illustrations of all sorts and Hollywood movies, he has adopted these fast and ever-changing influences of colors, contents and styles, and combined them with painterly traditions to his series of painted drawings and multimedia collages. What seems random is meticulously planned.

Kaiser studied fine art in Germany and Madrid, and then studied painting for two years at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Kaiser currently lives and works in London. An internationally renowned artist, Kaiser has had solo exhibitions in the United States, Europe and Asia.

DONOR: *Tilo Kaiser*

STRESS-FREE NAPA VALLEY STAYCATION FOR 2

Napa Valley is one of the most coveted vacation destinations in the world, so why not spend your next break right here? Check into the brand new **Archer Hotel** in Downtown Napa—a luxe wine country retreat with a distinctly urban beat, featuring the works of a different local artist on each of its 5 floors.

Enjoy a great dinner at the hotel’s fantastic restaurant: **Charlie Palmer Steak**. The next morning, **Matt Rogers** will take you and up to 4 friends on “**The Freebie**,” his 32-foot **Chris-Craft**, for a slow ride through the sloughs of Napa and on out to the Golden Gate Bridge, tying up at **Sam’s Anchor Café** in Tiburon for their famous Gin Fizzes and burgers.

Sleep in the next day, and then enjoy lunch for 2 at **Morimoto Napa**.

Tonight, take home three original pieces of art from beloved local artists featured at the Archer: **Lewis DeSoto, Nancy Willis & Marvin Humphries**.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- A 2-night stay at the beautiful new **Archer Hotel Napa**
- Dinner for 2 at **Charlie Palmer Steak**
- A Day on the Bay with **Matt Rogers** on the **Chris-Craft Boat** “The Freebie” + lunch/dinner at **Sam’s Anchor Cafe**
- Lunch for 2 at **Morimoto Napa** Restaurant
- An original photograph by **Lewis DeSoto**
- An original photopolymer plate etching by **Nancy Willis**
- An original oil painting by **Marvin Humphries**

[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon dates.]

DONORS: *Archer Hotel Napa, Matt and Amy Rogers, Lewis DeSoto, Nancy Willis, Marvin Humphries, Claire & Steven Stull*

“HEAVENLY HARLAN”

*“Harlan Estate might be the single most profound wine made,
not just in California, but in the world.”*

—ROBERT PARKER, JR.

*“A Promontory is a perspective on the future.
But a promontory is also a last frontier.”*

—BILL HARLAN

Bill Harlan and his legendary team at **Harlan Estate** have been producing extraordinary, highly sought-after wines since 1984. In collaboration with winemaker **Bob Levy**, they began producing their Napa version of grand cru wines under the **BOND** label in 1997. Now his children **Will and Amanda Harlan** are continuing this uncompromising tradition at **Promontory**, a vineyard and winery perched on a knoll in the rugged western hills above Oakville.

This lot presents a truly rare opportunity to experience stunning wines from all three Harlan projects in the celebratory magnum format. The winning bidder will also have the opportunity to visit the new **Promontory Winery** for a private introduction to their wine, philosophy and territory.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- 2012 **BOND Vecina** Cabernet Sauvignon magnum (1.5L)
- 2012 **Harlan Estate** Napa Valley Red Wine magnum (1.5L)
- 2009 **Promontory** Proprietary Red Wine magnum (1.5L)
[Inaugural Release]
- Private tour + tasting for 4 at the new **Promontory Winery**

[Tour to be arranged on a mutually agreeable date]

DONORS: *BOND, Harlan Estate, and Promontory*

“MADONNA AND IMPALA (AFTER RAPHAEL)”

BY ANNE PENTLAND

OIL ON CANVAS, 40" X 30"

“This work is from the Madonna series, which acknowledges and honors the image of the Madonna through centuries of Western artistic tradition. Interpreting the meaning of the figure as protector and intercessor, the image becomes a reverent symbol for my desire to support and protect the wild creatures that share our world.”

—ANNE PENTLAND

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Anne Pentland received her Bachelor of Arts degree at UC Davis, where she studied painting with Wayne Thiebaud, Robert Arneson, and Manual Neri. For the last 25 years, Anne has been teaching art, making art, and working on creative projects for the Napa Valley Wine Auction, the Calistoga Education Foundation, Cederquist Wine Company, Mending Wall Winery, and Nimbus Arts. At Nimbus, Anne is the Resident Artist and a beloved teacher, providing group and private instruction in a variety of mediums. “Art is communication,” she says. “We can bring awareness to a subject through the arts, which is important in the world we share today.”

