

Common Threads' 2008 World Festival  
Live and Silent Auction Items

**1. *British Invasion***

Features a trip for two to London, including roundtrip business-class airfare. Enjoy breakfast at The Wolseley Hotel with the talented Chef Nigella Lawson. Later, join Naked Chef Jaime Oliver for champagne and canapés, followed by dinner for two at Fifteen restaurant, with wines specially selected to match Chef Oliver's seasonal cuisine.

**2. *Grill Out in Style***

AIS Construction, Inc. will deliver and install a Chef Art Smith signature series outdoor grill island at your home (within 75 miles of Chicago). Choose from three different styles for your grill island. The 6-foot island includes a 30 Viking Premium grill, 27 Viking storage drawer, and concrete countertop set upon cedar beams and base. With a gift certificate from Allen Brothers Steaks, have Chef Art Smith's Chef de Cuisine and longtime assistant, Chef Rey Villalobos, be the first to grill out at your home for a BBQ party to remember! Also includes a collection of spices from The Spice House.

**3. *Fine Dining Indeed***

Enjoy dinner for 10 at your home by Chef Joel Dennis, Executive Chef at Blue Water Grill. Dennis' passion and talent in the kitchen will be showcased at your private party. His personal style of focusing on the freshest ingredients and simplistic touch will make for a memorable dining experience.

**4. *This little piggy went to the market...***

Heat up your next big party with 25 friends as Chef Adam Schop of DeLaCosta throws a Pig Roast Party at your home.

**5. *Dine at TABLE fifty-two***

A private dinner at Chef Art Smith's celebrated restaurant TABLE *fifty-two* where 30 guests can gather at the table to share experiences and food.

**6. *Dim Sum Party***

Invite eight guests to learn how to eat traditional Chinese cuisine with Chef Bill Kim as he prepares five different types of Dim Sum in your home! Package includes AperiTea tea-infused mixers from Mighty Leaf Tea for signature cocktail recipes developed by celebrity mixologist Brian van Flandern. Cap off the evening with artisan-crafted whole leaf hot teas, for an evening of causal elegance with one of Chicago's finest chefs.

**7. *Classic French, with a Twist!***

Savor the cuisine of Chef Chris Nugent as he prepares dinner for six at your home on a Sunday. With a classic French cooking style combined with his own natural inventiveness, Chef Nugent creates eclectic dishes that have both a focus and balance of flavors.

**8. *Extreme Kitchen Make-Over***

Susan Maxwell from Suz Maxwell, LLC will assess your needs and redesign your kitchen (equivalent to 80 hours of consultation). In addition to design and general contractor services by Ryehill Brothers, this package includes a semi-custom cabinet package, granite, high-end stainless appliances, flooring and lighting.

**9. *The Next Iron Chef***

Train with Chef Art Smith to be on the hit TV Series *Iron Chef America*! Enjoy dinner and a two-night stay at any Kimpton hotel in New York City. This package also includes round-trip airfare for two!

**10. *The Harpo Advantage***

Feel like a star with two tickets to The Oprah Winfrey Show, an exclusive Q&A with an executive producer of the show, a tour of Harpo Studios and lunch at TABLE *fifty-two*.

**11. *Happy Hour (and a ½)***

Enjoy a cocktail party for 20 guests at Nacional 27, named "Chicago's hottest Nuevo Latino restaurant" by Restaurant Hospitality. Includes butler passed tapas by award-winning Executive Chef Randy Zweiban, paired with signature Bacardi cocktails and the restaurant's own house-made Sangria. The cocktail party will be 1 ½ hours in duration at the restaurant lounge and can be booked on a Monday-Thursday at 5:30pm.

**12. *Cook like a Hearty Boy***

Take four classes at HBTv, the Hearty Boys Cooking School. Afterwards, use your signed copy of Talk With Your Mouth Full and HBTv apron to prepare tasty dishes in your home.

**13. *Private Wine Tasting and Hors D'oeuvres***

Includes a private Oriel wine tasting for eight people in the comfort of your own home, led by wine expert Mike Noonan. You and your friends will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Lorin Adolph (not including weekends or groceries).

**14. *Boka Tasting***

Savor a four-course tasting menu created by Executive Chef Giuseppe Tentori at Boka for eight with wine pairings (valid on weekdays only).

