



Enchanted Evening Ball

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, SYDNEY

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Thank you for joining us at the Giant Steps Enchanted Evening Ball, it is always so lovely to gather together with friends to celebrate the achievements of Giant Steps and raise much needed funds. There are many stories of challenge and achievement at Giant Steps, from humble beginnings a little over 28 years ago Giant Steps has grown to operate primary and secondary schools, post-school programs and mental health clinics in Sydney and Melbourne. Giant Steps is recognised globally for innovation and inclusion as our team of speech, music and occupational therapists work with teachers, support staff, psychologists and families to design individualised education and therapy programs

for children and adults profoundly impacted by autism.

It is always an uplifting experience to observe the skill, love and care of our more than 230 staff at Giant Steps. It is often the case that our students and participants in the Giant Steps programs have significant behavioural, developmental and sensory issues and find the world a frightening and confusing place. It is the care, skill, understanding and experience of the team at Giant Steps that makes both our students and families feel like they have found a home, a place where they will be understood, a place where they will be given a chance. Each year at the Giant Steps Ball, a family tells their story, often they tell a story of feeling alone and isolated, of worrying whether their child will find a place in the world, it is these circumstances that first created Giant Steps and has seen us grow as more families come to us needing our help and hoping to join our large Giant Steps family.

From the very beginning we wanted to make Giant Steps available to people from all walks of life and circumstances and therefore decided we would not charge school fees, we would instead put our faith in the generosity of our families, friends and the Giant Steps community.

It costs approximately \$129,000 per annum for a student to attend Giant Steps, Federal and State Government funding covers approximately 65% of these costs and we rely on the generosity and support of many to continue to deliver our high quality services and offer places to students from our long waiting lists.

Thank you for attending the Enchanted Evening Ball. Thank you for your support of Giant Steps. I hope you have a great evening and please be sure to participate in the lucky dip, raffle, silent auction, live auction or take the opportunity to make a donation with the pledge forms on your table. I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor celebrating another year of achievement at Giant Steps.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'B. Irvin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Barry Irvin AM

Chairman

Giant Steps Australia



Quay has long been a supporter of Giant Steps and a major sponsor of its annual Ball. It is our great pleasure to support Giant Steps, their cause is close to our Director's heart as his son Lucas has attended the school for the last seven years. Lucas started at Adult Autism Services this year and is thriving.

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2nd PRIZE

Luxury weekend for 2 at the
Fairmont Resort

Value \$1000



3rd PRIZE

2012 Dom Pérignon Champagne

Value \$350



All funds raised from
this raffle will support
children and adults on
the autism spectrum

Draw takes place at
11:00pm



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AVAILABLE AT
\$100 each

* \$20,000 (to be deposited
into winner's nominated
bank account a week after
the Giant Steps Enchanted
Evening Ball)



(or click on the QR code)

BALL PROGRAM

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| 7.00 pm | Pre-dinner drinks String Quartet |
| 7.15 pm | Guests to be seated Entrée service commences |
| 7.45 pm | MC, Sam McCool Giant Steps welcome presentation |
| 8.10 pm | Main course service commences |
| 8.30 pm | Barry Irvin, Giant Steps Chairman Giant Steps film Pledge Appeal |
| 9.10 pm | Esra Hughes, Giant Steps parent |
| 9.30 pm | Live Auction, Jason Kazanis auctioneer Dessert, coffee & tea service commences |
| 9.50 pm | Giant Steps staff dance followed by dancing with Let's Groove Tonight |
| 11.00 pm | Raffle draw Silent Auction closes Dancing with Let's Groove Tonight until 12.15 am |
| 12.00 am | Bar closes |
| 12.15 am | Band finishes |

GOODNIGHT AND THANK YOU!

MENU

ENTRÉE

Miso cured king salmon, avocado and wasabi cream, yuzu marmalade, pickled daikon, Hawkesbury beetroot, puffed wild rice and fragrant herb salad
GF, contains seafood

MAIN

Riverine beef cheek, creamy polenta, burned onion purée, charred broccoli, mustard seeds, Block 11 carrots and pickled walnuts
GF, contains nuts

DESSERT

Chocolate salted caramel mousse, caramelised Malfroy's Gold honey curd, hazelnut toffee, burnt butter crumb, caramel ice cream
GF, contains nuts

Sonoma sourdough and olive oil rolls with Pepe Saya cultured butter
Tea, coffee & petit sweets

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN MENU (*must be pre-ordered*)

ENTRÉE

Pan seared potato 'scallops', fried enoki mushrooms, truffled scorched cabbage crème, sugar peas and chickpea cress GF, VE

MAIN

Pan seared celeriac steak, grilled seasonal mushrooms and charred onion, pickles, baby cucumber, green peppercorn and chimichurri sauce GF, VE

DESSERT

ALTO olive oil, beetroot and double chocolate cake, chocolate coconut ganache, boysenberry gel, quinoa crunch, raspberries, chocolate ice cream GF, VE

BEVERAGES

SPARKLING – Craigmoor Chardonnay Pinot Noir NV, Central Ranges, NSW
WHITE WINE – Tyrrell's Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Hunter Valley & Orange, NSW
RED WINE – Secret Garden Shiraz, Murray Darling, NSW
BEER AND SOFT DRINKS – Hahn Super Dry, Sydney, NSW and James Squire
150 Lashes Pale Ale, Camperdown, NSW
ALCOHOL FREE – Sobah and Heineken Zero alcohol free beers and
McGuigan Zero alcohol free sparkling wine are available from all bars
Selection of juice, mineral water and soft drinks, House made botanical water

GF = GLUTEN FREE

VE = VEGAN

LIVE AUCTION

The Auction is conducted live on the night. The highest bidder will be the purchaser of the item. The Auctioneer's decision will be final.

