

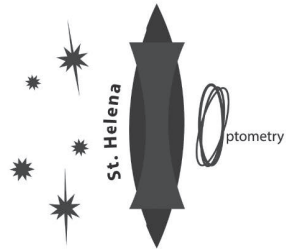
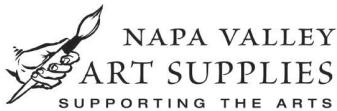
# nimbash 2018

LIVE AUCTION CATALOGUE

# THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS EVENT SPONSORS!



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# WELCOME

## TO OUR NINTH ANNUAL INTERACTIVE ARTY PARTY AND AUCTION

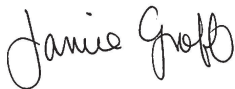
Our **2018 NIMBASH** theme, **WANDERLUST**, celebrates both the process of wandering and the way art communicates these deeply personal experiences, creating a common language. Our dedicated team of artists shares their voice through the art they create, extending their generosity into our community through the classes, camps, and workshops they lead. We are deeply thankful for their involvement, support, and all the gifts they share.

From our modest beginnings more than 13 years ago, Nimbus Arts has become central to our community, continually advancing our mission to ignite artistic expression and make art accessible throughout Napa Valley. More than 5,000 children, adults, and seniors have participated in Nimbus Arts activities over the past year and our programs continue to expand their reach to deliver high quality art education and experiences throughout the communities we serve.

We could not begin to achieve all of this without the support and participation of our Board of Directors, Leadership Circle, donors (large and small) and the enthusiastic participation 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 finding this common terrain, and coming together in support of creativity and our artist community. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for helping to shape a future where art is valued as a vital part of life in the Napa Valley.

Wander often, wonder always,



JAMIE GRAFF, *Nimbus Arts Executive Director*



# HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

We are delighted to acknowledge and thank our  
2018 NIMBASH Sponsors & Supporters:

*Our generous 2018 Sponsors:*

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Wiedmann Napa Valley Metal Sculpture.

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With profound gratitude, we thank the St. Helena Montessori School  
for the use of their Administration building, Barn and Farm  
for our ninth annual NIMBASH.

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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 throughout the  
NIMBASH reception, we value you and thank you for  
your delicious offerings and support!

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

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The Ehlers Society and their crew, for creating the most imaginative and  
stunning NIMBASH fashion show and projection artistry for the ninth year!

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Joleen & David Hughes, Level design, for creation of the promotional materials  
& Julia Field Graphic Design for creation of the lot displays and slide show.

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Oak Avenue Catering for our NIMBASH 2018 Indian Feast  
& Melody Raye Flowers for floral services supporting the live auction display.

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A special tip of the hat to the talented and dedicated Nimbus Arts Board  
of Directors, Leadership Circle, and donors (large and small) who sustain us.  
You provide us with a guiding light, steadfast dedication and continual support.

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Our special, loving recognition to the many artists and community members  
who attended the weekly community work parties, and the mighty  
Nimbus team who have donated their time, talents and good humor  
to the production of NIMBASH 2018.

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Your community effort, passionate creativity, and grand labor of love  
are what make NIMBASH such an original event!

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And finally our deepest thanks to our entire community  
for your support, generosity, and creativity.

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NIMBASH helps ensure that Nimbus Arts continues to deliver  
high quality art education and programs to people of all ages,  
igniting artistic expression across the Napa Valley.

**“WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME** what Nimbus is, I find it hard to explain because it is so much more than a place to take cool art classes. It is an important partner and resource for the entire Napa Valley community, serving people of so many different ages, abilities and backgrounds. It fosters new creative interests and endeavors, gives much needed studio space to working artists, and allows students to develop skills and relationships through classroom learning opportunities. It also provides a fantastic model for a non-profit organization that can not only become self-sufficient, but a vital force in the local creative community.”

—**KRISTINA YOUNG, NAPA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
DISTRICT 4, COUNTY OF NAPA**

**“THE CREATIVITY CORNER PROJECT** at our school, installed at the corner of Oak and Adams street, has drawn on the creative spirit of hundreds of community members of all ages. Inspired by the St. Helena Elementary School’s dragon mascot, this project, one of Nimbus’ 100 Hands Initiatives, has made me appreciate how inspiring it is to purposefully include as broad a swath of community as possible to participate in a lasting art piece. Thank you, Nimbus!”

—**TANYA PEARSON, PRINCIPAL, ST. HELENA ELEMENTARY, UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**“NIMBUS ARTS** has been a critical partner in providing a positive impact of art and art education to Napa County residents for more than a decade. I am thankful for what Nimbus Arts has done for the community and look forward to continue working with them to increase access to art for all of Napa County’s residents and visitors.”

—**DIANE DILLON, SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3, COUNTY OF NAPA**

# 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 2018 NIMBASH AUCTIONEER:**

**Richard D. Pio Roda** has been a professional auctioneer for more than twenty years and this is his fifth year manning the gavel for the NIMBASH auction. He has conducted hundreds of charity auctions for numerous organizations, nonprofits, foundations, schools and other charity events throughout the world, notably: Japan's Tokyo English Life Line, Philippine International Aid Foundation, Napa's Justin Siena High School, the University of San Francisco School of Law Public Interest 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 a partner with the Oakland based law firm of Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson, where he provides legal advice to public agencies and private entities throughout California on contracts and technology procurements, real estate, land use, and governance. Richard just completed his service as a Commissioner on the City and County of San Francisco Human Rights Commission, after being appointed by the Honorable Mayor Edwin Lee in 2014.

