

The Evening's Program, May 16th, 2008

WELCOME TO THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE CHICAGO WOMAN'S BOARD BIENNIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT!

For your convenience, complimentary valet parking will be available at the main entrance of the Civic Opera House on Wacker Drive at Madison Street. If you wish, you may park at one of the many garages surrounding the Opera House.

⚡ 6:30 P.M. ⚡

Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

Upon entering at the Civic Opera House main entrance, please check in at the gala registration tables. You will receive the *Evening's Program Booklet*, including a Live Auction registration number under your name and your table seating number.

Once you enter the lobby you will be greeted by the Woman's Board hostesses. Your picture will be taken on the red carpet where you will greet your hosts from the Alliance Française and our Guests of Honor: *President of the Board of Directors Mr. Hervé de la Vauvre; Woman's Board President, Courtenay Wood and 2008 Gala Chair, Lili Gaubin; the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Vimont; the Consul General, M. Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissière and Princesse Marie Blanche de Broglie.*

As you turn into the glorious Art Deco Grand Foyer you will have a first glance of the magnificent flower sculptures and vases by our décor designer from the Ritz, Paris, Djordje Varda.

Enjoy a glass of Ritz champagne and meet Colin Field, the award winning barman of the legendary Hemingway Bar. Have a signature cocktail specially created for our evening!

Silent Auction

Be sure to place your opening bids at the extraordinary *Silent Auction* where you will find marvelous and exciting travel packages and unique luxury gifts!

At 7:45 chimes will herald the closing of bidding at 8:00 for the Silent Auction.

Don't miss your Last Chance to Win! No bidding during or after the Dinner!

⚡ 8:00 P.M. ⚡

Dinner

You will be directed to your beautifully set table on the Stage of the Opera House.

You and over 500 other guests will experience the ultimate six course dinner paired with exquisite French wines!

Our *Menu Rouge* is designed and created by our *premier guest chefs, Christophe Pouy and Didier Steudler from the Ecole Ritz Escoffier-Paris.*

Before the dessert course, a **Live Auction**, led by renowned auctioneer Leslie Hindman will offer three superb prizes to benefit the Awards Towards Excellence Educational Outreach Program, a partnership between the Alliance Française de Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools!

⚡ 10:15 P.M. ⚡

Dancing and After Dinner Cocktails

Let the music lead you back to the foyer for dancing to the High Society Orchestra! Coffee, chocolates and sweets will be served in the Foyer, with tables around the dance floor. Visit the Opera Bar, recreating the magic atmosphere and décor of the Hemingway Bar in Paris. Colin Field will present his magical cocktails, after dinner liqueurs and a 1963 vintage Armagnac!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THIS EVENING WITH YOU.

ENCORE UN GRAND MERCI FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LILI GAUBIN