**15. *Leave Your Heart in San Francisco***

This trip for two includes two roundtrip tickets to San Francisco, coffee and pastry treats from Chef Elizabeth Faulkner's Citizen Cake and dinner at Betelnut Restaurant offering contemporary Asian cuisine. Take a wine tour at Schramsberg Winery and Spring Mountain Vineyard in Napa Valley with a complimentary bottle of Cabernet. Enjoy a two-night stay the JW Marriot Hotel, just off Union Square, and watch the San Francisco Giant's play the Cubs July 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**16. *Treasure Santa Fe***

Be among the first to stay at Encantado, an Auberge Resort. Encantado offers a private sanctuary from which to enjoy the treasures of Santa Fe. Your beautifully designed casita is nestled along the hillside with stunning vistas of the desert and/or surrounding mountain ranges. Enjoy a two-night stay at this incredible resort!

**17. *To your health!***

Enjoy a catered boxed lunch for eight by Sunday Dinner, an artisan custom caterer devoted to local, seasonal and sustainable foods. Includes a sandwich, side, sweet and drink packaged in an eco-friendly way with green disposables. Continue your healthy lifestyle with a six-month supply of VitaminWater and SmartWater. Package also includes a Lululemon Yoga Starter Kit with a yoga mat, bag, water bottle, block, strap and \$100 gift card to the store. Later, work your tired muscles with a massage from a top chiropractor in Chicago! Also, includes a \$350 gift certificate from Power Plate to revitalize and strengthen your muscles!

**18. *Pick-a-party***

Choose from a variety of 45-minute cooking parties for eight kids by Kiddy Cuisine. Party options include: a cookie painting party, a cupcake decorating workshop, a chocolate dip extravaganza, a candy jewelry making party, or a bakery gift workshop! All parties safe for kids ages 4 and up!

**19. *Drink Up!***

Relish in a gift basket by Grey Goose, including Grey Goose Vodka and tasty treats sure to wow your friends!

**20. *For the wine enthusiast...***

Preserve your vintages, including a 6.0 liter of Special Selection from Caymus Vineyards, in a KitchenAid Architect Series II Wine Cellar for your home. Add to the collection a magnum bottle of Krug Champagne, two bottles of Martinborough Vinyard's 2004 Pinot Noir, a 2006 Châteauneuf de Pape, a 2003 Girard Artistry large format bottle, a 2004 Gundlach Bundschu Pinot Noir, and a 2004 Oakville Ranch Cabernet Franc. Also take home a certificate from PRP Wine International for an 8 bottle wine sampling for up to 16 people with a private wine consultant for 2 hours.

**21. *Bring home Italy to your kitchen!***

This package includes premium vinegars, oils and tomato sauces from Lucini Italia and a signed copy of Art Smith's latest book, [Back To The Family](#).

**22. *99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall***

Learn the tricks of brewing beer with a tour and tasting for four at Goose Island's Brewery in the heart of Chicago!

**23. *Viking Range Set and More!***

Bring home today a Viking Professional 5.5 quart saucepot, 3 quart saucepot, 3 quart sauté pan with a bonus 7" Santoku knife. This cookware is perfect with the Viking Portable Induction Cooker. Flavor your kitchen with an assortment of Tastefully Simple products displayed in an exquisite handmade wooden trunk with leather accents and a swivel clasp. Read about Tastefully Simple Founder and CEO Jill Blashack Strahan in [Simply Shine: Stories that Stirred the Fire](#).

**24. *Fix your sweet tooth on...***

A La Grande Hatbox from Vosges Haut-Chocolat. This signature purple hatbox arrives awash with a taste of (almost) everything Vosges: 16 piece Exotic Truffle Collection, La Parisienne Cocoa, 1/2 lb. Bapchi's Caramel Toffee, 9 piece Aztec Truffle Collection, 18 piece Exotic Caramel Collection & 3 Exotic Candy Bars of your choosing.

**25. *Chop! Chop!***

Learn the skills of a chef with two hands-on cooking lessons at The Chopping Block!

**26. *Relish in all things sweet...***

Using a Swirlz Cupcakes coupon for 100 cupcakes, you are sure to taste each of their special creations!

**27. *Savor this specialty...***

Impress your friends with a large format bottle of a 2004 Rancho Zabaco Heritage Vines Zinfandel Wine. Also take home a certificate from PRP Wine International for an 8 bottle wine sampling for up to 16 people with a private wine consultant for 2 hours.

**28. Cheers!**

Add a 2005 Hall Vineyard's Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley to your collection. Also take home a certificate from PRP Wine International for an 8 bottle wine sampling for up to 16 people with a private wine consultant for 2 hours.

**29. Stay Awake**

Enjoy Bean Trees Organic Coffee for a year and your very own espresso machine!

**30. Cook in style!**

Experience the difference in cooking with a KitchenAid Artisan Series 9-cup Stand Mixer.