# CONDITIONS *of* SALE

*(For Both Silent and Live Auctions)*

- ❶ Your paddle number is registered in your name. Use it when bidding and do not allow anyone else to use it.
- ❷ Payment must be made in full by cash, check or credit card to the cashier after the conclusion of bidding on May 12, 2018. All sales are final. Items will be released on presentation of paid receipt and must be removed from Nimbus Arts this same evening.
- ❸ 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.
- ❹ 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.
- ❺ Nimbus Arts is not responsible for typographic errors.
- ❻ 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.
- ❼ Art and tangible products are subject to sales tax in accordance with California state law.



# NIMBASH 2018

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.

## **DINNER & 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.

## A LOT OF EFFERVESCENT PERFECTION

Do you have a wedding or a big birthday bash coming up? Dazzle your friends with this diverse array of sparkling wine, including the enormous and oh-so-festive Schramsberg Salmanazar, which holds an entire case of wine in 1 bottle! Amaze them further when you whip out this gorgeous engraved Saber to slice it open and get the party started.

**GET YOUR GUEST LIST TOGETHER ASAP!**

**THIS SPARKLING LOT INCLUDES:**

- **Schramsberg** Blanc de Blancs Sparkling Wine, 1 Salmanazar (9L)
- **Billecart-Salmon** Brut Rose Champagne, 1 Double Magnum (3L)
- **Billecart-Salmon** Brut Rose Champagne, 1 Magnum (1.5L)
- **Domaine Chandon** Reserve Brut, 1 Magnum (1.5L)
- **JCB N°69** Brut Rose, Cremant de Bourgogne, NV, 1 magnum (1.5L) + Tasting experience and Cheese & Charcuterie Platter for 4 guests
- **Schramsberg** Blanc de Blancs, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- **Sterling Vineyards** Vintners Collection Prosecco DOC, 6 750ml bottles
- **Frank Family Vineyards** Brut Rose Sparkling wine, 3 750ml bottles
- **Paul Bara** Grand Cru Brut Reserve Champagne, 1 750ml bottle

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- **Andre Robert** Champagne “Les Jardins du Mesnil” Grand Cru, 1 750ml bottle
  - **Clotilde** Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru Brut Champagne, 1 750ml bottle
  - **Sparkling Wine Tasting** for 4 at Sterling Vineyards with 4 sparkling wines paired with delicious amuse-bouches.
  - Set of **6 Zalto Champagne glasses**—a new generation of mouth blown, lead free luxury stemware.
  - **Champagne Saber** specially engraved for 2018 Nimbash Wanderlust. After the auction, the saber will be engraved as desired by the lucky winning bidder.
  - A copy of *Christie’s World Encyclopedia of Champagne & Sparkling Wine*, by Tom Stevenson

**DONORS:** *Schramsberg Vineyards, Domaine Chandon, Kimberly Jones Selections, Frank Family Vineyards/Todd Graff, Dean & Deluca, David and Monica Stevens, Sterling Vineyards, Anonymous, JCB Tasting Salon and Atelier Fine Foods*

## FROM ITS EARLIEST DAYS,

Nimbus Arts has practiced no “ivory tower” artistic disengagement, but instead has actively pursued outside-the-box community collaborations, forging eyes-open/hands-on/minds-on creative partnerships with an ever-wider circle of new friends. The Nimbus Arts story is one of empowerment and inspiration, not only for individuals of all ages and backgrounds, but also for making Napa Valley a burgeoning epicenter for the arts, reaching out in partnerships with other non-profits, with schools, with family centers, with local businesses and much more.”

—SHANNON KULETO, COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

**“ IN ANY DISCUSSION** about Napa Valley culture, the first two words that invariably come up are “wine” and “food.” But there’s a third dimension to the region- the arts- that has been steadily expanding in scope and inspiring residents and visitors to enjoy and embrace their creative side. At the forefront of this cultural dimension is Nimbus Arts!”

**—NORTH BAY BOHEMIAN, MAY 2017**

**“ 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 KELPERIS, ART INSTRUCTOR SINCE 2010**

**“ IT’S NO EXAGGERATION** to say that taking our students to Nimbus is the best thing we do. Many are averse to learning in any traditional way, but they engage and come alive when they’re at Nimbus. In fact, we see a fascinating combination of energy and calm during the Nimbus instruction periods. Our students tell us being at Nimbus makes them feel capable, empowered, and creative, and that art activates a richer sense of purpose and meaning. We knew we needed a more extensive art program, but we didn’t realize how therapeutic art could be for our students. Nimbus Art has been transformative for so many of our students.”

**—CAROLINE WILSON, DIRECTOR, JUVENILE COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS,  
NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

## “NOVES 2018”

**BY WADE HOEFER**

OIL ON CANVAS, 48" x 48"

### **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*

## THERE'S NOTHING LIKE NASHVILLE: MUSIC CITY ADVENTURE *for* TWO

Get those rhinestones out, cowboy—Y'all are headed to Nashville! Originally it was known for honky-tonks, ten-gallon hats, the Grand Old Opry and the glittering country music scene. Now it is the most electric spot in the South thanks to a cast of transplanted and native artists, designers, architects, chefs, and rock + rollers.

This jam-packed country pie of a vacation will leave you breathless as you tour and taste Nashville's art, food, and music scene!

