

Japanese American National Museum – Silent Auction
March 5, 2004
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 23, 2004

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Japanese American National Museum, I thank you for your support of the National Museum and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming **Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction, to be held on Friday, March 5, 2004 at the Century Plaza Hotel & Spa**. This letter contains some updated information about this special evening.

Silent Auction and Reception

The Silent Auction and Seafood Buffet reception opens at 5:30 pm and will be held in the California Showroom of the Century Plaza Hotel, on the same level as the Los Angeles Ballroom. The Seafood Buffet has been donated by American Fish & Seafood and the Century Plaza Hotel & Spa.

A Preview Catalog of Silent Auction packages is enclosed for your information. It contains descriptions and suggested opening bids for many of the auction packages that will be available that evening. A color version of this same catalog is also available for viewing on our website (www.janm.org). Please encourage your friends and Dinner guests to view it prior to the Dinner. A Final Catalog will be available at the Dinner Registration desk for all Dinner guests when they arrive.

Arriving at the Hotel

Please remember that Friday evening traffic can be very heavy, so please give yourself enough time to arrive safely. We strongly encourage you to park in the Century Park West Self-Parking structure, which can be accessed from Constellation Avenue or Avenue of the Start/St. Regis Hotel driveway. For more detailed driving or parking directions, please visit the hotel's website at www.centuryplazala.com or call (310) 277-2000.

Valet parking service is available, but may be subject to additional security check points that may delay your final arrival to the Dinner and Silent Auction.

Dinner Registration

Your guests can check in under their names or your Table name. They will receive their Silent Auction bid number at that time.

Or, if you or your guests would like to go directly to the Silent Auction, proceed to the California Showroom and look for the "Silent Auction Bid Number Information" table. The Silent Auction bid number and Dinner Table number will be available at both Registration and Silent Auction Bid Number Information tables.

2004 Toyota Opportunity Drawing Tickets

The Lexus LS 430 vehicle will be on display in the Silent Auction showroom. Throughout the Silent Auction and Reception time, we will be selling Opportunity Drawing Tickets. All ticket sales will end at 7:00 p.m. The winning ticket will be drawn and announced during the formal program that evening.

Bid for Education

Our annual Bid for Education will be presented by U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inoué who invites Dinner guests to contribute much needed funds to support the National Museum's ongoing educational programs, especially providing bus transportation for school visits to the National Museum.

Thank you for your strong and ongoing support. We look forward to celebrating with you, the lifetime achievements of our Dinner honorees and the important work they each have done to improve the lives of thousands of people, through the arts, science, education, and politics.

Sincerely,

Cayleen Nakamura
Director, Special Events

P.S. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to send in the names of your guests at your table. You can fax them to us at (213) 687-9135. Please send them in by Monday, March 1, 2004.

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You will receive the official Silent Auction Catalog along with your Bid Number when you check-in for your table assignment upon arrival at the Century Plaza on Friday, March 5, 2004.

The Silent Auction will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a total of six (6) sections: Art, Entertainment, Luxury, Sports, Travel, and Treasures. Certain auction packages will be available at a “Buy Now” price and automatically sold to the bidder who meets this amount. All sections of the Silent Auction will close promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please make certain to place your final bids prior to the closing time. No bids will be accepted once bid cards are collected by the Auction Monitor.

Look for additional exciting packages featuring gifts from the following generous donors:

*George Aratani * Bank of America * California Sushi Academy * Elton John * Fender Guitar * Four Seasons Resorts * Masuyumi Hayashi * Ana Lisa Hedstrom * Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum * Los Angeles Dodgers * Lucy Ann * Mikawayaya * Miyako Hotel Los Angeles * William (Mo) Marumoto * Museum of Tolerance * New York Art Package * John Naka * Nichi Bei Bussan * Oiwake * Oomasa * Radisson Miyako Hotel San Francisco * San Gabriel Nursery & Florist * Allen Say * Skirball Cultural Center * Yuki Salon * Zocalo * and more!*

The Silent Auction Preview Catalog will also be listed at our website: <http://www.janm.org>

The Japanese American National Museum gratefully appreciates the generous support of our Auction donors.

This catalog reflects gifts received through February 20, 2004.

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Silent Auction Rules

- Items and Packages in this Auction Preview Catalog are subject to change. Images are provided as a courtesy to our guests only. It is not necessarily an accurate depiction of the quality of a given item.
- Guests are assigned a Bid Number to use during the silent auction. Your Bid Number will be given to you at the registration table upon check-in the evening of the dinner. You may also get your Bid Number in the Silent Auction Showroom at the “Bid Number Information Table.”
- Unless otherwise stated, all items and services are valid within one year from March 5, 2004.
- Read all auction package descriptions carefully as they list the package descriptions and restrictions. The restrictions and values appearing in this preview booklet may be updated/revised at the Auction. Please be aware that reservations for trips, hotel accommodations, and use of facilities have been arranged by the donor. All items are sold “as is”, are subject to availability, and have no cash redemption value. The National Museum is grateful to our donors, but is unable to endorse any product or service.
- All items must be paid for by the end of the evening, and either taken home or picked up at the National Museum within one week following the Dinner. The National Museum cannot guarantee the condition of any items requesting to be mailed. Any items mailed will be paid for by the recipient.
- The stated value of auction goods and services are good-faith estimates only and are not warranted for tax purposes. Please contact your tax advisor regarding the tax deductibility of purchases and contributions.
Any amount over the stated market value of an item may be tax deductible.
- The National Museum does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of any description of items or packages.
- The National Museum is not responsible for certificates/vouchers that are misplaced or lost following receipt.
- All services must be redeemed by the listed expiration date. The National Museum cannot extend the expiration date of any service as listed on the certificate.
- All sales are final. There can be no exchanges, transfers, or refunds.

How to Participate in the Silent Auction

- A Bid Sheet is displayed with each auction package and includes the package title, value, minimum opening bid amount, and bid increment. You may bid on as many items as you wish.
- To bid on a package, simply write your Bid Number and Bid Amount on the appropriate Bid Sheet.
- Some auction packages will be available at a “Buy Now” price and will be marked accordingly.
- Each Bid Sheet lists a Bid Increment, which is the minimum value by which the existing bid must be increased in order to constitute a higher value bid. All bids must be in even dollar amounts.
- Notice will be given for the closing of the silent auction. After the auction is closed, Bid Sheets will be collection by Auction Monitors to verify the validity of all winning bids (bid number, minimum bid increment increases, etc.). The highest value bid will be declared the winner.

Payment & Pick Up

- State and local retail sales tax will be included in the final bid amount. Any other applicable taxes, licensing fees or other consumer-related charges on any item are the sole responsibility of the winning bidder.
- Silent Auction winners will be notified of their winning bids during the dinner hour. National Museum Staff will bring invoices to the winning bidders at their tables.
- The Cashier’s Table will be open during the dinner hour and immediately after the evening’s program. The cashier will be closed while the formal dinner program is in progress. All accounts must be paid in full prior to the release of items. Cash or checks payable to the “Japanese American National Museum” will be accepted as payment, as well as VISA, MasterCard or American Express.
- Winning bidders will receive a copy of their payment invoice, which will be used to redeem auction item(s). Auction Pick Up area will be near the entrance of the Auction Showroom. If you would like help taking your items(s) to your car at the end of the evening, National Museum Staff will be able to assist you to the hotel entrance.