**31. Pots-n-Pans**

Bring home a 6-piece Le Creuset cast-iron set and cookbook. Add to your kitchen collection with a Freehling Pots and Pans Gift Certificate, an autographed cookbook collection by Chef Ming Tsai, his spice set and a Simply Ming apron.

**32. Sharpen Up**

Sharpen up your knife skills with a Furi Masters Knife Collection in a Furi Bikkie Tin, designed to fit this 11 piece knife set. Furi pro knives are designed by engineers and chefs as high-performance profession knives, ideal for the home gourmet cook!

**33. Good Morning**

Brew your favorite drink with the Jura Capresso IMPRESSA E9 espresso machine, equipped with all the necessary hi-tech features for creating superb espressos, cappuccinos, lattes and long crema coffees!

**34. A Chef's Power Tool**

With more power and control than ordinary blenders, the Vita-Mix CIA Professional Series is versatile appliance that emulsifies, blends, cooks, grinds, chops and purees ingredients with ease for creating a wide variety of dishes.

**35. Blue Ginger Experience**

Meet Ming and relish in a four-course tasting for two at Chef Ming Tsai's restaurant Blue Ginger in the Boston suburb of Wellesley, Massachusetts. Remember your experience with a signed copy of [Ming's Master Recipes](#).

**36. I ♥ NY**

Includes Dinner for four at Chef Tom Colicchio's Craft or CraftSteak restaurant in New York City plus two autographed cookbooks.

**37. Table for Two**

Enjoy dinner for two at one of Chicago's finest Chinese restaurants, the Shanghai Terrace, located at the Peninsula Hotel.

**38. A Night to Remember**

Dine at NoMI with four friends and retire afterwards with a Grand Deluxe Stay at Park Hyatt in Chicago for two nights.

**39. *Chef Carrie's Own***

Enjoy dinner for two at NAHA, an informal fusion restaurant scented with Mediterranean and California flavors.

**40. *Wisconsin Get-a-way***

Relax in Wisconsin at Destination Kohler, the Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond resort hotel, with a two-night stay. Replenish your mind and body with access to Kohler Waters Spa, where you can indulge in a nourishing treatment, or step into a robe and experience all-day immersion.

**41. *Afternoon Delight!***

Taste Chef Mario Santiago's appetizer creations including French Brie and Pear Quesadillas and Mango Jalapeño Crab Cakes at private party for 20 at May St. Café (valid only weekends 2-4PM). Sip on wine paired by House of Glunz.

**42. *Fame on Stage***

Walk-on bartender role on WTTW's *Check, Please!*

**43. *Seattle's Best***

Enjoy lunch for two at Chef Tom Douglas' Etta's and dinner for two at his restaurant Dahlia.

**44. *Be a daredevil!***

Chicago Indoor Racing offers "Arrive and Drive" packages for five friends! Each driver will revv up and prove their mettle in two races (must have a valid driver's license).

**45. *Go Bulls!***

Cheer on the Chicago Bulls with four tickets to the April 1<sup>st</sup> game against the Boston Celtics. Includes premium parking.

**46. *Drive in Style***

Includes the use of a Bentley for a weekend from Bentley Gold Coast Chicago.

**47. *An Evening of Music***

Listen to a concert at Ravinia's 3,200-seat open-air, covered pavilion with four reserved tickets to be used in the 2008 concert season.

**48. *Rhythm and Dance***

Learn to move on the dance floor with 6 classes at Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Includes two 30-min private introductory lessons, two 30-min class lessons, and two 90-min dance party lessons. With a studio in the heart of downtown Chicago, you're never more than a Box Step away from commanding the dance floor.

**49. *Cheese!***

If you are thinking about taking up photography with a digital camera, this class is for you. The Chicago Photography Center offers one certificate for Digital Boot Camp, which introduces students to the basic operation of a digital camera.

**50. *Experience movies like never before!***

The Chicago Filmmakers Co-Op Screening Membership will give you access to four special screenings a year and a Co-Op t-shirt. Take home an Adi Imin shirt from *The Last King of Scotland* from the collection of award winning actor Forest Whitaker.

**51. *Design Hours and more...***

Kiki Luthringshausen, owner and chief designer of K~HAUS, will help with your interior design needs as she create a one-of-a-kind look for your home. Package includes five hours of design consulting in your home. Also includes a \$300 gift certificate towards a newly designed California Closet.

**52. *Jimmy Choo Wallet***

Accessorize with a purple python wallet from Jimmy Choo!

**53. *Marc Jacobs Handbag***

Decorate yourself with an exclusive Marc Jacobs handbag, valued at \$1,500!

