

2023 Auction Catalogue

V8) Eleuthera Trio Concert

Donated by Lois Shapiro and Hosted by Laurel Farnsworth at FUUSN

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm

Set bid: \$50.00 per person includes beverages and light snacks.

We are fortunate to be offering seats at a concert by our own incomparably talented pianist Lois Shapiro and her trio. A description of the program and biographies of the trio members follows:

The 'B'ees Knees: The Folksy Romanticism of Babajanian, Bruch & Brahms

Trio in f sharp minor

Arno Babajanian (1921-1983)

- I. Largo-Allegro Espresso
- II. Andante
- III. Allegro Vivace

Romanian Melody (No. 5, in f minor)

Max Bruch (1838-1920)

Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

- I. Allegro Con Brio
- II. Scherzo: Allegro Molto
- III. Adagio
- IV. Allegro

Eleuthera Trio

Francine Trester, Violin

Julie Reimann, Cello

Lois Shapiro, Piano

MISSION:

Eleuthera Trio seeks to provide freedom, solace, and connection through live music, and to support communities in need through performance and advocacy.

ABOUT US:

The name "Eleuthera" derives "from the feminine form of the Greek adjective meaning 'free.'" Music frees us from the often isolating, mundane, and limiting preoccupations and busyness of our lives. It offers an entrée into an expansive, timeless space where we can 'dwell in possibility'---and partake more fully of our integral humanity.

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The members of Eleuthera Trio believe the act of music making creates a "temenos" – another term of Greek origin – a sacred space in which we are invited to open ourselves to our own imaginative connections to the music. At the same time, we bear witness as a community, and feel less alone. The Trio (Lois Shapiro, piano, Francine Trester, violin, and Julie Reimann, cello) was born out of a period of aloneness and isolation - the pandemic/quarantine of 2020-21, during which Trester and Shapiro met outdoors to play on Shapiro's porch for her neighborhood. Not long after, this little musical community expanded when Reimann and Trester reconnected online. Not having seen each other since graduate school, they reunited in part because of the virtual connections necessitated by the pandemic. Hailing from diverse professional backgrounds (medical, compositional, and performance), the three musicians are united in their aim of sharing in the spirit of Eleuthera, with a desire to give back through the gift of music. Their presentations are multidisciplinary, emphasizing process, and performances are accompanied by commentary, insight and interpretation that explain the music "from the inside out."

Described as a performer who “conjures enchantment”, Lois Shapiro is a highly sought-after solo and collaborative pianist, who has performed throughout the United States and abroad and has recorded on a number of labels including Afka, Bridge, Channel Classics, and Centaur. A highly regarded teacher of both piano and chamber music, Lois has taught at Smith College, Brandeis University, the Longy School of Music, and is currently on the faculty at Wellesley College, New England Conservatory, and Rivers School Conservatory of Music. Praised for her “compelling” and “thought-provoking” work, violinist and composer Francine Trester is a professor of composition at Berklee College of Music. Her compositions have been performed nationally and internationally by acclaimed solo artists, chamber ensembles and orchestras. Francine’s work is available through the American Composers Alliance and Affetto/Naxos, Albany, Crystal and Stone Records. As a violinist-composer, she attended Juilliard, Yale, and Tanglewood, and continues to maintain an active performance schedule. A graduate of Curtis Institute of Music and Stanford University (MD and PhD in Biophysics) and winner of numerous music competitions, cellist Julie Reimann has performed nationally and internationally as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player. Hailed for her “brilliant virtuosity with evocative musicality”, Julie performs regularly in solo recitals and as a chamber and orchestral musician, is a founding member of Duo Amie, and is a practicing dermatopathologist in the Boston area. She can be heard on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, SoundCloud, and YouTube.

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V17) Vegetarian Dinner (for up to 3 winning bidders)

Donated by Jeannie Chaisson

Jeannie will prepare one of her famous vegetarian meals from the equally famous Moosewood Cookbook. She can host up to 8 people and will do so twice. How good is that?! At least one meal will be outside.

Location: Chaisson/Persons home

Dates: TBA

Set bid: \$45 per person

V19) Informal Chili and Fixins Dinner in the Parish Hall (for up to 5 winning bidders)

Donated by Bobbie Sproat, Jud Leonard, Melissa Kogut and Bob MacWilliams

Bobbie Sproat, Jud Leonard, Melissa Kogut, and Bob MacWilliams invite you to an informal chili and fixins 'dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday night, March 11. We've reserved the Parish Hall and kitchen for this dinner for two reasons: there's much more space and much better ventilation than in our dining room, and we can include more people. We plan to make both the original meaty version of the Silver Palate "Chili for a Crowd," and a vegetarian version. We like to think of it as chili on steroids. And of course, there'll be sides of salad, cornbread, and beer/wine/nonalcoholic beverages. Maybe even dessert!

Kids are welcome. Come share a fun evening with us!

