Symphony Gala 2025 - Somewhere in Time

Saturday, March 15, 2025

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Help us raise $20,000 to support concert programming, guest artists, music education, outreach and scholarships — enriching the arts in our community!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the evening, there'll be exciting ways to participate and take home incredible prizes, from behind-the-scenes Giving Tree donations, to silent auction/live auction/and paddle raises – whatever suits your style! Cash, check (payable to ISCS), credit card, and Venmo (preferred) accepted.

Giving Tree – choose any donation amount to directly support the Symphony.

Heads or Tails 50/50 Cash Split – $20/necklace, limit 3 necklaces/player, last person choosing correctly takes home half the cash pot.

Two (2) Entertainment Raffle Packages – $30 per ticket, $100 for 4 tickets, two winners will be drawn.

Seven (7) Silent Auction Baskets – highest bidder for each takes home the basket.

Seven (7) Live Auction Items – luxury getaways to special events, highest bidder on each wins the item.

Paddle Raise – contribute at levels called by the auctioneer by raising your bidding card.

Explore the auction and raffle prizes here! (Insert link to PDF)

THE EVENING'S SCHEDULE

5:15 – 5:30 p.m. – Check-in at registration table, receive bidding card (bidding will be by number, not by name)

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. – Mix & Mingle Reception with champagne/hors d'oeuvres and no-host beverage bar

6:15 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner seating, welcome remarks, performance by Nicole Huang, Youth Orchestra violinist

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. – Live Performance by the Jazz Quintet
Jenna McLean – vocals, ISU Asst. Prof. of Music/Applied Voice/Commercial Music
Jon Armstrong – saxophone, ISU Assoc. Prof. of Music/Jazz & Commercial Music
Ben Graham – piano, student/ISU Commercial Music
Reese Thompson – guitar, student/ISU Commercial Music
Braun Khan – bass, Utah State University Asst. Prof. of Double Bass/Jazz Studies

7:15 – 8:30 p.m. – Dinner buffet, live auction, and paddle raises

8:30 p.m. – Dancing

10:00 p.m. – Evening draws to a close, settle winning bid obligations if not already completed

SYMPHONY GALA 2025 – PRIZE DETAILS

***HEADS OR TAILS* 50/50 Cash Split:**

$20 per necklace, limit three (3) necklaces per player, winner takes home half the proceeds!

How it works: Players stand and choose "heads" (necklace on head) or "tails" (necklace at waist) before each round. The auctioneer flips a coin — those who guessed correctly remain standing; others sit unless they have multiple necklaces, in which case they discard one necklace and remain standing. Once a player is out of necklaces, they sit.
Play continues until one winner remains to take home half the cash pot!

ENTERTAINMENT RAFFLE PACKAGES (2):

$30 per ticket, $100 for 4 tickets

***How it works*:** Two raffle tickets will be drawn, with the first winner choosing first, and the second winner taking home the next prize.

#1. Music and Theater Package **Value: $750**

- 2 season tickets to the Symphony's 2025-2026 season (5 concerts/season ticket)
- Reserved parking pass for concert nights
- 2 ISU Theater & Dance 2025-2026 flex package tickets (2 punch cards w 4 tickets/card)
- Limousine service with the date to be arranged by the winner
- Stay at the Black Swan Inn on a Monday to Thursday night with the date to be arranged by the winner

#2. *Season of Note* Package **Value: $750**

- Two (2) season tickets to ISU's *Season of Note* 2025-2026

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS (7):

How it Works: The highest bidder on each bid sheet wins that basket.

#1. Night at the Movies Value: **$150+**

- $25 gift card for movies
- $25 gift card for snack bar
- 1 AMC Refillable Popcorn Bucket
- 2 coupon booklets
- 4 free jamba juice smoothie certificates
- Candy and treats (many!!)
- Complimentary TMJ (jawbone joints) exam and Sleep Apnea evaluation

#2. Tango with the Conductor **Value: Priceless**

- 90-minute tango lesson with Nell Flanders for up to 4 people at the winner's home
- Date by arrangement with winner

#3. Wine Basket **Value: $200+**

- Variety of one dozen (12) bottles of wine
- 4-bottle wrought iron wine rack
- Accessories for the occasion, including wine bottle stoppers, wine bottle opener, glasses, coaster, wine calendar, and more!

