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A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CHARITY
AUCTION

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BID ON AN EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF
OVER 30 ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCES AND UNIQUE PIECES,
FROM MUSIC AND CULTURE TO SPORT AND HERITAGE.**

Armonico Consort is a critically acclaimed choir and instrumental ensemble renowned for inspiring audiences with passionate performances, providing imaginative singing opportunities for young people through our singing education programme, and helping communities through the power of music.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

"We are immensely grateful to the sponsors and donors for supporting our 'once in a lifetime' auction, which is part of Armonico Consort's special, year-long Encore Appeal, and especially to our remarkable President, Roger Medwell for his inspirational leadership.

This hybrid auction will enable thousands of school children in deprived areas, children with special educational needs, and adults living with dementia in our community to experience the transformational power of music in the year ahead and beyond".



Christopher Monks
Artistic Director, Armonico Consort

Our once in a lifetime auction goes live on Saturday 04 November and closes on Wednesday 15 November.

PLEASE NOTE - AUCTION FEES:

There are no fees for those attending the auction dinner on Wednesday, 15 November.

There is 3% fee per lot or £3.00 flat fee for the winning bids online (this is a fee to the EasyLive Auction platform).



01 **Afternoon Tea for Two at the historic Thomas Oken Tea Rooms in the heart of Warwick (voucher).**

Built over 500 years ago by Thomas Oken, a wealthy and philanthropic merchant and Mayor of Warwick, today quintessential English tea rooms serving renowned Afternoon Teas.

www.thomasokentearooms.co.uk

Starting Price: £20

02 **Presto Music gift voucher (value: £50).**

Based in Royal Leamington Spa, Presto Music is the UK's leading ecommerce site for classical and jazz recordings (CDs, DVDs, high quality downloads and vinyl), printed music, music books and musical instruments.

The Presto Music website is one of the most significant online sites for music products in the world.

www.prestomusic.com

Starting Price: £30



03 **Renaissance Lute lesson/s (1 hour or 2x 1/2 hour). Lute provided.**

If you fancy playing the lute and singing some renaissance songs here is your chance. The session/s, in Royal Leamington Spa, will be tailored to your abilities and interests and music/instrument will be provided.

Chris Bowen is an experienced Lutenist both as a soloist and accompanist. Feel free to choose whichever pieces/songs you want to have a go at (includes free book).

NB: Restricted dates

Starting Price: £30



04 **Treat your "best friend" from Dog Deli, Warwick (value: £25).**

Dog Deli is a small, independent shop in Warwick Marketplace selling all things dog!

Specialising in natural, air-dried treats we have in excess of 50 choices of treats – something for even the fussiest of dogs. In addition to treats, there's an array of both beautiful and functional coats, collars, toys, and general dog goodies.

www.dog-deli.com

Starting Price: £15





05 A beautiful solid silver, hallmarked trinket box.

Perfect size for jewellery, cuff links, or desk top bits and pieces.
Dimensions: 13 x8 x5 cm

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £30

06 Come and enjoy 2 pizzas and a bottle of Dough & Brew wine at Dough & Brew in Warwick (voucher).



Dough & Brew opened in Warwick in June 2016 and is located on Brook Street, five minutes' walk from the beautiful Warwick Castle and one minute from the historic Lord Leycester Hospital and the Marketplace.

Serving both sourdough pizza, buttermilk fried chicken and freshly made dishes alongside an incredible range of local beers and delicious wines.

There's lots going on at Dough & Brew, whether it's Live Sports, Film Club or Live Music, it's always accompanied by great food and drink. To see their latest events follow them on Facebook or Twitter.

www.doughandbrew.com

Starting Price: £20

07 "Woodland"- an exquisite sculptural piece by Wendy Campbell-Briggs.



This artwork was hand formed in porcelain, embellished with gold leaf, and is hung by hemp cord. Each bottle has a unique stopper which takes the form of woodland fauna and flora.