### **YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

#### *Southern Comfort Luxury Lodging*

- 2 night stay at **The Inn at Fontanel** luxe countryside accommodations
- 2 Complimentary Tour tickets for **The Mansion at Fontanel**
- Gift Certificate to **Café Fontanella** & Discounted Adventure Works Ziplining
- 2 Nights at the **Noelle Art Hotel** in the heart of the historic arts district

#### *Art Activities*

- Artist-led tours by **Lesley Patterson Marx**, featuring visits to her art studio, the **Carl Van Vechten Gallery** at Fisk University, the **Noelle Art Hotel** (where her collage portraits of Nashvillian musicians made of archival maps are featured)
- Tour and poster making experience at **Hatch Show Prints** historic printing company

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***Foodie Fun***

- Tickets for 2 to the acclaimed **Walk-Eat Nashville** experience, where you'll walk Nashville's downtown on a culinary journey showcasing classic Nashville foods, and received a signed copy of the **Nashville Eats** cookbook by your guide **Jennifer Justus**.
- Dinner for 4 at **Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint**, featuring West Tennessee Whole Hog Bar-B-Que

***Music's Majestic Sites:***

- \$100 gift card for concerts at the historic **Ryman Auditorium** and 2 Ryman tour tickets
- Admission for 2 to the **Country Music Hall of Fame Museum**

***Tonight take home:***

- A collection of Nashville guidebooks
- **3 archival quality prints of Nashville Musicians** by Lesley Patterson Marx
- A **Hatch Show Prints** poster and book: *The History of a Great American Poster Shop*
- 6 bottles of **The Show Wine** with a Hatch Show Print label

**DONORS:** *Fontanel Nashville, Lesley Patterson Marx, Julie Marx, Jonathan Marx, Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint, Boo Beckstoffer, Ryman Auditorium, Joel & Sarah Gott, Anonymous*

## LOT 4

# PHILIPPE: PROFOUND, PRODIGIOUS, & PROLIFIC

**Philippe Melka** makes some of the best wine in Napa Valley, hands down. Born, educated and trained in Bordeaux, Philippe worked in great estates throughout the world, including Chateau Haut Brion, Chateau Petrus, Badia a Coltibuono, Chittering Estate, Dominus and Ridge before settling in Napa Valley in the '90s.

And now, through his company **Atelier Melka**, Philippe consults for some of the finest estates in Napa and Sonoma, and he is also a co-proprietor of **Melka Estates** with his wife Cherie, where they make wines under four labels: Metisse (Napa), Mekerra (Sonoma), Majestique (Around the World), and CJ (Napa). Named by Robert Parker as one of the 9 best consulting winemakers in the world, he is known especially for his knowledge of site and soils, his integration of old-world approaches with new-world technologies, and his incredible blending talents.

This rare, diverse and truly spectacular collection of Melka-made wines will dazzle even the most sophisticated wine lover. Raise your paddle high and Get Melka!

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**THIS LOT INCLUDES:**

- 2011, 2012, 2013 **Adamvs** Quintvs Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 750ml bottles
- 2015 **Benediction** Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L) [#31 of 54]
- 2009 **Brand Napa Valley** Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 750ml bottles
- 2014 **Dana Estates** Helms Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- 2014 **Gandona Estate** Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- 2010 **Lail Vineyards** Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- 2015 **Melka Estates** Majestique Syrah, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- 2012, 2013, 2014 **Melka Estates** Metisse Jumping Goat Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 750ml bottles
- 2013 **Moone-Tsai** Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)
- 2014 **Skipstone** Faultline Vineyard Bordeaux Blend, 3 750ml bottles
- 2013 **Tusk** Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 750ml bottle
- 2014 **Vice Versa** Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 750ml bottles
- 2014 **Vineyard 29** Aida Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)

**DONORS:** *Marie-Laure Ammons, Phillip & Bonnie Cabaud, Dana Estates, Stephanie & Jim Gamble, Gandona Estate, Philippe & Cherie Melka, Melka Estates, Moone-Tsai, Skipstone, Vineyard 29*

“**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**

“**OUR STAFF,** families, volunteers and neighbors LOVE the Hundreds of Hands mural. It brings so much beauty and hope to our neighborhood. Thank you, Nimbus, for being an advocate for community art and engaging the Mariposa group to bring this gift to Napa.”

—**JOELLE GALLAGHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COPE FAMILY CENTER**

“**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**

“**NIMBASH** is the one event that I won’t miss. It’s always so much fun to see the theme each year that they choose, the interactive art projects that we can participate in and who can possibly not love the phenomenal over the top fashion show they do each year. I don’t know how they come up with ideas that top the year before- but for me it’s one of the best things to look forward to each year.”

—**CATHY BUCK, COMMUNITY PARTNER, CAMEO CINEMA**

## “AUTUMN, NAPA VALLEY”

BY NANCY WILLIS

OIL ON CANVAS, 50” x 38”

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

St. Helena artist **Nancy Willis** embodies the spirit of the artistic voyage. Her *Path of an Artist* tours to France and Sundance invite artists to see the world through the eyes of an artist. As a painter/printmaker, Willis evokes a sense of place through her paintings and monotypes to suspend a moment in time.

While the selected work for this year, *Autumn, Napa Valley* was painted before the 2017 fires, the recorded memory of painting en plein air resonates with an added layer of meaning. What was painted as Tulle fog, could now suggest a haze of smoke, lingering over the beauty of the vines on the valley floor. The bright color and movement in the vines convey the hope and spirit of the Napa community and the continuity of life.

Willis’ was awarded an Arts Council Napa Valley Community Foundation Grant for Conflict Zone, a collaborative printmaking project with Yazidis from Northern Iraq. She is currently in Paris, working on a series of paintings about the city; from there she will be raising a glass to toast this year’s NIMBASH!