Anne is deeply concerned about the degradation of the natural world due to exponential increases in the human population in recent history. Her current paintings have become an articulate and passionate diary, where she can express her reverence for wildlife and wild places.

DONOR: *Anne Pentland*

L'ARTE DELLE STRADE ROMANE: ROAMING THROUGH ROME FOR 6

*“Rome is a Metropolitan Museum of Art the size of Manhattan—
no roof, no display cases, and half a million combustion engines
rumbling in the hallways.”*

—ANTHONY DOERR

Bid with friends or bring your family—your inspiring Roman adventure awaits! Your luxurious base in Rome for 8 days/7 nights is a **four-bedroom, three-bath apartment** with an all-equipped kitchen located in the charming **Campo di Fiori District** in the heart of Rome’s historic district.

As Anthony Doerr observes, all of Rome is like a museum, but this lot also includes a special **Curator-led tour of the street art of Rome**, from small hidden artworks to large-scale murals, in the peripheral neighborhoods of Pigneto and Torpignattara. With art historian, author and photographer **Jessica Stewart** as your guide, you will uncover the history of these working class neighborhoods, which have become hotbeds of artistic endeavors over the past 10 years. We’ll look at different techniques in street art, learn about the leading artists in Rome, as well as view gems by internationally known artists who have flocked to the area to paint.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- **7 nights/8 days in a 4 bedroom/3 bath apartment** in the Campo di Fiori district in the heart of historic Rome + your refrigerator stocked with **welcome-to-Rome groceries + wine**
- Curator-led tour of the street art of Rome, with art historian, author and photographer **Jessica Stewart** as your guide
- A pre-trip dinner at **Oenotri Restaurant** and trip-planning session with Roman apartment owners **Mark Nelson + Dana Johnson**
- A **hand-selected mini-library** of the most trusted and informative guidebooks to rely upon as you design your Roman adventure

[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon dates. Expires 5/14/2018.]

DONORS: *Mark Nelson & Dana Johnson*

“NIMBUS ARTS IS A DEDICATED PARTNER

with an interest in providing creative and meaningful opportunities to youth, especially those from at-risk populations.

We appreciate this important partnership and hope it continues for many years to come.”

—**BARBARA G. NEMKO, PH.D., COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

“PRESENCE/LOSS VII”

BY ROBILEE FREDERICK

MIXED MEDIA ON CANVAS, DIPTYCH 30" X 61.5"

“This two-panel artwork was painted during a period of great loss. This work was a result of my concern over global warming, as a background to the loss I have felt of so many that I have loved. I have always defined my art as experimenting with a variety of materials. Here I have included gut, seeds from Bhutan, and gunpowder. The underlining theme forms a running path to loss and memory, always illuminated by light. The first panel, painted on wood, is to remind one of water or tears, transparent on a dark painted background as though emerging. The second panel was painted, then panels of gut applied as overlay. The gut was then sanded, revealing the beautiful fragile lines. In identical locations to the water drops, I placed gunpowder. When set afire, they left rusty burns, mimicking the tear/water drop pattern. There is a visual mystery in the resulting panels, encompassing the order and the chaos between the two. One so soft and ethereal, and in the other the hard reality of damage—hence, Presence/Loss.”

—ROBILEE FREDERICK

ABOUT THE ARTIST

We are honored to be presenting the work of **Robilee Frederick** at NIMBASH. Frederick, a Napa Valley artist, has been painting and exhibiting her works since 1980, and her paintings can be found many private and public collections in both North America and Europe. Locally her work is featured at the Hess Collection, the DiRosa Preserve, Quintessa Winery, The Fine Arts Museum in San Francisco, and the Bank of America, San Francisco.

“Before I became a working artist, I trained to become a concert pianist. I sketched a lot through my young life, but had no formal instruction. When my last child went to kindergarten, I started art school and found I loved it. There are many commonalities between the two disciplines. Art is full of color, of design and atmosphere. Music embraces these as well. I became an etcher and a lithographer. From there, I started to paint and found my true voice.”

DONOR: *Robilee Frederick*

“BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

is a powerful way to engage all in art, culture and fun. On Día de Los Muertos—Day of the Dead—the focus isn’t on being scared, it’s on celebrating one’s family—alive and dead—and remembering all of our loved ones. Nimbus has brought such a precious gift to our community.”

