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PS 87, Do You Believe in Magic?

We do! And we need **YOU** to be a part of it at PS 87's biggest event of the year, the 2016 Auction on Saturday, March 12, at Rodeph Sholom (7 W. 83rd St.) from 7 to 11 p.m!

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW AT WWW.PS87.INFO

Some exciting and noteworthy things about Auction night:

The LIVE Auction promises to be truly magical. PS 87 parent **Tim Seymour** of CNBC will emcee, and Christie's auctioneer **Andrew McVinish** will conduct the Live Auction.

Ta-da! And now for the Live Auction packages:

- 4 VIP tickets to see Grammy winner **Rihanna** at Barclays with backstage meet-and-greet!
- A pair of tickets to **The Color Purple**, including a meet and greet with the show's star and Academy Award winner **Jennifer Hudson**!
- 2 house seats to the hottest show on Broadway: **Hamilton**.
- **Private in-home farm-to-table dining experience** from Elizabeth's Neighborhood Table with wine pairings for eight.
- Capture your child on film with a **Digital Children's Time Capsule**. Have a professional photographer film interviews of your child that can be preserved for all time.
- 4 tickets to the NYC **premiere** of upcoming movie **The Secret Life of Pets**, with after-party.
- A chance for your child to be **Principal for the Day!**

PS 87 parent band **Metal Park** will perform after the Live Auction with special guest vocalist **Principal Monica Berry!** You won't want to miss it!

The attire is cocktail/festive, so get dressed up and come make some magic for the children of PS 87!

Message from the PA presidents

Dear Families,

When you read this letter you will be right in the midst of parent-teacher conferences. We hope you have productive conversations with your teachers, and we want to thank the volunteers providing and delivering a delicious dinner to the teachers this evening. It's a tradition that makes PS 87 special.

Thank you to the Culture & Community Committee for pulling off an amazing Black History Celebration! Everyone had a great night, and there was standing room only in the auditorium. Those events only keep getting better and better!

Please mark your calendars for a special Parents Association meeting on Wednesday, March 10, after morning drop-off. We will have Faye de Muyshondt, founder of Socialsklz, as our special guest speaker on "Navigating Technology With Your Children." You will walk away with valuable strategies, and there will be lots of time for questions. A special thank you goes to Haley Fox & Alice's Tea Cup for generously donating scones at our last meeting ... they were delicious!

And then ... it's all about the Auction! It takes a LOT of volunteers to make the Auction happen. If you can't come to the event, please consider volunteering in the weeks prior to help sell raffle tickets, or donate a baked item for dessert. There are lots of different ways to get involved. As you may know, **THE CAKES ARE COMING BACK!** Due to popular demand from parents and staff, cakes will be back as the centerpieces of each table at the Auction. How fun to sit at tables and swap slices with the people next to you? Also, more **TABLES** for people to be seated comfortably and all feel together as part of a unified community. And the **LOCATION!** Steps away at Rodeph Sholom on West 83rd Street — it couldn't be closer! It's going to be a fun night that will raise needed money that we rely on as a PA. Please go to the PS 87 website, www.ps87.info, to get more information and buy your tickets today!

See you around school.

— *Jaime Abrams and Wendy Schnierow,*
Parents Association co-presidents



Pitch In: Volunteer Opportunities

Auction seeks bartenders, photographers, greeters and more: We're looking for our amazing community to step up and volunteer to make this a magical night. Grab a friend and sign up for one of many great spots. Visit www.ps87.info to sign up. E-mail Christen Bishara (cmbishara@yahoo.com) or Jessica Baskin (jl0212@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Calling all bakers: The Auction team also is looking for parents to bake desserts. The Auction needs 20 to 30 cakes and pies as well as an assortment of brownies, cookies and all other sweets. Donated cakes are also welcome. Please e-mail Samantha Benowitz (salvarezbenowitz@msn.com) or Polly Lagana (laganap@gmail.com) if you are interested in baking.

PS 87 CALENDAR

MARCH 2016

3	11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL — Parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening
7-10	Project Cicero book drive. <i>Details below.</i>
7-11	Wellness In The Schools' Potato Lab
8	Dual Language breakfast meeting, 8-8:40 a.m., library
8	Support Services/Special Education Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m. at JCC Café, 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
10	PA GENERAL MEETING , 8:35 a.m., cafeteria. Guest speaker Faye de Muyshondt of Socialsklz will discuss cyber security and parental controls.
12	PS 87 AUCTION 7 – 11 p.m., Rodeph Sholom, 7 W. 83rd St. Tickets now on sale. Donations still accepted. Volunteers needed. <i>Details below and on Page 1.</i>
13	Daylight Saving Time ends — move clocks ahead one hour
15	Community Education Council 3 meeting, 6:30 p.m., PS 87 auditorium
21	BROADWAY NIGHT , 6:30 p.m., auditorium. Tickets now on sale. <i>Details below.</i>
25	NO SCHOOL , Good Friday
28	SLT meeting, 4:15 p.m., location to be announced
APRIL 2016	
25-29	NO SCHOOL , Spring Break

Donate books to benefit Project Cicero

From March 7 through March 10, PS 87 will collect gently used books in the lobby to benefit Project Cicero, an annual nonprofit book drive designed to create and supplement classroom libraries in under-resourced New York City public schools. For more details and to see a book wish list, go to www.projectcicero.org.

Tickets on sale for Broadway Night

Tickets are now on sale for PS 87's annual Broadway Night fundraiser. The performance begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21. It will feature parents, PS 87 staff and special guests in a one-night-only, always sold-out show. Tickets for the one-hour show cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Purchase tickets at <https://ps87pa.wufoo.com/forms/broadway-night-2016/>

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