**DONOR:** *Nancy Willis*

**AMBLE LIKE ANSEL:**  
**YOSEMITE PHOTOGRAPHY ADVENTURE *for* FOUR**  
**WITH MATTHEW BAUM *as* GUIDE**

Peer through the lens of the legendary Ansel Adams on this special **photographer's dream journey** into the natural wonders of Yosemite National Park. Join our very own Nimbus **photography instructor Matthew Baum**, on this 2-day photo excursion for 4.

You will stay for **2 nights** in the lap of Sierra luxury at the historic and charming **Evergreen Lodge**. A cozy **dinner at the Evergreen Tavern** will await you as you get the rundown for your photography weekend escape, then head right out for your first photo shoot of the starry night sky, or the moonlit Half Dome.

Retrace Adams' footsteps as you visit his famed namesake **Ansel Adams Gallery** and shoot the many wonders of Yosemite National Park. Watch and capture your own visions as the light dances and falls across Yosemite's many monoliths.

After a scrumptious **breakfast at the Ahwahnee Hotel**, head out with Matthew to tour and hike. El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Dome, the Cathedral Spires, and the gushing Bridalveil Falls will be just a few of the subjects you'll be able to capture during this extraordinary wanderlust weekend.

**ABOUT THE TRIP LEADER/INSTRUCTOR:**

**Matthew Baum** is an artist and educator based in Napa Valley. He earned his BA in American history from Brown University, studied architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, and received his MFA in photography from the

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School of Visual Arts. Matthew's work has been exhibited at venues in the United States and abroad, including CAMRaleigh, Fordham University's Center Gallery and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library.

Matthew has been on faculty at UC Davis, NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Hunter College, and the School of Visual Arts in NYC. He was also co-founder and director of the VisuaLife photography education program, working with underprivileged youth in NYC. He currently teaches at UC Davis and Nimbus Arts, and operates the **Wandering Eye Photography Studio**.

**YOUR YOSEMITE PHOTOGRAPHY JOURNEY INCLUDES:**

- 2 night/3 day stay at the historic **Evergreen Lodge**
- Dinner upon arrival at the classic **Evergreen Lodge Tavern**
- Breakfast at the majestic **Ahwahnee Hotel**
- Visit to the famed **Ansel Adams Gallery**
- 2 days of adventure, hiking, and photography instruction
- Downtime at the lodge poolside or hiking the wilds of Yosemite Valley
- Inspiring photo presentations
- Pre-trip wine reception and preparatory meeting with your instructor
- Follow up "Ansel-student" photography get-together for photo viewing & sharing

**DONORS:** *Matthew Baum, Claire + Steven Stull, Nimbus Arts*

DINNER AT THE CARTER CREATION ZONE:  
 BUY-A-SPOT DINNER *for 45*: \$250/person

Plus 3 Buy-a-spot Overnight Cabins w/am breakfast delivery

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2018:** 6:30—10:30pm

Join acclaimed California sculptor, ceramicist, 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 three traditional wood-fired kilns. The evening will include the rare opportunity to visit both Richard's workspaces and his art-studded and artfully spare home.

This buy-a-spot dinner 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, and it promptly earned three stars from the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The dinner will also feature scrumptious wines from the innovative **Durant & Booth Winery**, among other libations.

**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 known as Carter & Co. The property is home to both his personal studio and an artist residency program. 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, Kelly Farley, Carolyn Duryea, Sarah Lonsdale, Durant & Booth, Nimbus Arts*

## “OUROTOROS”

BY MERCEDES BAKER

OIL ON PANEL, 4' x 4'

### ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

*Outside my family home, cattle were some of the first creatures I knew and understood. This is what I learned:*

- *Bulls are gentle yet unpredictable, wild at their source. Methodical and slow, yet they will fight for what they need and erupt at the turn of an eye. They represent change to me...Chaos, strength and beauty, but mostly change.*
- *In certain mythologies bulls are associated with an Ouroboros, the snake eating its tail in continual rebirth. This is my inspiration, the need to symbolize something greater, something cyclical. Something that brings meaning to why we are here and what we are doing.*

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

**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 drawing, writing, and turning old dusty hay barns into palaces of their imaginations. 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**, where she and her sister Melissa are co-directors. The group boasts a diverse range of talents, including event production, fashion design, set builds, and production design, and they work on a number of local and national events, including Nimbash. Mercedes' oil paintings have been exhibited both nationally and abroad, in galleries, museums, universities and wineries.

**DONOR:** Mercedes Baker

## THE BEST *of* BEAUTIFUL BUENOS AIRES for TWO COUPLES *or a* FAMILY of FOUR

*“Travelers are seekers—always in search of that one place that will captivate, get under your skin and enter your heart. Please don’t go to Buenos Aires unless you are ready to fall in love...”*

ALICIA CARR, HOMEAWAY

Your home for the week will be the lush, green oasis of **Be Jardin Escondido Resort by Coppola**, located in Palermo Soho, one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Buenos Aires. This space, that inspired **Francis Ford Coppola** while he was filming *Tetro*, is a retreat rich with Argentine textiles where a leafy colorful garden and inviting living areas welcome guests seeking local flavor. There is a fresh, artistic atmosphere in the neighborhood, which makes it especially popular with young, sophisticated Argentines and foreign visitors. For peace or a stylish peek in to Palermo life, Jardin Escondido is an ideal base-camp.

