AUCTION LIST 2019

1. **Chris Flinn** offers **one night and one day at his Long Island home this summer**. He will host you for a day and an evening and take you out to dinner in Greenport, the center of activity on the North Fork. Up to two guests with two separate guest bedrooms, if required. He is very flexible concerning days of the visit, any time from late June through the end of August should work. House photo [here](#) and map [here](#).

2. **Efe Ok** is offering **an hour of introductory (or in fact, any level) salsa dancing** class from him and his wife Berna (who is a well-known salsa dancer in the New York circuit) to take place in his place followed/accompanied by drinks.

3. **Misha Panov** is offering **two sets of vinyls which consists on:**
   
a. **Classical Rock**: Pink Floyd (3), The Beatles (3), Rolling Stones, Jesus Christ Superstar, Pet Shop Boys (2), Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bowey, Radiohead, Ozzy Osbourne, among others.
   
b. **Classical Music**: Beethoven (complete piano sonatas, symphonies and overtures), Brahms (violin sonatas), Tchaikovsky (seven symphonies, Eugene Onegin, Nutcracker), Berlioz (Requiem), Chopin (nocturnes), Bach (Glenn Gould, The Art of the Fugue), Camille Saint-Saens (symphonies), Mozart (piano concert), Mahler (9 symphony), Prokofiev (the five piano concerts).

4. **Dmitry** is offering a **coffee tasting** for 3 people. The temperature of water and consistency of grind doesn’t matter for the taste of your coffee? Win this item, and I will prove you wrong! We will brew a lot of coffee from fancy beans, and you will leave well-caffeinated, very hipster, and knowing exactly what kind of cup you prefer.

5. **Sonia Gilbukh** offers **two yoga classes over the summer for up to 4 people.** Think about the positive externalities: it is not only about you being more relaxed but your colleagues not having to deal with a grumpy face for a few days :)

6. **“The Kevin Thom Memorial Event”**: over the years we have kick-started our auction with a sequence of games hosted by Kevin. This year Kevin will not be around but we will still be having our traditional “Tournament of Nerds”. Top three bidders participate in a series of brief contests of skill and courage for an amazing prize. Come and bid to play!

7. **Anne** is auctioning off a **$150 gift card** to be used at the restaurant "Narcissa", provided by The Standard East Village hotel. [Restaurant's website](#)

8. Need to relax? No problem, we got you covered! Our beloved **Octavia** offers a **Meditation session for 15 people**. Ohm…

9. Want to have some **wine** with **Debraj Ray**? He will delight **two guests** with his best wine selection and tips about how to publish in the AER. Given that stars are not important anymore, everybody needs a new strategy to get those top 5 coming (no publications promises though).
10. **Learn to surf from an economist!** Tomas and Milena offer surfing lessons for 4 people at Rockaway beach. They will cover your surfboard and wetsuit rental, as well as take you out to beers and lunch after the lesson. Valid anytime during summer 2019.

11. Always wanted to be a singer but life got in the way? Come and find your outer voice in a 2 session voice and singing workshop, with Gil Avidor (Tsilil's wife), a NYVC certified voice teacher (market price per session is 80 dollars).

12. **Sylvain Chassang** is auctioning two items
   
   a. Three tickets for a New York City FC game.
   
   b. Three dinner invitations, each good for 13ft worth of non-vegan guests, measured lengthwise (winners will be responsible for the math).

13. **An Argentinian-Brazilian dispute**: which country has the best barbecues? Come to be the judge of this competition. Nacho, Fernando and Marcos offer a 12 hour barbecue with live music and lots of fun for 10 people at an amazing back yard in Brooklyn kindly offered by Odhrain and his roommates.

14. **Cathy**, the best men hair stylist in the west village, is offering 3 haircuts to any gentleman that is looking for a change.

15. **Elena Manresa** and Katarína Borovičková auction off a discussion of “Women in Economics” over wine for 5. Pointed out by Ben Bernanke at a recent AEA meeting: “Economics certainly has a problem.” Want to know why fewer women make it to the top? Want to know how to fix it? Want to start a revolution? Come bid for it!

16. **Dmitry** is offering a delicate papier-mâché jewelry box. Handcrafted by the master craftsmen in Palekh, Russia, it will become a new home for your small valuables. A fiery phoenix, whose every feather is lovingly painted with gentle brushstrokes of golden tempera, will guard your treasures from any curious Ivan (also depicted) who would want to have a look. Signed by the artist at the bottom.