—**ELAINE JONES, COMMUNITY SUPPORTER**

MARFA MODA FOR 6

“Tough to get to. Tougher to explain. But once you get here, you get it.”

— MARFA TOWN MOTTO

Your Marfa experience begins when **Jeff Hester**, Marfa artist, founder of **Range-finder West Texas Touring Company**, and self-described wanderer and wonderer, picks you up at the El Paso Airport. He’ll transport you, in more ways than one, through the Texas desert to this uniquely beautiful and quirky town that is also a state of mind.

Jeff will give you the inside track when he takes you on a day-long tour of the best of Marfa. Check in for 2 nights at the historic **Hotel Pisano**, where the Hollywood film *Giant* was filmed. Feel like locals when you don your two custom cowboy hats specially made for Nimbash by **Michael Malone**, Willie Nelson’s personal hatmaker from Luckenbach, Texas. And enjoy a dinner for 4 at **Stellina**, famous for its ever-changing menu of Mediterranean home cooking.

While in Marfa, check out the **Chinati Foundation**, the international center for contemporary art founded by minimalist artist **Donald Judd**. Be inspired by visiting any of more than 15 local galleries + museums. Go out in the desert and create your own art. Or just lie back and admire the spectacular and mysterious “Marfa lights” in the night sky. At the end of your stay, fly back to El Paso in comfort & style, via a **Jet Suite private jet**.

Tonight, take home a painting by Marfa Artist and guide **Jeff Hester**.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- Transportation from El Paso airport to Marfa with **Jeff Hester**, founder of Rangefinder **West Texas Touring Company**
- 2 night stay for 2 couples at **Hotel Pisano**
- Tour of Marfa with **Jeff Hester**
- \$200 gift certificate for **Stellina** Restaurant
- Original painting by **Jeff Hester**
- **2 Cowboy hats** designed by **Michael Malone**
- Transportation from Marfa to El Paso via a **Jet Suite private jet**

[To be arranged on mutually agreeable dates. Airfare to and from El Paso not included.]

DONORS: *Matt & Amy Rogers, Jeff Hester, Rangefinder West Texas Touring Company, Claire & Steven Stull, Anonymous*

“VOLUNTEERING MY TIME

at Nimbus Arts has been so rewarding and satisfying. I especially enjoy working with children who are just discovering how art can help them learn, communicate and connect. Time after time I see how art can focus and enhance learning and create a common bond between people of all ages. Without Nimbus Arts, this type of learning and collaboration would not be possible.”

—KENDRA KELPARIS, ART INSTRUCTOR SINCE 2010

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By raising your paddle for our fund-a-need, you'll be helping to sustain Nimbus Arts as a vital organization that nurtures curiosity, fosters creative expression, and changes lives through meaningful experiences with art and artists.

Nimbash gives you the opportunity to see how invigorating, inspiring, thought-provoking and just plain fun the arts can be.

BE A CATALYST!

Help us continue to provide access to the arts in our community

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“NIMBUS HAS TAUGHT ME

to express myself through art and feel good about it.

At Nimbus I feel really comfortable to just have fun and get creative.

In the summer, Nimbus is my second home.”

—GRADY MILLER, STUDENT & CAMPER

“ALTARIA”

BY WADE HOEFER

OIL ON CANVAS, 36" X 36"

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Wade Hoefer paints timeless and mysterious landscapes that are conspicuously void of human presence or wildlife, but thoroughly infused with atmosphere and a sense of tranquility. Characteristic of Hoefer’s rich and lustrous works is his compositional device of framing his landscapes with a wide contrasting landscape border that display a similar or contrasting landscape. The creation of a dual picture, or “luminoso”, adds yet another dimension to his rich, highly textural canvases and works on paper. Although his signature landscapes, often painted in a limited palette of ochers, umbers, sepias and mossy greens, are inspired by the scenery of Northern California they are also evocative of the golden landscapes depicted in numerous historical paintings of Italy and America. In this regard, Hoefer has said he prefers his paintings to remain “a memory of something that is faint, oblique and intangible”, allowing for a myriad of worlds to unfold for the viewer.

Wade Hoefer’s works are a testament to his brilliant technique and facility as a painter, his mastery of the landscape genre, his ability to communicate the spiritual and eternal in nature, and a capacity for innovative artistic expression that speaks directly to the contemporary mind.