From there you’ll want to venture out, because Buenos Aires is full of museums, architecture, restaurants, boutiques, night life, and street art! Choose from an array of fascinating Buenos Aires private walking tour options offered by **Context Travel**. Dine at the acclaimed **Elena Restaurant** in the Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires. And set aside a day to take a **boat trip to Colonia de Sacramento** in Uruguay, an irresistibly picturesque town teeming with foodie culture, architecture and art.

You will be crying for yourself and not for Argentina if you do not snap up this amazing adventure!

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**THIS LOT INCLUDES:**

- 6 nights/7 days stay at **Be Jardin Escondido Resort** (a Coppola Resort in Buenos Aires, Argentina) for 2 couples or a family of 4. The property has three levels of gardens, a solar-heated pool, an outdoor kitchen and parrilla, an on-site sommelier, and a beautiful plant-filled terrace. Each of the six airy rooms features art from Coppola's personal collection. A full time housekeeper and English-speaking concierge are there to assist.
- **Dinner for 4 at Elena Restaurant** at the Buenos Aires Four Seasons Hotel
- **Private walking tour of your choice with Context Travel.** Context's Buenos Aires tours are led by local architects, historians and chefs, and explore topics like tango, Argentine cuisine, Jewish history of Buenos Aires, or the always-fascinating Evita.
- **Boat trip for 4 to Colonia de Sacramento, Uruguay**, an irresistibly picturesque town with a rich art, architecture and food scene.
- **Starter wallet of Argentine Pesos**, ~\$125 to jumpstart your exploration of the city
- Collection of **Buenos Aires Guidebooks**
- 3 magnums from **Francis Ford Coppola Winery**:
  - 2014 Francis Ford Coppola Reserve Chardonnay, 1 magnum (1.5L)
  - 2016 Francis Ford Coppola Reserve Pinot Noir, 1 magnum (1.5L)
  - 2015 Francis Ford Coppola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 magnum (1.5L)

[*Restrictions:* Resort blackout dates are October 8, 12, 13, 20-23, 27, 30-31, November, December 1, 2, 15, 23-25, 31, 2018.]

**DONORS:** *Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Context Travel, Claire + Steven Stull, Anonymous*

# “UNTITLED”

## SCULPTURE BY ADAM WIEDMANN

STAINLESS STEEL WITH CENTRUM PATINA ON BLACK GRANITE, 35" X 11" X 11"

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

**Adam Wiedmann** is a celebrated artist living in St. Helena, CA. His work can be found worldwide in galleries, private, corporate and public collections. Former presidents, top CEO's and notable designers have become collectors of Wiedmann's work. He has been featured in art and design publications such as *Art News*, and *La Maison France*; and locally he will be featured in the summer issue of *Napa Life Magazine*.

Adam is known for transforming hard industrial materials into elegant balanced works inspired by the natural form.

He works both in small and large scale. The sculptures he makes are stainless steel with patinas of various types and are suitable for indoor or outdoor display.

Wiedmann is the father of two amazing daughters. He is an active community member—working with Nimbus Arts teaching at-risk youth, consulting for the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, and of course chaperoning many a school field trip.

This piece, like many, was inspired by the soft lines of nature. It is number 2 of 3 in a newly created, limited edition series. Each piece has a different patina, and all are mounted on black granite bases.

**DONOR:** *Adam Wiedmann*

**MAGICAL MENDOCINO ADULT GLAMP-OUT:  
BUY-A-SPOT EVENT *for* IO COUPLES  
FRIDAY—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19-21, 2018**

The top ten bidders for this unique Buy-a-Spot opportunity will experience the magic of a Fall weekend at **Mendocino Grove**, the incomparable and oh-so-comfy “Glamp-ground” created by St. Helenans **Teresa Raffo + Chris Hougie**.

If you are lucky enough to procure one of these 10 luxurious tents you will be welcomed on Friday night with a delicious + hearty Beef Stew dinner, accompanied by an assortment of Napa Valley wines.

Spend Saturday on a guided mushroom hunting adventure, launch a kayak from the adjacent beach or just hang out in these gorgeous woods. Barbecue dinner that night will be prepared by a local chef and if, the hunt is successful, will incorporate the mushroom bounty. After dinner, gather around the campfire for some traditional S’mores, or opt for the adult version incorporating Mendocino’s other famous crop.

This will be an unforgettable weekend, so gather your adult tribe and bid!

- October 19-21, 2018—**2 nights/3 days glamping in luxe tent cabins** w/beds & linens
- **Welcome Beef Stew dinner** (Friday)
- **Plenty of wonderful Napa Valley wines!**
- **Coffee and Continental breakfast** each morning
- **Mushroom hunting adventure** (Saturday)
- **Bar-B-Que dinner** prepared by a Mendocino Chef (Saturday)
- **Traditional and adult S’mores**

*[Restrictions: This event is for those over 21 only.]*

**DONORS:** *Mendocino Grove, Anonymous, Nimbus Arts*

## “PENTIMENTO”

**BY OSCAR AGUILAR OLEA**

EGG TEMPURA & CHARCOAL ON CANVAS, 7' x 5'

### **ARTIST'S STATEMENT:**

*“Among masterpieces of the past, the “Pentimento” was another unexpected element that appeared due to chemical reactions between oils and varnishes. These ghosts play an important role in the general vision of my work and taking advantage of this effect instead of erasing it, I leave it to play an important role, following the best samples of the Florentine paintings.”*

### **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*

## MAGNIFICENT & MONUMENTAL MAGNUMS

Take home this truly extraordinary collection of 13 monumental magnums. Establish or enhance your cellar, or host a big BASH of your own!

