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Steven Zick is a Vice President and Head of Office for Christie's Fine Art Auctioneers in Chicago.

Mr. Zick joined Christie's in 2004, after six years with the San Francisco-based auctioneer Bonhams & Butterfields. Steven and his colleagues in the Chicago regional office cover a thirteen-state area and work with estate fiduciaries, private collectors, museums and dealers coordinating appraisals and securing property for auctions held in New York, London, Paris and a host of other international sales sites. Steven is also a charity auctioneer and lectures on art and appraisal-related topics nationwide.

Prior to joining the auction world, Steven was a lawyer with 14 years experience, most recently with the Attorney General of Illinois. Specializing in federal habeas corpus and criminal appeals, he practiced in every court, from the circuit courts of Illinois to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Board memberships include the Museum Council of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, the Costume Council of the Chicago Historical Society, the English Speaking Union, the Irish Georgian Society and the Junior Board of Heartland Alliance. He has served on the Acquisitions Committee of the Society for Contemporary Art at the Art Institute of Chicago and is a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council.

LOT NUMBER 1



Luce Value: \$1,800

**An Unforgettable VIP Day
with a Florentine Family for 4 People**

Value: Priceless

Luce 1999 (One 6.0L Imperial)

- ◆ 50% Sangiovese, 50% Merlot
- ◆ Offers a dense ruby color and ripe aromas of dried plum and blackberry, with a seductive foil of tobacco leaf, tanned leather, cinnamon, and clove. On the palate, a suite of well-integrated tannins supports emphatic aromas and weaves a velvet-smooth vinous fabric.

Luce 2000 (Two 3.0L Double Magnums)

- ◆ 60% Sangiovese, 40% Merlot
- ◆ Ruby red in color, with an extremely intense bouquet offering an array of fruit fragrances. Currants and wild strawberries weave into spicier aromas of liquorice and cloves, enhanced by notes of tobacco. On the palate, the entry is soft and enticing, with an acidity that blends into the wine's great structure and tannins. The finish is complex and persistent.

**An Unforgettable VIP Day
with a Florentine Family for 4 People**

Your group will enjoy an extraordinary VIP wine tasting and lunch hosted by Marchese Ferdinando Frescobaldi at the Frescobaldi's Castello di Nipozzano Estate, a 10th century castle just outside Florence. Later that evening you will join Marchese Ferdinando Frescobaldi and his wife, Rosaria, as dinner guests in their private residence at Palazzo Frescobaldi in the heart of Florence! This special day is subject to availability and is valid until April 18, 2013.

LOT #1 IS COURTESY OF MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI

LOT NUMBER 2

VIP Trip for 2 to Florence in June 2012

Value: \$21,300

You and your guest will participate in Friends of Florence's extraordinary weekend cultural program (6/21/12 – 6/26/12) celebrating Ghiberti and the completion of the restoration of his Doors of Paradise, as well as the completion of the restoration of the Tribuna degli Uffizi. The program will be led by Gary Radke, Dean's Professor of the Humanities, Professor of Art History at Syracuse University and fellow of the American Academy in Rome. You will be guests in numerous private villas and palaces, will cherish unique VIP museum experiences, and will participate in a formal Renaissance gala! This package includes round trip first class air transportation for winner and companion on United Airlines (excludes partners, must be used by October 18, 2012, and certain restrictions apply) to any city in Europe serviced by United Airlines. Excludes hotel and certain other items.

UNITED AIRLINES TICKETS COURTESY OF
ANNE AND ROB KREBS

LOT NUMBER 3

Rome, the Eternal City, Exclusively Yours!

Value: \$16,000

Your group of up to 10 people will experience an exclusive, personal and private tour of the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel - the Rome of Michelangelo and Raphael! You will be accompanied by award winning and best selling writer Ross King, author of *Brunelleschi's Dome: The Story of the Great Cathedral in Florence; Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling; and Machiavelli: Philosopher of Power*. This package includes round trip first class air transportation for two people on United Airlines (excludes partners) to any city in Europe serviced by United Airlines. Excludes hotels, meals, ground transportation and the like. Vatican tour is valid until April 2013 and United first class air transportation must be used by October 18, 2012. Subject to availability and certain restrictions apply. Booking should be made well in advance.

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LOT NUMBER 4



Solaia and Tignanello Value: \$1,600

Exquisite VIP Lunch for 6 at Tenuta Tignanello

Value: Priceless

Antinori 2004 Solaia (One 3.0L Double Magnum)

- ◆ 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 20% Sangiovese
- ◆ Extremely intense ruby red in color with complex fruit aromas without excessive hints of oak. With aeration after opening, the wine gradually releases delicate hints of mint and licorice. At the moment of release on the market, Solaia 2004 had a youthful palate with pure fruit and round tannins. The well-sustained acidity makes the wine linger on the palate. Bottle ageing will continue to soften the wine's texture.
- ◆ Award winning wine with the bottle personally signed by Marchese Piero Antinori

Antinori 2003 Tignanello (One 3.0L Double Magnum)

