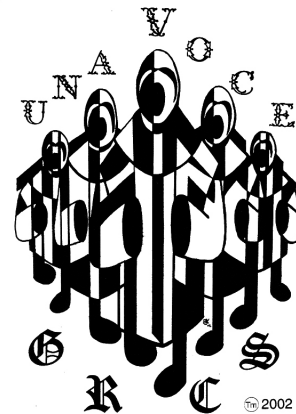


What's This 'Dinner-Auction' Thing?

Did you know that it takes close to \$100,000 each year to run the Great Rivers Choral Society? Most of this comes from "In Kind" donations, such as the mileage you place on your cars to attend performances and rehearsals, and services donated by chorus members and friends. We receive cash through grants from Governmental Agencies and private gifts. Still more from ticket sales and music fees. Fund raisers, such as sales of advertisements in the program booklet and the annual dinner-auction make up over \$12,000 in cash which we use to pay our staff, procure sheet music and pay royalties.



Did you know that the **dinner auction is the single largest source of cash** each year? Chorus member acquire contributions from friends and business associates, or from their own resources. These items are then auctioned at the dinner-auction, either on a silent or live basis; higher valued items are generally presented in the live auction. Typically we have about 200-250 items, including general merchandise, art work, gift certificates, books, crafts, collectables, tickets and services. Used items are acceptable when in good condition. Items will be accepted up to one week before the event.

We need you to begin collecting items for the auction, and a form to record what you collect is available on the web and the back of this sheet. This year's event is on the evening of Saturday, March 27th at the Moose Hall in Wood River, up the hill behind the WalMart. Tickets are \$25 each and include a buffet dinner (chorus members will need their own ticket to attend). Chorus members are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to procure auction items and to attend the auction.

We have a good time at the dinner-auction. The food is good and the auction entertaining. It is a chance to "let down our hair", enjoy some casual time together and gather funds for the GRCS. But it works only if you attend and if we have items to auction. **Can we count on your participation?**

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