- 2012 **Abreu Vineyards** Cappella Napa Valley Red Wine
- 2015 **Aubert** Hyde Vineyard Carneros Chardonnay
- 2015 **Aubert** UV-SL Vineyard Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
- 2012 **Bond** Vecina Cabernet Sauvignon
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- 2014 **Dalla Valle** Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2013 **Harlan Estates** Red Wine
- 2015 **Kongsgaard** “The Judge” Chardonnay
- 2014 **LEVY & McCLELLAN** Cabernet Sauvignon
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- 2006 **Sum** Cabernet Sauvignon (special Nimbus Arts bottling made by Mark Aubert with grapes from David Abreu’s Cappella Vineyard)

**DONORS:** *Anonymous, Abreu Vineyards, Aubert Wines, Bettina and Donald L. Bryant, Jr., Colgin Cellars, Corison Winery, Dalla Valle Vineyards, Harlan Estates, Kongsgaard Wine, LEVY & McCLELLAN, Ovid. Napa Valley.*

## “WANDERLUST”

BY MELISSA BAKER

OIL ON CANVAS, 5' x 6'

### ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

*I painted “Wanderlust” right after I got back from a cross-country tour with our band, Samvega. I felt so free and energized by the good people everywhere who opened their homes and shared their hearts. I also was deeply influenced by the landscapes we travelled through. I painted obsessively—running, like a kid, directly out to the studio the minute I woke up and painting far into the night, just to do it all over again the next day. I want to jump right into the canvas and float in between the lines, wake with the mountains, rise into the clouds, and meld with the abstract. When I look at this painting, I feel free. I see hope. I feel at home and inspired by the physical, mental, and spiritual changes that naturally happen when one truly embodies “Wanderlust.”*

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

**Melissa Baker** is a multi-faceted artist who makes art every day. She and her sister, Mercedes have established **The Ehlers Society**, a thriving art community in the heart of the Napa Valley. The group boasts a diverse range of talents, including event production, fashion design, set builds, and production design, and they work on a number of local and national events, including NIMBASH.

She received her formal painting education from the University of Wisconsin, and has continued to study different aspects of art, music, and film through travel, mentors, artists and life experience. 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 over 10 years and thoroughly enjoys teaching and giving back to her hometown community through the arts.

**DONOR:** *Melissa Baker*

TAKE IT *to the* LIMIT! NYC FASHION WEEK  
EVENTS *for 2 with* 3.1 PHILLIP LIM

Two fortunate fashionistas will get to attend the extraordinary **3.1 Phillip Lim Fashion Show** during the fabulous New York Fashion Week this September! 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 Greenwich Village. And then there's lunch and conversation with Lim's charming and incredible co-founder and CEO Wen Zhou, to get an insider's point-of-view on running a fashion business. The lucky bidders will also have a personal styling session with the 3.1 Phillip Lim Great Jones store team.

A visit to NYC would not be complete without some art! Enjoy a gallery tour with the fascinating BJ Topol, co-founder of Topol Childs Art Advisory. End your day with dinner at Danny Meyer's **The Modern** restaurant at the MOMA.

**THIS LOT INCLUDES:**

- 2 tickets to the **3.1 Phillip Lim** fashion show on September 10, 2018
- 2 nights/3 days 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 @ 3.1 Phillip Lim's on Great Jones Street
- Your choice of a **gallery tour** of Chelsea or the Upper East Side with BJ Topol, co-founder of **Topol Childs Art Advisory** [*To be arranged on a mutually agreeable date.*]
- Dinner for 2 at Danny Meyer's acclaimed restaurant: **The Modern**, at the MOMA

*[Final dates for the hotel stay and fashion show will be coordinated with the winning bidder by July 2018. This experience takes place in New York City and travel is not included. This lot cannot be resold or re-auctioned, and expires May 12, 2019.]*

**DONORS:** 3.1 Phillip Lim, Wen Zhou, BJ Topol, Claire + Steven Stull

THE MABON—  
HOURGLASS HARVEST PARTY:  
BUY-A-SPOT PARTY *for 100*: \$150/person

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018:** 6:30pm—'til ?

The Mabon is one of eight solar holidays of American Neopaganism—a ritual of harvest and balance. We define it as a celebration of balance... for the unbalanced.

Come celebrate the 2018 harvest at **Hourglass Estate**, where the wine is as rockin' as the parties they host. Join proprietors **Jeff Smith + Carolyn Duryea**, and Jeff's band '**Wistrocket**' as they eat, drink, rock, roll and howl at the moon! New this year will be the addition of performance art tableaus from none other than our favorite local artistes, **The Baker Sisters**. (Also, musical guest artist surprises have also been known to occur—musicians from Jane's Addiction, Sarah McLachlan, Citizen Cope, etc...)

**DONORS:** *Carolyn Duryea + Jeff Smith, Hourglass Winery, Ehlers Society, Anonymous, Nimbus Arts*



## “THE MONARCH MADONNA, AFTER FRA LIPPO LIPPI”

BY ANNE PENTLAND

OIL ON CANVAS, 46" x 23" FRAMED

### ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

*Monarchs make a migratory journey of approximately 3000 miles between Mexico and Canada each year. It takes four to five generations of monarchs to complete this journey. The urbanization of their landscape puts their population increasingly under threat.*

*I am moved to explore the concept of the Madonna as a traditional symbol of protection and intercession between heaven and earth. Those who cherish the natural world cannot help feeling concern for wildlife and wild places. I paint these images to illuminate my passion for the creatures that share our world.*

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

**Anne Pentland** received her B.A. 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.

Anne is deeply concerned about the degradation of the natural world. Her current paintings have become an articulate and passionate diary, where she can express her desire to protect wildlife and wild places.