DONOR: *Wade Hoefer*

SIZE MATTERS! WINES THAT STAND TALL

It doesn't get any more festive than this. Take home these 7 super-sized, truly towering, large format bottles from some of the finest Napa Valley winemakers.

THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- 2014 **Buehler Vineyards** Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 1999 **Cardinale** Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux Jeroboam (5L)
- 2015 **Far Niente** Chardonnay, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2014 **Hourglass** Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2014 **Lail J. Daniel** Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2008 **Tuck Beckstoffer Estate** Semper Pinot Noir (3L)
- 2000 **von Strasser** Red Wine Sori Bricco Vineyard Double Magnum (3L), signed by Rudy von Strasser

DONORS: *Buehler Vineyards, Tuck Beckstoffer Estate, Von Strasser Winery, Jeff Smith & Carolyn Duryea, Anonymous, Far Niente, Lail Vineyards*

NYC: HIT THE RUNWAY AND HIT THE STREETS!

FASHION WEEK MEETS STREET ART (FOR 2)

3.1 Phillip Lim's raison d'être is providing beautiful, everyday classic fashion accented with joy. The result—effortlessly cool, chic looks for men and women that embody youthful elegance and personal style.

Two fortunate fashionistas will have the opportunity to attend the extraordinary **3.1 Phillip Lim Fashion Show** during the fabulous New York Fashion Week. The streets will be teeming with film and fashion glitterati, and YOU'LL be right there. **Stay 2 nights in the heart of the city** as Phillip Lim/Fashion Week guests.

You'll enjoy a **tour of the 3.1 Phillip Lim global office** and fashion think-tank in downtown Manhattan. And then there's lunch and conversation with Lim's charming and incredible co-founder **Wen Zhou**, whose family immigrated to the US from China when she was in her teens. The lucky bidders will also have a **personal styling session** with the 3.1 Philip Lim Great Jones store team.

Then be your own supermodel as you join famed street art photographer **John Domine** on a tour of street art in NYC. John has been documenting NYC street art for 3 years and recently joined the staff of **SOLD**, a Kickstarter-funded street art magazine that is going mainstream. Choose from three of his favorite NYC street art regions for your tour, and along the way, John will provide you with your own **professional street art photoshoot!**

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THIS LOT INCLUDES:

- 2 tickets to the **3.1 Phillip Lim** fashion show
[Tentative date: September 11, 2017]
- 2 nights at a downtown Manhattan hotel as guests of 3.1 Phillip Lim
- **Tour of the 3.1 Phillip Lim Global Home office**
- Lunch for 2 with **Wen Zhou**, CEO and co-founder of 3.1 Phillip Lim
- **Post lunch shopping** with Wen Zhou at the 3.1 Phillip Lim store on Great Jones Street
- **NYC Street art tour + photoshoot session** with John Domine, Street Art Photographer

[2017 NY Fashion Week is September 7-14, and the 3.1 Phillip Lim Fashion Show is tentatively scheduled for September 11th. Final dates for the hotel stay and fashion show will be coordinated with the winning bidder.]

DONORS: *3.1 Phillip Lim, Wen Zhou, Anonymous*

“NIMBUS PROVIDES ACCESSIBLE

and affordable art classes of all sorts to children across the Napa Valley, as well as impactful outreach and empowerment programs for at-risk youth. It’s truly an amazing organization.”

—CLAIRE STULL, NIMBUS ARTS BOARD DIRECTOR AND SUPPORTER

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OUR MISSION:

To give the Napa Valley community access to art.

OUR VISION:

Inspiring and connecting all people in the Napa Valley with enriching and creative educational art experiences.

WE BELIEVE:

- Art should be available to all.
- It is essential to reach the underserved community.
- Art inspires and enriches lives.
- A multi-disciplinary approach to art promotes curiosity and learning.
- Artists are vital to our community.
- Art brings people together.

WHAT WE ARE TODAY:

We make room for art by providing interactive educational art programs which inspire creativity and curiosity:

- Community outreach through collaborative events and public art activities
- Studio instruction for children, teens and adults
- Classes, camps, and public art activities
- Scholarships
- Artist Employment
- Art Exhibits and Sales
- Art Lecture Series
- Teen Mentorship

“I believe in the power of art
to inspire and connect us.
I founded Nimbus Arts to
bring art to more people.
It is both an honor and a
source of ongoing wonder
to see all the ways that art
makes us think, brings us joy
and makes this world
a better place.”

DANA JOHNSON, FOUNDER