Using the simplicity of ceramic forms to express the fragility of our environment, ceramic artist Wendy Campbell-Briggs, creates both one-off sculptural pieces as well as artworks in series. Her aim is to make the work visually engaging whilst communicating an important environmental message about species loss. As a metaphor for this she uses lachrymatories, otherwise known as tear bottles, which were first used during the Roman period to collect the tears of mourners.

Wendy exhibits nationally in galleries and ceramic art shows, a winner of the West Midlands Open and finalist in the biennial Chaiya Arts Awards.

Dimensions: bottles are 9cm high x overall drop is 60 cm (including the cord) x 13cm width.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

www.wendycampbellbriggs.com

Starting Price: £80

08 Everything you ever wanted to know about your camera(phone) but were afraid to ask.



Spend a bespoke three-hour session with professional photographer and photojournalist, Peter Marsh, to expand and enhance your photography skills.

He will discuss your needs to tailor the session exactly the way you want. He might even tell a few tales from his 45+ years of taking photos, like the time he was invited into the Kent home of Bob Geldof and Paula Yates!

NB: Restricted dates | www.ashmorevisuals.co.uk

Starting Price: £40

09 Dinner for two with David Long and Roger Medwell MBE DL at The Bluebell.



For athletics enthusiasts this will be an evening to remember. David Long is the double Olympic athlete and holder of the fastest time ever achieved for the half marathon by a Coventry and Warwickshire Runner. Roger Medwell MBE DL is President of Armonico Consort, and a Life Member and Past Chair of Coventry Godiva Harriers Athletics Club.

Enjoy a fine dining experience with Dave and Roger at The Bluebell in the picturesque and historic town of Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, where fresh food is cooked to order on the premises with the best local produce.

NB: Restricted dates | www.thebluebellathenley.co.uk

Starting Price: £50

10 "The Hunters" - an original vintage painting by the 20th Century artist, Lemonnier, dated 1965.

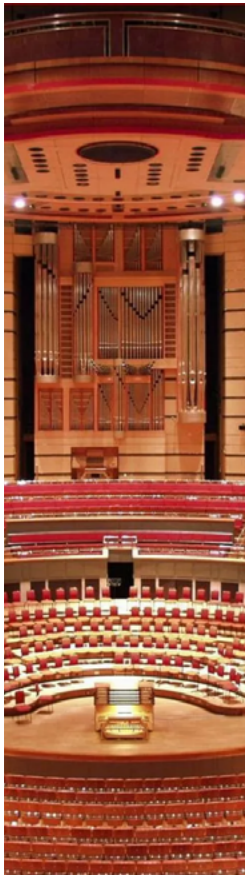


This beautiful piece has recently been cleaned and reframed.

Dimensions: 69cm wide x 53cm deep

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £100



11 A perfect Valentine's gift, or a wonderful evening out. Enjoy a fabulous concert at the world-class Symphony Hall with the Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra: "Fairy tales and legends" on Thursday 15 February 2024, 7.30pm, at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

You'll have two top price seats from which to hear Nikolai Lugansky play Rachmaninov's gloriously romantic Second Piano Concerto, and there's music by Ravel, Berlioz, and Franck. A complimentary drink of your choice tops off a memorable occasion.

Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra
Marko Letonja, conductor
Nikolai Lugansky, piano

Programme:
Berlioz: Overture, Le Carnaval romain
Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No 2
Franck: Le chasseur maudit
Ravel: Ma mère L'Oye, suite
Ravel: La valse

Full concert details at: www.bmusic.co.uk/events/strasbourg-philharmonic-orchestra-fairytales-and-legends

Starting Price: £60



12 Cricket bat, signed by England players Ashley Giles MBE and Ian Bell MBE following England's Ashes triumph in 2005.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £40

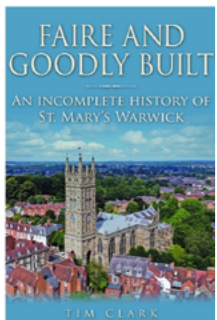


13 A personal tour of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, led by local historian Tim Clark, author of the recently published book 'Fair and Goodly Built - An Incomplete History of St Mary's, Warwick'. Includes a signed copy of Tim's book.