Date: Saturday, March 11

Set Bid: \$30 per person

V22) Delicious Italian Dinner (for up to 3 winning bidders)

Donated by Ron Margolin

Bid on a seat for a delicious Italian dinner! It will be scheduled for June 11, preferably outdoors. The menu will include Bruschetta, Chicken Milanese, Caponata, Arugula Salad, Lemoncello Ricotta Almond Cake, several wines, Italian liqueurs, and more. Cooked to perfection by masterful chef Ron Margolin.

Set Bid: \$135 per person

Date: June 11, preferably outdoors

V23) Plant-Based Dinner (for 1 winning bidder)

Donated by Julia Huston and John Dundon

Are you curious about what a flavorful, vegan meal tastes like? Come find out at the home of Julia and John! They will make a main dish from the famous vegan

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cookbook Isa Does It, along with appetizers and a dessert. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

Location: Huston/Dundon Home in West Newton (please note that there is a flight of stairs to the dining area)

Date: TBA depending on preference of successful bidders

Set Bid: \$100 per person

S52) Personalized plant-based eating “jump start” consultation of up to 3 hours for up to 2 Winning Bidders

Donated by John Dundon and Julia Huston

Could include a review of your existing pantry, shopping for healthy plant-based foods and ingredients, customizing your favorite recipes, and/or cooking together. You choose! We will supply up to five plant-based ingredients/substitutes that you would like to try, such as egg replacer, vegan cheese, meat substitutes, non-dairy milks, ancient grains, and nutritional yeast.

Set Bid: \$30

S54) Learn How to Make Yaprakia for One Winning Bidder

Donated by Demie Stathoplos

Demie will teach you how to make Yaprakia (stuffed cabbage leaves with rice, ground lamb, beef and or pork, with an egg lemon sauce) at her home. You will eat the creation.

Set bid: \$35

S62) Let’s Dance! for One Winner

Donated by Ron Margolin

Ron will provide lessons in west coast swing for beginners or advanced beginners. Each of 4 winners will receive 4 hour long lessons. Lessons will be for one pair at a time (one leader and one follower or 2 interested in both leading and following) or one individual in our home dance studio. West coast swing is a slower swing dance which allows for greater individuality and improvisation. Check it out on You Tube. I’ve been dancing it for 15 years and have studied with several nationally known instructors. I can get you to a point where you’ll be comfortable dancing at area dances in the large and friendly Boston area west coast swing community.”

Set Bid: \$70 per set of four lessons

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S63) Initial Life-Coaching Consultation

Donated by Laurette Fine-Genest

Laurette is a Registered Nurse and Life Skills Coach for kids, teens and adults with Asperger's Syndrome (ASD, PDD-NOS) AD/HD and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities. She teaches social skills, executive function, nutrition, exercise, self-care, job skills and helps all her clients reach their potential by bringing out their strengths.

Estimated Value: \$250

Minimum Bid: \$100

S71) Round Trip to Logan Airport (for up to 1 winning bidder)

Donated by Connie and John Adkins

Connie and/or John will take you to the airport and pick you up when you return.

They are offering this service to the two highest bidders.

Estimated Value: \$90

Set Bid: \$45

S72) Four hours of Math Tutoring

Donated by Josh Cohen

Josh will offer you or your student of Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus (through Math 603 in Newton South catalog) four hours of tutoring.

Dates: Must be scheduled between April and the end of the school year sometime in June.

Minimum Bid: \$100

S76) Mobile Lice Removal Service

Donated by: Nice Lice Lady of Newton – Emily Gelbert

This is basically an insurance policy if your family is in an infectious spirit. I am the holistic choice. Tear free comb outs, and 30 day guarantee. Stop the madness. Call me before you start washing all the bed linens and stowing Lovies away for a month.

Special instructions: Gift certificate should be used all at once. However, the families can be in contact with me and send photos and we can figure out if there actually is a lice issue before I come out so they don't use it in vain.

Estimated value: \$535

Minimum Bid : \$185

S77) Kids and Social Justice – Start with a Story

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Donated by Lauren Lipcon Dale, M.Ed

Would you like to engage more fully in social justice conversations with the important children in your life? Not quite sure how to get started or how to take it to the next level? *Picture books are a great way to enter into conversations with kids* about different kinds of families, gender, skin color, and (explicit talk about) race! This auction item includes a 30-minute (phone or zoom) consult with educator and parent Lauren Dale. Winner of this auction item will also receive a copy of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's How to Raise an Anti-Racist and 3 diverse picture books. Lauren has worked in elementary education with a social justice focus for almost 2 decades. She currently works with [Story Starters](#) - a Newton-based nonprofit that teaches parents and educators how to use children's books to talk to kids about race, racism, and anti-racism. She is happy to consult on how to use books to jumpstart social justice conversations and/or how to answer children's questions about these topics. Give her your kids' (or grandkids'!) toughest questions and she'll help you trouble-shoot how to respond!

Minimum Bid: \$85

S74) Water Color Cards in Packs of Twenty

Donated by MaryBeth Maisal

Beautiful water color cards created by professional artist Mary Beth Maisel. Sold in packs of twenty cards for \$35 per pack. A real bargain for these quality all occasion cards.

Set Price: \$35 per pack of twenty cards-please see the sample below

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