**54. *Tod's Spring Handbag***

Relish in the art, luxury, and craftsmanship of a Tod's spring handbag!

**55. *Pamper Yourself!***

Luxuriate with special bath items included in a Pour Vous gift basket, guaranteed to pamper your needs! Set yourself apart with a unique jewelry set by designer Dawn Mirran.

**56. *The Call of the Wild***

Experience nature with a Patagonia Down Sweater and travel lightly with a Patagonia Pocketwire Pack to keep you organized (also doubles as a day-tripper or hydration pack).

**57. *Look like a Star***

Pamper yourself with a package from Chicago Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatology. This includes a cosmetic skin care consultation, Botox treatment, and microdermabrasion by Harvard-trained Cosmetic and Laser Surgeon and Board-Certified Dermatologist, Dr. Carolyn Jacob.

**58. *Hair-do's and don'ts***

Update your look with a Marianne Strokirk Salon package, including a new haircut and partial highlight.

**59. *Expecting a baby?***

Spoil a Mom-To-Be with a gift basket from Pour Vous. Includes much-appreciated baby lotions, creams, and shampoos and other special treats!

**60. *Learn to paint!***

You can become a student of visual arts at any point in life. Go Get Your Smock! offers four adult-painting classes for you to express yourself.

**61. *Painting lessons for the kids!***

Go Get Your Smock! offers four kid-painting classes for your child to communicate their ideas through art.

**62. *Capture the moment!***

With Classic Kids Photography, you can make lasting memories with a complimentary photography

**63. *Pooches***

Pamper your favorite pet with a pet package from Tails in the City.

**64. *American Girl***

Give your precious doll her very own Kit and accompanying book, Meet Kit, from American Girl!

**65. *Art by Bob Klunk***

Take home a unique piece of art from local artist Bob Klunk!

**66. *Flavor of the week!***

Keep cool during the hot summer months with a Capannaris Ice Cream cone every week this summer!

**67. *Sarah's Candies Gift Basket***

Relish in a baskets of sweets from Sarah's Candies.

**68. *Cupid's Arrow Strikes***

Nothing spells out l-o-v-e like this package which includes a Carmelini Gift Set of 7 delicious caramel boxes from Das Foods and kissable lip gloss from Keisha Whitaker!

**69. *Kids Birthday Party at Team Blonde!***

Team Blonde will help kids create their own special jewelry pieces with glass and sterling at a birthday party for six. Partygoers will create one-of-a-kind designs to wear after the cake is gone!

**70. *Exclusively Bloomingdales***

Take a private cooking class with 15 friends at Bloomingdales and take home a 10-piece set of all-clad pans, valued at nearly \$700.

**71. *Jim Beam Club***

This package includes premium parking, a full food and beverage buffet in a reserved lounge, and the best view in the park of the White Sox vs. Minnesota on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. You and three friends can share America's favorite pastime at the U.S. Cellular Field!

**72. *The Palmer House***

Relax at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago for a weekend stay. This landmark hotel is located within Chicago's business and financial district, close to shopping, art, and the acclaimed Millennium Park!

**73. *Dinner with Wolfgang's Chef!***

Invite eight of your dearest friends for dinner with Wolfgang's Chicago chef Steven Harty. Learn how to make Wolfgang's smoke salmon pizza with sevruga caviar for your Hors d'oeuvres and enjoy a four-course dinner.

**74. *Fashion Make-Over with Project Runway!***

Let *Project Runway* Season 4 contestant, Steven Rosengard, design a cocktail dress for you! This one-of-a-kind piece will make you look and feel like a model! Includes fabric, design, and labor.

**75. *Jake Boutique***

Indulge yourself with a shopping spree for a year with six \$200 gift certificates (one every other month for the next year) and six appointments with a stylist, champagne and complimentary alterations.

**76. *Original Artwork by John Legend's Father, Ron Stevens***

Take home two original pencil drawings by portrait artist Ron Stevens and signed by his son, recording artist John Legend.

**77. *Police Tickets!***

Join personal chef to the Police, Chef Jamie Laurita, backstage after the Police concert, where you'll have four great seats at Rosemont Theater on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this opportunity! This is the final leg of their tour and will be the last time Sting and The Police play Chicago.

**78. *Luca Luca***

Shop till you drop with a \$250 gift certificate from Luca Luca!

**79. *Blackhawk Tickets***

Watch out for the puck! Get into hockey mode with these tickets.

**80. *Pizza for a Year!***

Enjoy pizza for a year from Pronto Pizza! Take home to your family and friends a pizza a month for 12 months!