



Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra
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Garden Party Silent Auction Ideas

What do you do for a living?
Where do you shop?
What is your passion or hobby?
What do you enjoy doing for fun?
What service can you provide?

We count on every WCYO family to contribute to the silent auction in some way, either with a donation of a tangible item, donation of a service, or with a cash contribution to be used to enhance and supplement the auction. We do not need lots of large, expensive items – a donation of several small items is also wonderful and welcome! Not everything has to be new - gently used items in good condition can be popular, too.

Think about:

- Businesses you particularly like that can donate items, gift certificates or services
- Items that you make and can donate (or that friends or family members make)
- Skills and/or services you, friends or family members have and can donate
- Tickets, artwork, jewelry and other items you, friends or family members can donate

Help is available!

We are fortunate to have WCYO parent Cindy Briggs Rodgers manning our Silent Auction Help Line. If you are not sure what to donate, how to make it look appealing, or how to combine items in a grouping or basket – contact Cindy at cjrodgers@optonline.net or 914-763-5809. She is more than willing to help and can even give you ideas of what you can donate based upon what others may be donating.

Or Make a Cash Donation

If you really just don't know what to donate or don't have time to shop, consider a cash donation and the auction committee will do the shopping for you! You can contribute cash in whatever amount you would like to be used toward the Garden Party silent auction!

Drop off Your Donations

Donated items can be brought to rehearsals or contact Terry McManus at tamcman@sbcglobal.net to make other drop off arrangements. All donations are due by May 17, 2012, but the sooner we can have them the better! Even if your item isn't ready, please complete and turn in a 2012 Garden Party Auction Donation Form as soon as possible so we know what to expect.

See below specific auction item ideas.

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Do you have any of these items?

Do you know people and/or businesses that do?

Event Tickets (in our area or in New York City, Boston, Hartford, etc.)

- Baseball, football and other sporting events
- Symphony orchestra, opera, music festival, theatre, and other arts events

Gift Certificates

- Restaurants, movie theatres, area arts venues
- Recording studios, music stores
- Clubs (tennis, golf, others)
- Photography studios
- Services from beauty salons, pet care, gardening, landscaping, birthday parties
- Lessons (dance, music, arts, crafts, etc.)

Artwork

- Framed photographs, paintings and prints
- Original artwork

Theme baskets

- Outdoor concert tickets and picnic items
- Gourmet food, wine and cheese, ethnic food
- Spa
- Stationary

Services provided by Orchestra Members or Parents or Friends

- Tutoring for school subjects, sports skills
- Music lessons
- Soloists or chamber music at your next event

Jewelry

- Necklaces, bracelets, charms, earrings
- Donated by area jewelry stores or handcrafted

Homemade and Handcrafted Items

- Wines and beers
- Dinners, party hors d'oeuvres, cookies, chocolates and other candies
- Knitted, crocheted, sewn
- Woodworking

Sporting Goods

- For kids, adults
- New or gently used

**Or maybe you have some entirely different and creative ideas of your own.
The sky is the limit!**