

Sebastopol Center for the Arts Announces Live and Silent Auction December 6 to Raise Funds

Auction Items Include a Mexican Riviera vacation, French Countryside

Farmhouse, and Patrick Amiot Sculpture;

Fern Bar Cocktails Available for Pickup Before the Auction

SEBASTOPOL, Calif., November 13, 2020 -- Sebastopol Center for the Arts announces its [SebARTS Auction: "Give. Believe. Inspire."](#) on Sunday, December 6, 5pm- 6:30pm, featuring local celebrity Ziggy Eschliman as the auctioneer. In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the silent and live auctions will support the Center for the Arts' new distance learning program for local school children and ongoing art programming for the community.

"Through all the struggles and challenges of this year, art has been the one thing that inspires and lifts the spirits of people. It's spiritual nourishment. Our goal with this auction is to raise funds to continue to offer our art programs but also to fund our new Distance Learning Program for local schoolchildren," said Catherine Devriese, creative director of the Center for the Arts. "We are excited to have Ziggy Eschliman, also known as The Wine Gal, as our auctioneer. Her fun and friendly personality will keep you engaged and raising your paddle during the live auction!"

Registration is open now for an auction bid number at [CharityAuction.bid/GiveBelieveInspire](#) for \$10. The silent auction starts at 9am on November 16 and closes at midnight on December 10. It features inspiring works by renowned local artists and unique objects from local West County destinations. A "buy-it-now" option is available to close the bidding.

Craft Cocktails For Live Auction

The [Fern Bar](#) in The Barlow is offering three cocktails for auction attendees to purchase in advance and pickup to enjoy during the live auction. The Fern Bar cocktails, a \$20 donation, include:

- **Grow A Pear:** spiced pear vodka, housemade spicy ginger ale, lime, Angostura bitters
- **Harvest Moon:** London Dry Gin, Nigori Sake, pomegranate, yuzu, lemon, Fever Tree Tonic
- **Guera:** Blanco Tequila, grapefruit, lime, Aperol, St. Germain elderflower liqueur, Thai pepper shrub, bitter lemon tonic

Live Auction

Auction attendees on the live stream on December 6 will enjoy watching Ziggy lead the audience through a paddle raise and 10 amazing auction items. Top items for auction include a Mexican Riviera vacation, an international vacation at a country house in France, a cottage stay along the California coast, an overnight stay at Healdsburg's Harmon Guest House with a special guided art tour, as well as a Patrick Amiot sculpture. In addition, the auction features ceramics, paintings, wine and restaurant certificates and offerings from local retailers.

Devriese said the "Give. Believe. Inspire." Auction "allows our supporters to celebrate from the comfort and safety of their homes, while still enjoying all of the elegance and fun of an auction."

About Ziggly Eschliman, Auctioneer

Ziggly Eschliman hosts several radio shows on 95.9FM the KRSH, "On Tour," which promotes wine and food events and travel, and the weekly "Wine Wednesday," guaranteed to keep wine lovers hip about news in the wine world, spirits scene, and beyond.

About Sebastopol Center for the Arts

For more than 30 years, Sebastopol Center for the Arts has supported local artists, musicians, filmmakers, and writers. The Center is a dynamic community arts organization established in 1988, committed to "Enriching Lives through the Arts." Its high-quality, award-winning community arts programming includes exhibitions, performances, and children's and adult classes and events in Visual, Performing, Literary, Ceramics, Open Studios and Film Arts. Visit <https://seabarts.org/distance-learning/> for more information. The Center is a registered 501(c) (3) organization, EIN 68-0168638.

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