17. **Ariel Rubinstein** offers an early (8:30 AM) Sat or Sunday breakfast in his beloved Jewish food restaurant in NY. He will also give you a nicely framed (a reprinted version with much better colors than the one on my door) 2019 café poster so that you won't ever forget about that special rendezvous with him.

18. **Beerboarding and other tortures! In the heart of Europe!** Have you ever wondered how life in the Middle Ages was like? How about experiencing it on your own? Come and visit Pavel in Prague! Explore the economic impacts of beer being cheaper than water. If you are not an alcoholic yet, alternative activities are possible as well (sightseeing, jazz, opera, hiking, biking, yoga / meditation, visiting other towns, meeting weird people...just think of it and you find it in Praguel) How long can you stay? A Czech saying states that after 3 days fish and guests stink. A sailor's stomach can handle 7 days though.

19. **Quang Vuong** and Isabelle Perrigne offer a week stay in their spectacular apartment in Paris for 4 people. Just take a look at the pictures, nothing more needs to be said.
20. **Alfred Galichon** will invite 2 people for lunch at a fancy restaurant in Paris (the capital of France, not the city in Texas). Bon appetit!

21. **Tomas** is offering an authentic Paella dinner for 4 people, thoughtfully coupled with a selection of fine wines from the Rioja region and background Flamenco music.

22. **Anne Stubing** is offering a **one night stay at the Washington Square Hotel**, a market value of 400 dollars. Perfect for friends and family!

23. Looking for a cuddle buddy? Someone who will not cancel on your plans last minute? **Sneha and Lena** bring you **Coffee Meets Beagle**: bid for a date with one of our three handsome/beautiful dogs this summer and possibly win a spot at our **Puppy Therapy session** (with high pup-to-human ratio).

24. **Pawel and Justin** offer an East Village Watering Hole Tour: Come join a fun **tour of the best places to relax and enjoy a cold one in the East Village** and learn about the different styles and flavors. We will visit 3 places where you and your friends will get to try a brew of your choosing (and if you’re not sure what to get, we got you covered with the selection). Come join us and bring two friends along!

25. This year we will be offering guaranteed entry to the **NYC marathon again**! As a novelty, we’ll also be offering guaranteed entry to **any of the other following events**:
   a. 2019 Marine corps marathon
   b. 2019 Falmouth 10k road race (Massachusetts)
   c. 2019 Marathon Desert Island (Maine)
   d. 2020 NYC half marathon
   e. 2020 Dublin Marathon

26. Want to show off your (lack of) singing abilities? Interested in singing outside the shower for once? Did you win the singing lessons with Gil and want to put your vocal training to use? Come to **Karaoke** with **Anna and Angelo**! We guarantee a no-judgement experience, filled with bad music from 90s, and also your own signature songs (we all have one). First round of drinks is on us.

27. **Sam** offers 3 pounds of (his dad's) **homemade falafel dough and a small jar of** (also his dad's) **hot sauce to go with it**. The falafel dough can be frozen for a year and is easy to prepare once thawed. Three pounds of dough makes approximately 50 balls. Best falafel you’ve ever had, guaranteed (no refunds)

28. **Ricardo Lagos** offers two items:
   a. **Argentine empanadas and wine for up to 6 people in an undisclosed location in rural Connecticut** (@ 60 miles from the city, reachable by train).
   b. **New Monetarist t-shirt** (size L) with the "Wright Dictum" printed on the back: “Models where agents enter suboptimal arrangements when simple and obviously better ones are available cannot usefully guide policy or regulation.” The shirt is part
of a small batch made to celebrate Randy Wright’s 60th birthday a few years ago. A collector’s item. Huge resale value. There are only a very small number of these shirts currently in circulation. (I have a few others in stock, but I commit to not injecting more than one per year in the future.)

29. Come and bid for a spot in the already famous Negroni night for 10 people hosted by the magnificent Alberto Bisin and his special guest Efe Ok. In the past he has delighted us with a wide variety of Negronis, ranging from the most classical to the most unconventional one such as the mezcal Negroni. The good news is that nobody has died so far. The bad news is that he wants to surprise us with something new this year.