

**PARAMOUNT GOURMET AUCTION...
Putting Fun into Fundraising!**



The 2nd Gourmet Benefit Auction was held March 6th at the Austin Country Club. Again, it was a successful collaboration between the Historic Paramount Theatre and the Big Island Rendezvous. The even split of profits goes to Paramount and helps pay for transportation costs to enable Austin students to attend the annual Big Island Rendezvous. Our March event brought in a total of \$5,651.50. Perry Vining from the Rendezvous and Scott and Melissa from the Paramount staff were the primary coordinators for the Gourmet Auction.

Austin’s popular In Synque acapella quartet kicked off the Live Auction with their rousing arrangement of “The Auctioneers Song”. Dave Thompson did an outstanding job as our volunteer auctioneer having a great time with the crowd.

Ten food vendors participated, by giving out samples of their specialties, including Austin Country Club, Famous Dave’s, George’s Pizza, HyVee, Lakeside Café, Nelson’s Market, Perry Vining, Piggy Blues, Quiznos and MoeGoe’s Catering. With everything from BBQ ribs and tapas to flaming caramel bananas, on one went home hungry. There were also dozens of wonderful items donated for the both the Live and Silent Auctions. We greatly appreciated the generosity of all the businesses, organizations and individuals who made donations to support our 2nd Gourmet Auction.

Watch for the next Gourmet Auction in the spring of 2010!

HORMEL FOUNDATION GRANT

Thanks to a grant from the Hormel Foundation, the Paramount box office is now on-line. We are so excited to offer the added convenience of an on-line ticketing system to our patrons along with added marketing and accounting features to aid Artists and Arts organizations that use this wonderful facility.

Becky Dibble from Studio Ten Web Design, donated her time and talents redesigning our web-site this year in preparation for the additional features that we now offer. She did a wonderful job incorporating the unique look and feel of The Historic Paramount Theatre while adding all the new technology that will lead us into the future. To check out what’s new visit our redesigned web site at www.paramounttheatre.org.

The Historic Paramount Theatre

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