#4. Your Canine is King (or Queen) Basket – for the happiest pup out there **Value: $150**

- Two (2) tennis balls
- Dog food/dishes/can covers/treats
- Kong toys
- Collar
- Appointment voucher good for one visit to Alta Animal Hospital, $75 value

#5. Singles for Doubles **Value: How lucky are you feeling?**

- Basket full of liquor samples and lottery tickets
- Bagallini handbag for carrying all those potential winnings!

#6. All That Jazz Basket **Value: $150**

- Jenna McLean's *For Your Love* CD
- Jon Armstrong's *Burnt Hibiscus* CD
- Private jazz improvisation lesson with Jon for any instrument

#7. Mickey & Minnie Basket – classic duo collection for a variety of ages **Value: $100**

- Bottle of wine in bottle cover
- Sink strainer, kitchen towel, oven mitt
- Make-up bag and socks
- Stuffed Mickey & Minnie dolls
- Toys, puzzle, coloring book

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS (7):
Staci Hernandez, Auctioneer

#1. "Wicked The Musical" – Pete and Ronda Black, ISCS Board **Value: $1,350**

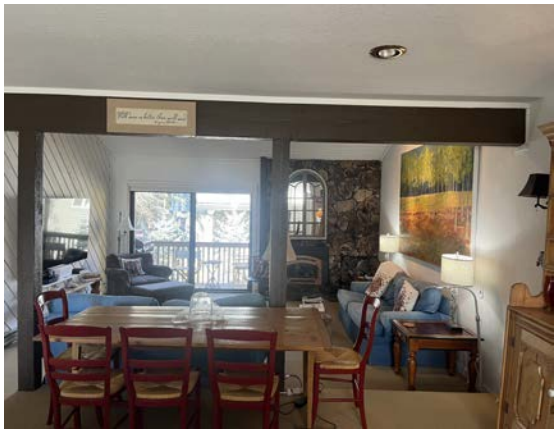
Long before Dorothy arrives in Oz, there is another young woman born with emerald-green skin—smart, fiery, misunderstood and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships… until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

- Two (2) tickets to the evening performance on April 26, 2025, at the Eccles Theater in Salt Lake City
- Overnight accommodations at the Kimball Hotel/Condominiums
- $250 gift card
- Theme floral arrangement by Christine's Floral & Gifts
- A dozen theme cookies by Kristina

#2. Sun Valley Getaway (3 nights) – Ron and Linda Hatzenbuehler **Value: $1,450**

Enjoy the Sun Valley Resort area at this luxurious condominium conveniently located across from a Sun Valley/Ketchum bus route stop and within walking distance to the pool, hot tub, tennis and pickleball courts, and Elkhorn golf course.

- 3 bedrooms (2 with king bed, 1 with twin beds)
- 3 full bathrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen
- $150 mad money
- For music lovers, a few helpful dates:
    - Summer 2025 Sun Valley Music Festival, July 28-August 21, 2025
    - Fall 2025 Sun Valley Jazz Festival, October 16-19, 2025

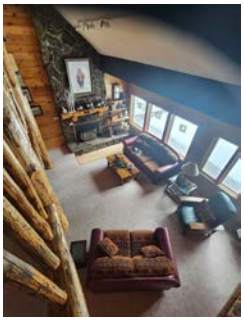
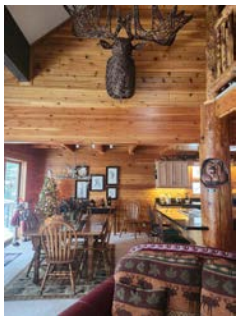


#3. Island Park Escape (4 nights) – Ron and Mary Ann Hansen **Value: $1,200**

Enjoy the beauty of the woods in this beautiful Island Park cabin just 20 minutes from West Yellowstone. Visit Yellowstone Park and be back to have a meal in your cozy home away from home or eat in many restaurants in the area.

