

ARENA STAGE GALA AUCTION 2026 PREVIEW



BEHIND-THE-SCENES: FROM PAGE TO STAGE

This is more than a night at the theater... it's a special access pass to the magic behind it.

One lucky bidder and five guests will go on an unforgettable insider journey with one of Arena Stage's 2027 productions (to be announced at the gala), following the production from its very first rehearsal all the way to opening night. Experience the creative process from the inside: sit in on an early table read, witness the intensity and precision of tech week, and feel the excitement build during final dress rehearsal.

Then, before the curtain officially rises, your party of six (6) will be welcomed with a special pre-show reception before taking your seats for an extraordinary evening of theater. But the experience doesn't end there—after the performance, a member of the artistic team will personally guide your group on an exclusive backstage tour, offering a rare glimpse behind the scenes.

Finally, you and your guests will plan a custom tasting menu featuring three courses, wine, and signature cocktails at Philippe Chow, steps away from Arena at The Wharf. Choose to pair this dinner with a tech rehearsal, final dress rehearsal, or your performance night for a truly one-of-a-kind experience.

An extraordinary opportunity for theater lovers, storytellers, and anyone who has ever wondered what happens before the spotlight hits the stage.

Donated by: Arena Stage and Philippe Chow

Estimated Value: Priceless + \$1,200 dinner

Restrictions: *The production is currently scheduled to run February 5 – March 28, 2027. Arena Stage to provide dates for rehearsal experiences. Date for pre-reception and performance will be mutually agreed upon with winner. Dinner at Philippe Chow will be curated with management at least one week in advance, gratuity included... and Peking Duck is an option!*



YOUR MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The stage has always called your name. Tonight, you answer.

This is your chance to step out of the audience and onto one of the most celebrated stages in American theater. As the winner of this one-of-a-kind experience, you'll receive a walk-on role in an upcoming Arena Stage production—and every detail will make you feel like the star you are.

Before you set foot on stage, you'll be treated to a full costume fitting with Arena Stage's world-class wardrobe team, then sit in the makeup chair as their professional artists transform you into a fully realized character. By the time the lights go up, you won't just be watching the magic, you'll *be* the magic.

Donated by: Arena Stage

Estimated Value: Priceless

Restrictions: *This non-speaking role in a select Arena Stage 2026/27 Season production will be on a mutually agreed upon date.*



FROM ARENA STAGE TO BROADWAY!

Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets. And tonight, so do you! Bid your way into one of the most anticipated Broadway openings of 2027: *Damn Yankees*, making its triumphant journey from Arena Stage's celebrated 2025 reimaged production all the way to the Great White Way. Whether you caught it here last fall or this will be your first time at bat, this curated New York escape for two puts you right in the middle of the excitement.

Your getaway includes two nights in a premium room at the iconic InterContinental New York Times Square, steps from the Theater District and in the heart of the city that never sleeps. Before the curtain rises, indulge in a special dinner, then take your seats to see *Damn Yankees* live on Broadway. Bring home a poster signed by the cast—and memories to last beyond the final inning.

Donated by: Arena Stage and the InterContinental New York Times Square

Estimated Value: \$1,800

Restrictions: *Includes two show tickets, dinner for two, and a two-night hotel stay in a premium room. Hotel certificate expires July 31, 2027. Blackout dates may apply.*



CHÂTEAU DREAMS: THREE NIGHTS IN BORDEAUX FOR TWO COUPLES

Two couples will escape to the heart of the world's most legendary wine region for three extraordinary nights in a private chateau in Bordeaux. Whether you find yourself on the storied Left Bank or the intimate Right Bank, every moment of this curated journey has been designed to make you feel like an insider.

By day, explore the sun-drenched vineyards and historic cellars of Bordeaux's most celebrated estates with VIP tours. Raise a glass at private wine tastings and linger over fabulous luncheons that pair delicious food with extraordinary pours. You'll leave understanding why Bordeaux has captivated wine lovers for centuries.

Donated by: Total Wine & More

Estimated Value: \$5,000

Restrictions: *Airfare and ground transportation are not included. All 2027 travel dates must be mutually agreed upon with hosting producers, Total Wine & More, and trip winner. All travelers must be 21 or older. This experience is for two couples only (two rooms), additional travelers cannot be added to any part of the reservation. Lodging first comes first served, and available weekdays only between March through October 2027. Exclusions and black-out weeks may apply. This trip does NOT expire to accommodate availability and schedules.*



ONE-OF-A-KIND DRESS OR JACKET CREATED JUST FOR YOU

Every great character begins with what they wear. Now, that magic is yours to keep. This extraordinary experience pairs you with one of Arena Stage's celebrated costume designers for a truly bespoke creation—a wearable work of art designed and built *specifically for you*. From your first consultation to your final fitting, you'll be treated to the full Arena Stage costume experience: discussing inspiration, selecting fabrics, and watching your one-of-a-kind piece come to life stitch by stitch.

The result? A stunning, conversation-starting dress or jacket, crafted with the same artistry and attention to detail that has graced Arena Stage's stages for decades, that belongs entirely to you.

Donated by: Arena Stage

Estimated Value: \$3,000

Restrictions: *Must be designed and created in July/August 2026.*



A NIGHT AT THE TONY AWARDS IN NYC

There is no greater celebration of American theater than the Tony Awards—and now you can experience it live. You and a guest will join a member of the Arena Stage artistic team for an unforgettable trip to the 2027 Tony Awards in New York City. This once-in-a-lifetime experience puts you at the heart of Broadway's biggest night, alongside someone who lives and breathes the art form every day.

Donated by: Arena Stage

Estimated Value: \$6,250

Restrictions: *Tony Awards in June 2027. Includes dinner and two tickets to the Tony Awards with a member of the Arena Stage artistic team, and two nights in a hotel in midtown.*

AUCTION RULES

- Bid by raising your paddle. The highest bidder will be acknowledged by the auctioneer. No pre-bids will be accepted.
- All bids are final. Winning bids are due in full on May 20.
- Packages are non-transferable, non-refundable, and have no cash value.
- Restrictions and expiration dates vary by item.