The tour for up to six people will include the incomparable Beauchamp Chapel, one of the finest and most important funerary chapels in Europe, and many other features. Sir Simon Jenkins, author, columnist and former Chair of the National Trust, rated St Mary's as one of only eighteen 5-star churches in his book "The 100 best churches in England"

NB: Restricted dates | www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

Starting Price: £20



14 Participate in a Classic Car gathering and drive there in an original 1989 Mini Moke.

This car was displayed at the 2022 Classic Car Show at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham, and the subject of a feature article in the April 2023 Classic Car Magazine.

It is a regular participant at rallies at Chateau Impney, the British Motor Museum at Gaydon and Pride of Longbridge rally in Cofton Park, adjacent to the site of former Austin plant.

Drive to one of your preferred events (see paragraph above) with the owner - a former Austin apprentice - and spend a day with him browsing interesting cars. Picnic lunch provided. Up to 3 people, event chosen by arrangement.

NB: Restricted dates

Starting Price: £100



15 Join the progressive rock legend, Rick Wakeman CBE, at his Birmingham concert, "Return of the Caped Crusader," on 23 February 2024 at Birmingham Symphony Hall: 2 tickets plus a meet and greet, and goodie bag.

A night you'll never forget!

Starting Price: £290

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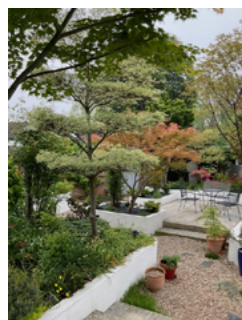


16 **Boots bag of self-care goodies - a great gift for Christmas!**

Includes cosmetic products for the skin and hair - perfect for pampering.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick
www.boots.com

Starting Price: £20



17 **A tour of Warwick trees (St Nicholas Park, the Boat Club, and Archery Fields) by Warwickshire tree expert, David Howells, and one year's membership for two of the Woodland Trust.**

NB: Restricted dates | www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Starting Price: £30



18 **Model of Mastiff II mine and ballistic protected vehicle supplied to the British army for their protection in the 2008-9 Afghanistan campaign.**

The model was presented to former Chairman and CEO of NP Aerospace, Roger Medwell, MBE DL, who is also the President of Armonico Consort.

Dimensions: Model Mastiff – 35x18x18 cm

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £80



19 **Fantastic day out for 4 adults or children to Warwick Castle** (voucher expiry date of 12 months / the Castle Dungeon is not included / under 3s do not need a ticket).

Warwick Castle is one of Britain's finest medieval fortresses and one of the most exciting historic locations in Europe.

www.warwick-castle.com

Starting Price: £30



20 **One Large Waterford Crystal Vase – in timeless classic style. Marquis Phoenix.**

Dimensions: 14 cm diameter x 18cm high.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £30



21 **Tour of the Jaguar Classics Works plant for two people with Sir John Egan, former Chairman of Jaguar plc.**

NB: Date of Tour will be Friday 24 November at 11am

Starting Price: £150



22 **Two unique and original sculptures of a pair of llamas by renowned sculptor, James Ort.**

Grandson to Ladybird Children's Book Illustrator Brian Price Thomas, James was drawing, making, and creating from a very young age. Now equally comfortable working in ceramics, wire, mixed media, painting, and drawing, James's work has been exhibited in local and national exhibitions and was featured in the March/April 2023 issue of "New Ceramics" magazine which is dedicated to the arts and crafts in ceramics and gives an overview of international developments in ceramics.

James teaches adults and children and runs the Phoenix Studio, a dedicated sculpture studio set in a beautiful meadow in the village of Towersey (nr Thame), Oxfordshire. He has also fulfilled several private commissions.