- 4 bedrooms upstairs (3 with queen beds, 1 with bunk beds)
- 1 bedroom on the main floor (double bed)
- 2 full bathrooms (1 upstairs, 1 main floor)
- $150 mad money
- Nearby attractions to help you decide a date with the owners
    - Five minutes from the Island Park Marriott Hotel where you can enjoy a float trip down Henry's Fork
    - A few minutes from the Playmill Theater in West Yellowstone and the Yellowstone Playhouse near Henry's Lake for family entertainment
    - Fishing in numerous places all around

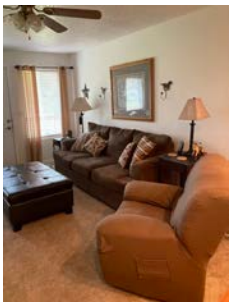
The owners would like to arrange plans with the winner by April 15. Please contact Ron Hansen who will be in attendance for details.

#4. Guest House, Athol, Idaho (3 nights) – Robbie Garrett **Value: $1,000**

Relax with the whole family at this peaceful 10-acre lot in Athol, ID. Situated between Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene, near Lake Pend Oreille and Silverwood Theme Park, this quiet area is off the beaten path with lots of wildlife to observe!

- 1,100 square foot guest house with open concept living room/kitchen/dining area
- 2 bedrooms (1 with queen bed; 1 with twin-over-full bunk)
- 1 full bathroom
- Optional 20% discount on owner's mobile medical spa services



#5. Drive the Sleigh at the *Joy to the World* Holiday Concert Value: Once in a lifetime!

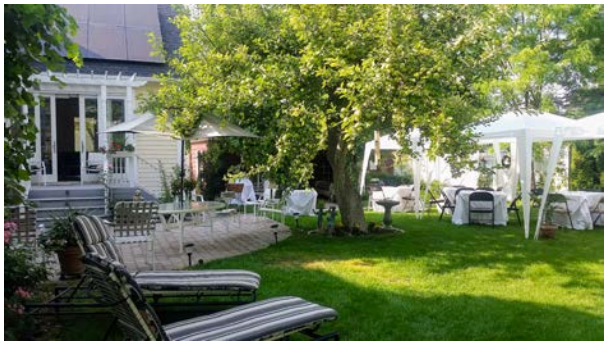
- Conduct "Sleigh Ride" at one of the holiday concerts on December 12-13, 2025
- Conductor's baton to keep
- Conducting lesson with Nell Flanders to prepare for maximum impact
- 2 tickets to the concert that night, plus 2 complimentary beverage cards to use at the concert.

One high bid winner for each concert!

#6. Soirée for 16 Guests* **Value: Priceless**

- An evening of music, fine dining, and fun at the home of Linda and Ron Hatzenbuehler
- Musical interlude with Mark Neiwirth at the piano
- Gourmet dinner by chefs/board members Carol Burnett, Gina Call, and Lorie Murray

