



Dear Friend of ECA,

On September 29, 2012, the Board of Directors of Edmonds Center for the Arts will host our annual *Gala & Auction* to kick off our sixth anniversary 2012/13 Season! The event will raise critical funds which support our season of entertaining and culturally diverse programs, as well as the continued development of education outreach programs and maintenance of our beautiful and historic facility. This event has grown annually, with 250 individuals attending last year and raising over \$200,000 in generous support of our mission.

Once again, we are seeking donations of art, wine, food, travel, and unique experiences to be included in our silent and live auctions. By contributing to ECA's Gala & Auction, you will gain valuable exposure for your business and help make it possible for us to:

- Touch the lives of more than 60,000 people each year
- Present a diverse season of brilliant presentations from around the country and world
- Provide a home for local artists and arts organizations
- Reach young people through critical education outreach programs

Edmonds Center for the Arts has already made an immediate and lasting impact on our community and throughout the region. More than 200,000 people have walked through our doors since October, 2006. Local organizations like Olympic Ballet Theatre, Cascade Symphony Orchestra, Sno-King Community Chorale and Edmonds Community College now have a state-of-the-art venue in which to perform.

Education outreach programs also play an important role in the work of ECA. The same world-class performers that appear on our stage perform for, or work directly with, students and teachers in local schools. Additionally, ECA's gymnasium, classrooms and meeting spaces are utilized by the community for a variety of sports programs, middle and high school music festivals, classes and rehearsals. ECA is *the* Center where people from around the region gather together to experience great performances, exchange ideas and celebrate our diverse community.

A procurement form is included with this request. If you are able to contribute an item, please return the form by Friday, August 31, to ensure your inclusion in the printed catalog.

We know that you receive many requests to donate to deserving organizations. Thank you for considering ECA when it comes time to make your tax-deductible contributions. By donating a service or item to this event, you are joining a visionary network of individuals committed to the mission of providing excellence in programming and the essential education outreach programs.

Your generous gift is an investment in the future of this great community resource.

Sincerely,

Joe McIalwain
Executive Director

Jamie Herlich
Development Director