- ◆ 85% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
- ◆ Intense ruby red color with light garnet hues. The wine has layered aromas of tobacco, curry powder, blackberry and blackcurrant jam. On the palate, the wine has a silky sensation that combines with the ripe fruit, making the 2003 vintage a very stylish version of Tignanello. A light hint of sweet, round tannins give a long, lingering finish.
- ◆ Award winning wine with the bottle personally signed by Marchese Piero Antinori

Exquisite VIP Lunch for 6 at Tenuta Tignanello

You will enjoy an exclusive VIP lunch at the Tignanello Estate in the heart of the Chianti Classico! This lovely afternoon includes a special visit to the cellars and vineyards of the estate and a tasting of wines with your lunch. Reservation is subject to availability (excludes May, August and September) and is valid until April 18, 2013.

LOT #4 IS COURTESY OF MARCHESI ANTINORI S.R.L.

LOT NUMBER 5

Luxurious One-Week Stay for 8 People at Hualalai Resort

Value: \$70,000

This American Society of Interior Design award winning property overlooks the 6th fairway of the Hualalai Resort (Kona, Hawaii) Nicklaus golf course providing expansive views of the Kohala coastline and Maui. The residence offers 4 bedroom suites (2 of which are adjoined by a guest living room), a great room including a Steinway piano, office, media room with 110" drop down projection screen, an integrated audio system, 2 powder rooms, 2 large negative edge pools with in-pool spas, naturalized fish ponds with water falls and outdoor dining and sitting covered lanais. A separate entertainment pavilion, complete with sunken commercial bar and kitchen with private service entrance, also includes a built-in P.A. sound and lighting system for stage performances and 2 powder rooms. Reservation must be booked and stay completed by October 18, 2012, and is subject to availability. No other inclusions. Blackout dates include 12/15/11 – 1/7/12 and 6/30/12 – 7/8/12.

LOT #5 IS COURTESY OF K. C. AND TONI KNUDSON

LOT NUMBER 6

Pomellato

Nudo Ring by Pomellato with VIP Milan Factory Tour

Value: \$2,990

Pomellato's Nudo Collection: Faceted gemstone set in 18k rose gold band; made in Italy.

Pomellato's Milan Factory Tour

Your group of up to 4 people will also receive an exclusive visit of Pomellato's amazing workshop, nestled in a residential neighborhood of Milan, Italy, which was once a 1950's chocolate factory. You will see Pomellato's craftsmen at work, weaving gold into intricate, fine-detailed links for necklaces and bracelets, which when coupled with opulently colored stones, underscore the luxurious appeal of Pomellato's collections. Each individual jewel is carefully crafted by hand, resulting in perfectly composed pieces – a Pomellato trademark. Pomellato clients include Princess Maxima of Holland, Princess Mette Marit of Norway, Sofia Coppola, Julia Roberts, Catherine Deneuve and Oprah Winfrey. This exquisite tour is not available in the month of August, must be used no later than April 2013, and reservation should be booked at least two weeks in advance.

LOT NUMBER 7

Rare Dinner Party at the Feet of Michelangelo's David!

Value: \$26,000 with Reserve Price

If you are celebrating a special event, this is a perfect one-of-a-kind opportunity! You will be the host of an exclusive once in a lifetime dinner party in the Galleria dell'Accademia for up to 20 people at the feet of Michelangelo's *David*. Your extraordinarily unique party will include cocktails, dinner, music and a typically Florentine table décor. Subject to availability, valid until April 1, 2013, and must be booked at least three months in advance.

LOT NUMBER 8

One-Week Stay for up to 6 People at Casa Querceto*

Value: \$20,000

Perfect for sharing! This lovely country home, located between Radda and Panzano in Chianti in the heart of Tuscany's spectacular Chianti Classico region, has been recently restored. Surrounded by vineyards and atop hills with olive trees and oak forests, Casa Querceto is ideally positioned to visit the fascinating medieval towns of the area, and is a convenient driving distance to Florence and Siena. The restoration provided various areas for relaxation and a large outdoor dining area facing the sunset. The pool has an ample shady pergola and there are several sitting rooms, excellent furnishings and air-conditioned bedrooms. Guests will be delighted to use an excellent spa and restaurant complex within a short walk of the property.

This package includes:

- ◆ Wine tasting on a private estate with a wine expert
- ◆ VIP museum tours with an outstanding art historian, and Contessa Simonetta Brandolini d'Adda, founder and President of Friends of Florence
- ◆ A private cooking class in Chianti
- ◆ Private visit of Siena's Nobile Contrada of Aquila with anthropologist and historian, Professor Alessandro Falassi

* Specific dates to be mutually agreed upon with owner; valid until May 2013. Does not include air or ground transportation, food, beverages, costs of the Villa's excellent staff, phone, and utilities. Such costs are separate and for the account of the winning bidder. Winning bidder may be required to make a security deposit.

CASA QUERCETO IS COURTESY OF
MOMI AND SIMONETTA BRANDOLINI D'ADDA