**** Two high bid winners for <u>8 guests each</u> — plan ahead with friends to be the high bidder for a group of 8!***

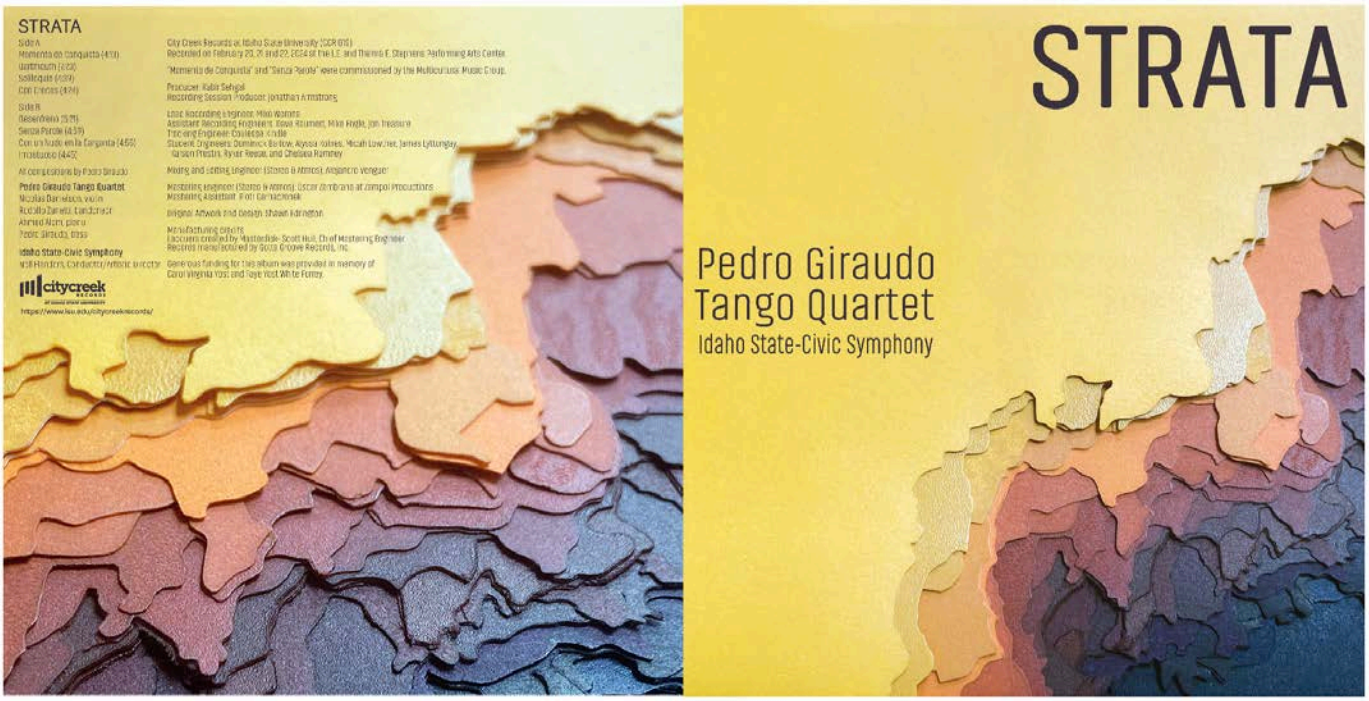


Top row of photos – Hatzenbuehler setting for Soirée 2025; Other photos – Soirées past: indoors, outdoors, different homes, always casual with great friends, always a themed pairing of wonderful entertainment and great food. The earliest we can remember was hosted by Carol and Howard Burnett with Mark Neiwirth, piano, and Chad Moser, cello, in 2000! ***Your turn to add to the memories. . . .***

#7. *Strata*: CNC cut, hand printed, layered relief, 13″x 13″x 3″, art piece **Value: $650**

Shawn Edrington, ISU Assistant Professor of Art, created *Strata* for the cover of the ISCS/Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet album. CNC cut means Computer Numeric Control. This is his description of the process:

Paper relief sculpture inspired by reticulation patterns formed by ink evaporating on paper reminiscent of geologic forms - chasms and craters. From a digital scan, the original image was broken up into just under 25 separate layers and cut out individually from pieces of cotton printmaking paper using a computer controlled vinyl cutter. These individual pieces were then each hand printed on an etching press to achieve a subtle gradation of colored layers from dark to light and stacked within a shadowbox frame. In total, along with the custom frame, this piece took several weeks to create.

- The original, one-of-a-kind piece
- One *Strata* vinyl to add to your collection (CD provided if not a vinyl collector)

In-progress shots of the piece and the final CD and vinyl cover