Dimensions: approx. 40cm long x25cm deep

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick
www.phoenixstudio.co.uk

Starting Price: £150



23 **Conduct the Hallelujah Chorus with Armonico Consort and the orchestra's professional musicians.**

On 13 April 2024, after a 30-minute afternoon conducting lesson with artistic director, Christopher Monks, you will have the opportunity to conduct the professional singers and orchestra in a rousing rendition of Handel's epic Hallelujah Chorus! at the Collegiate Church of St Mary in Warwick.

Starting Price: £50



24 Heaphys is your go-to independent menswear retailer established in Warwick for almost 40 Years.

Use this voucher containing a generous amount to put towards a fine new suit, some shirts, or some of our unique and high-quality casual wear.

www.heaphys.co.uk

Starting Price: £60

25 Pashley Clubman bicycle in pristine condition, colour burgundy, purchased in 2011 and donated by a collector.



The Clubman is the epitome of the club cycling tradition firmly rooted in British sporting culture.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

Starting Price: £150

26 Luxury diffuser and candle from Hatton & Harding of Warwick.



Hatton & Harding is the creation of partners David Hatton & Jerry Harding and brings their covetable style to a fabulous lifestyle studio in the town of Warwick.

They are extremely passionate about their lifestyle experience. Your senses will be stimulated with luxurious furniture and homeware all personally chosen and inspired by the love of beautiful things.

Handcrafted and bespoke pieces, many British made, adored for their individuality and personal touches to make your house a home and your lifestyle truly luxurious.

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick

www.hattonandharding.com

Starting Price: £60

27 Wine-tasting of rare and historic wines and dinner for two people with Oz Clarke, TV presenter, wine expert and singer, in your very own home (within 90 minutes of London by car).



NB: Restricted dates

Starting Price: £50

28 A case of award-winning wines generously donated by Oz Clarke, TV presenter, wine expert and singer.



Each one gained a medal at the International Wine Challenge (IWC). The case contains a selection of 12 bottles of wine from leading estates.

The IWC is a global competition committed to helping customers discern great wines – it is the world’s most influential, impartial, and rigorously judged wine competition!

NB: Collection from Armonico Consort offices in Warwick
www.internationalwinechallenge.com

Starting Price: £150

29 Enjoy dinner for two and an overnight stay with breakfast at the Old Coffee Tavern, located in the centre of Warwick.



Indulge in a delightful dining experience, followed by a comfortable stay in one of the Old Coffee Tavern’s cozy rooms. Wake up to a scrumptious breakfast to start the day right. The perfect opportunity for a relaxing getaway with a loved one or a friend.

NB: Restricted dates | www.theoldcoffeetavern.co.uk

Starting Price: £100

30 30-minute harp and soprano recital in your very own home with Eloise Irving (within 90 minutes of London by car).



Eloise was the winner of the 1998 BBC Choirgirl of the Year and today is an internationally recognised musician and stage actor.

NB: Restricted dates | www.eloiseirving.co.uk

Starting Price: £100

31 A week’s stay in a family flat on the top floor of Bryntegwel, an historic Edwardian House in Aberdyfi, Gwynedd, overlooking Cardigan Bay.



Superb south facing location with extensive views across the Dyfi estuary. Living/Dining room, Master bedroom and a family room with 2 bunk beds. Large garden and private car parking. 5 minutes’ walk to the village centre with a good choice of restaurants and pubs.

The railway enthusiast owners will provide round trip tickets on the Tal-y-Llyn railway starting from Tywyn Station. For Golfers, the Aberdyfi Golf Club is one of the best links courses in Wales. The famous golf writer Bernhard Darwin was a regular visitor to Bryntegwel, which is mentioned in many of his books.

The flat is never offered as a holiday letting. Dogs allowed.

NB: Restricted dates outside school holidays.

Starting Price: £400

Enormous thanks to all the donors of our auction lots – we very much appreciate your support!

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