**DONOR:** *Anne Pentland*

## ROMAN HOLIDAY: 8 DAYS *in the* ETERNAL CITY

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 Campo de' Fiori District, one of the most charming neighborhoods in all of Rome.

Celebrate the art of wanderlust with a **sketchbooking tour** with **Tom Rankin**, architect, artist, and Rome guide extraordinaire. Tom will guide you through the creation of a sketchbook, beginning at his studio in Renaissance Rome and heading out in to the city to capture images, make drawings and collect found objects to collage into the sketchbooks. The walk will take you into artisan workshops, chapels and courtyards, stopping in piazzas to sketch and for a coffee or gelato break somewhere wonderful along the way. After the exploration, you'll circle back to the Studio to work on finishing touches and toast your work with some local refreshments.

### **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 and wine**
- **Architectural walk + sketchbooking class** in Renaissance Rome with **Tom Rankin**, architect, sketcher, and master guide.
- A pre-trip dinner at **Oenotri Restaurant** and trip-planning session with Roman apartment owners **Dana Johnson + Mark Nelson**
- **Sketchbooking mini-library**
- **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 5/12/2019]*

**DONORS:** *Dana Johnson + Mark Nelson, Tom Rankin*

**2018 FUND-A-NEED**  
**NIMBUS ARTS *is* DOUBLING DOWN**  
***on* MAIN STREET!**

**Nimbus Arts** is a vital community organization that nurtures curiosity, fosters creative expression, and changes lives through meaningful experiences with art and artists. By raising your paddle for our fund-a-need, you'll be helping Nimbus Arts grow into its newly expanded Main Street studios.

Our main studio space will remain, but we are losing our old ceramics space and adding 2 new storefronts in the same building to better house our ceramics and industrial arts programs. This expansion nearly doubles our education and activity space, and it means that our classes, camps, and workshops can be more effective and available to all.

These new spaces are blank canvasses, and we need your help to bring them to life! Your fund-a-need donation will activate, animate, and equip our new spaces, and also will help us revitalize our current studio.

**NIMBASH** gives you the opportunity to see how invigorating, inspiring, thought-provoking and just plain fun the arts can be. Our mission is to make art experiences available and accessible throughout Napa Valley. Please raise your paddle to help us grow!

**DONORS: You!**

# BAR MAN: HAND-CRAFTED LIQUOR CABINET

BY DAN HALE

WALNUT, 23" WIDE x 13" D x 69" H

I wandered in...

I was shaken...  
and stirred

He had a great capacity  
he opened easily  
he spoke freely  
he was well-stocked  
his contents had character  
his love handles were  
perfectly positioned  
his presence held you  
his solidity was magnetic  
with the right touch he  
would show you  
all he had

Lust after him or  
take him home...

**ARTIST'S STATEMENT:**

*"I make things. Essential. Elemental. Original. Serendipitous. Inspired by ancient art, architecture, nature, modern works. A synthesis of old and new, incorporating common materials in new ways. The interplay of different materials and textures. Hand-made, conceived and executed with strict attention to detail. Careful restraint. An alchemy of juxtapositions that is more than a sum of its parts. Simple forms with embellished surfaces and engaging details. Sometimes recycled materials give new life to discarded objects. Materials discovered, a use is found. Painted surfaces acquire depth. Layers of color, applied, scrubbed, scraped, sanded, combed, scratched through to reveal what lies beneath. Tinted waxes hand burnished. Some pieces freestanding, others fitted to the fabric of the project."*

**BAR MAN INCLUDES:**

- Designed and hand crafted **Custom Bar Man Cabinet** by **Dan Hale**
- **Assorted Liquor & Libations**
- Charming **Barware & Cocktail books**

**DONORS:** *Dan Hale, Nimbus Arts*

## PARADISE *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.

Off grounds, you will enjoy a **sunset sailboat excursion** with a delicious catered dinner and wine. Another day, enjoy a **wine tasting and lunch** with the proprietor **Tony Smith** at the exquisite winery **Quinta de Covela**.

**THIS LOT INCLUDES:**

- 3 night/4 day stay in a double room or apartment at **Quinta do Tedo**
- One dinner at the estate's **Bistro Terrace** restaurant
- Private tour and tasting at the Quinta do Tedo's stunning winery and olive groves
- At Quinta do Tedo, avail yourself of the swimming pool, bird watching trails, and/or use the estate's kayaks and canoes to explore the Tedo and Douro rivers.
- **Private sunset sailboat ride** w/Douro a Vela with delicious catered meal + wine
- **Private wine tasting & lunch** w/owner Tony Smith at **Quinta de Covela** winery
- To give you a taste of your future experience, tonight take home 4 bottles of wonderful **Quinta do Tedo wine & porto:**
  - 2014 Quinta do Tedo Reserva Douro DOC red wine
  - Quinta do Tedo Fine Tawny Porto
  - Quinta do Tedo Finest Reserve Porto
  - Quinta do Tedo Porto Rose

**DONORS:** *Kay and Vincent Bouchard, Tony Smith—Lima Smith LDA, Nimbus Arts*

*[To be arranged on mutually agreed upon dates. Expires 5/12/2019]*

## SIZE MATTERS! WINES *that* STAND TALL

It doesn't get any more festive than this. Take home these 5 super-size, truly towering large format bottles from some of the finest Napa Valley wineries.

- 2015 **Buehler Vineyards** Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2015 **Conundrum** Red Blend, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2011 **Hourglass** Blueline Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2012 **Rudd Estate** Samantha's Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L)
- 2007 **Shafer Vineyards** Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon, Methuselah (6L)
- 2012 **von Strasser Winery** Spaulding Vineyard Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, Double Magnum (3L), signed by winemaker Rudy Von Strasser

**DONORS:** *Buehler Vineyards, Conundrum, Hourglass Vineyards, Rudd Oakville Estate, Shafer Vineyards, von Strasser Winery*

## “SUNSET IN HOLLYWOOD”

**BY LEIF LARSON**

ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, 72" x 48"

**ARTIST'S STATEMENT:**

*“I thought, “Making a painting that personifies 30 years of fantasy and desire to experience an ideally happy Hollywood life, having grown up in the mid-west, will result in an interesting picture.” So I made this painting: “Sunset in Hollywood.” I’ve yet to visit or experience Hollywood and but have dreamed of it since childhood, so I created a picture that focuses on joy, fantasy, wanderlust, and desire.”*

**ABOUT THE ARTIST**

**Leif Larson** was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1981. He studied at Indiana State University and received a B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in 2005. In 2008 he studied at the Art Students League in New York City. His work has been shown in galleries, museums, universities, public buildings and exhibitions throughout the U.S., including Napa Valley, New York City, and many Midwestern cities.

Leif enjoys sharing his love of art with others and has conducted many painting and drawing workshops for adults and kids. He has worked on several large-scale art restoration projects, and his murals can be found in businesses in Wisconsin and Illinois. Since 2001 has been a major contributor in the development of the Oshkosh Gallery Walk. His paintings and drawings can be found in both private and public collections throughout the United States. He works from his studio in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**DONOR:** *Leif Larson*

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME: NAPA VALLEY'S STAYCATION *for* TWO

Dorothy was right, there's no place like home...so why not spend your next break right here? Check into the beautiful and luxe **Las Alcobas Hotel** in St. Helena for two nights, and relax in their elegantly designed and appointed guestrooms. Enjoy a revitalizing treatment at their signature spa, **Atrio**.

Start your morning off on a high with a balloon ride for 2 with **Balloons Above the Valley**, followed by a delicious Champagne Brunch.

Take in a variety of well-loved local restaurants, including an incredible lunch with spectacular "rolling" views of the valley floor on the popular **Napa Valley Wine Train**, dinner at the **CIA's Gatehouse Restaurant**, and gift certificates for **Gott's** and **Hog Island Oyster Company**.

Wrap up your weekend by sharing an exclusive VIP tour and tasting at **Harlan Estates** with seven of your closest friends.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled, adventurous Staycation!

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**THIS LOT INCLUDES:**

- 2 nights for 2 at **Las Alcobas Napa Valley** hotel + gift certificate for **spa treatments** for 2 at **Las Alcobas' Atrio Spa**
- **Quattro Vino Tour** for 2 on the **Napa Valley Wine Train**, including train fare, 4-course lunch and tastings at 3 wineries.
- Dinner for 2 at the **GateHouse Restaurant** at the Culinary Institute of America
- Gift cards for **Gott's** (\$125) + **Hog Island Oyster Company** (\$100)
- **Balloons Above the Valley** Balloon Ride for 2 followed by a Champagne Brunch
- VIP Tour and Tasting at **Harlan Estates** (for up to 8 people)

*[Restrictions: Las Alcobas stay is restricted to Sunday through Thursday as available, and black out days may apply. Alcoholic beverages not included in the GateHouse Restaurant dinner. Balloons Above the Valley and Napa Valley Wine train dates to be mutually agreed upon; for both, major holidays are blacked out. All items in this lot expire May 12, 2019]*

**DONORS:** *Las Alcobas Napa Valley, Napa Valley Wine Train, Harlan Estates, The Culinary Institute of America, Balloons Above the Valley, Anonymous.*

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| Ryman Auditorium               | Paul Van Lith                  |
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| San Jose Sharks                | Vineyard 29                    |
| Emily M Scheibal               | Vinoce Vineyards               |
| Quinn Scheibal                 | von Strasser Winery            |
| Jan Schnurr                    | Erin Walker                    |
| Schramsberg Vineyards          | Adam Wiedmann                  |
| Sea Glass Fine Art Photography | Christina Williamson           |
| Shafer Vineyards               | Nancy Willis                   |
| Laurie Maurer Shelton          | Wendy Willis                   |
| Silver Oak & Twomey Cellars    | Mike Wilson                    |
| Skipstone                      | Wine Barrel Furniture          |
| Tony Smith—Lima Smith LDA      | Madeline and David Wise        |
| Smith Madrone Winery           | Woodhouse Chocolates           |
| Susan Spies                    | Mary Ann and Mitchell Woodruff |
| Staglin Family Vineyard        | Amanda Wright                  |
| Sterling Vineyards             | Yelena Zhavoronkova            |
| David and Monica Stevens       | Wen Zhou                       |

# nimbus · arts

## **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

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We are eternally grateful to our Leadership Circle members,  
whose significant three-year pledges sustain our current programming  
and help us plan our future. Your votes of confidence in  
Nimbus Arts' vision put wind in our sails!

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**CREATIVITY | CURIOSITY  
COMMUNITY | COLLABORATION**

Nimbus Arts brings together people of all ages and skill levels to nurture curiosity, learning, creative expression and a sense of community.

**Thank you for joining us tonight!**



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