The successful bidder will be asked to complete a payment card at the end of the sale of the item. All items must be paid for on the night by cheque, cash or credit card. Purchase receipts (non-tax deductible) will be sent to the buyer shortly after the Ball.

LOT ONE

CROATIA TRIP

Perfectly located, Villa Riva is situated in the village of Kut on the opposite side of the Island of Vis' harbour from where the ferry arrives (Vis town). This is the quieter, more private side of the bay. Despite the tranquility, it is only a short walk from the house to beaches, restaurants / bars, supermarket and car hire.

Luxurious and relaxed, it's a perfect getaway for those who love the beauty and history of Europe, crave the relaxation of a seaside location, and want a comfortable, private retreat from which to enjoy it all. Vis lies between Italy and Croatia, about 50 kilometres southwest of Split. It's the outermost inhabited island amongst the myriad of Croatian islands that make up Dalmatia.



Villa Riva is a beautiful, four-storey 200 year old Venetian villa, set on a small square facing the lapping waters of the Adriatic. It accommodates at least 6 to 8 people in 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, and offers stunning views of Vis and its harbour from all the bedrooms and terraces. There are daily flights into Split from European capitals, and 2-3 ferries a day to Vis (1.5 -2.5 hours) from Split.

The owners will provide their personal recommendations for where to eat and how best to enjoy the island and they have a local manager on hand also.

The prize is for one week's accommodation staying in the Villa, subject to availability (excluding July and August). Valid until 31 December 2025.

Also included is a \$5,000 voucher from Flight Centre. Does not include any transfers.

www.villarivavis.com

Donated by the Ferrarin and Hetherington Families

LOT TWO

PABLO PICASSO "TOREROS SERIES", 1961

Three black and white lithographs from Picasso's "Toros Y Toreros" portfolio - a tribute to the bullfight. Picasso was familiar with bullfighting from his youth. At the age of nine, he watched a bullfight with his father and recorded his strong impressions in a drawing. In bullfighting, Picasso saw a mythological symbol embodying dramatic suffering, grief, and rage. The drama of ferocious struggle became a recurring theme in his work.

Donated by Chase Gallery



LOT THREE

AMANGIRI LUXURY HOTEL, UTAH TRIP

Amangiri, meaning “peaceful mountain”, is a luxury sandstone hideaway in the heart of Navajo country, Utah. With its dramatic location and show-stopping luxury, the Amangiri was voted by Condé Nast as the World’s Best Hotel in 2016. It’s where celebs and A-listers retreat to for some remote relaxation and what travellers looking for serious luxury wow-factor with a touch of adventure, seek as a holiday destination in the USA. The stunning views, stylish suites, glam swimming pools and serene spa, all have guests eager to return for another visit.

You and a guest can stay at Amangiri for two nights in a Desert Suite, inclusive of meals, airport transfers to/from Page Airport, taxes and service charge, but exclusive of any alcoholic beverages.

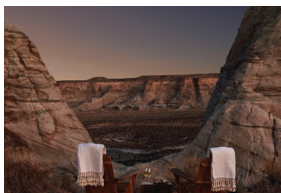
Valid to 17 June 2024, subject to availability and excluding US federal holidays.

Reservations shall be made no more than 60 days in advance. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. Voucher is non-transferable, non-redeemable for cash, not valid with any other promotion and cannot be re-sold or re-auctioned. Any cancellation within 30 days or less prior to the arrival date will void voucher. Accommodation valued at AUD\$15,600.

Also included is a \$5,000 Flight Centre voucher.

Donated by Amangiri

AMANGIRI



LOT FOUR

GIANT STEPS ARTWORK

This colourful mixed media work of art has been created by the children of Giant Steps with the assistance of our talented art therapist Pamela Honeyfield. It has been beautifully framed and would look great in any home or board room.

Donated by Giant Steps and Pamela Honeyfield



LOT FIVE

QUEENSTOWN NEW ZEALAND TRIP

Stay in a gorgeous luxury townhouse in Queenstown for seven nights which sleeps up to 8 people. Enjoy stunning uninterrupted views over Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables that will take your breath away, all from the comfort of this wonderful home. Perfectly situated for you to be able to soak up the atmosphere and character of this unique little town.

Split across three levels, the apartment boasts large, open plan living and dining area, a sizeable and fully equipped kitchen, good sized bedrooms, and three bathrooms. Perfect for larger families or groups, giving you the perfect environment to socialise whilst also allowing you to have your own space.

Bedding configuration options as follows:

Bedroom 1 – 1 x king bed

Bedroom 2 – 1 x king bed or 2 x single beds

Bedroom 3 – 2 x single beds

Bedroom 4 (optional extra)- bunk beds
(suited for children up to the age of 12)

Features include private balconies & courtyard, gas fire, tennis court.

Valid until 31 October 2024, subject to availability. Book early to secure your preferred date.

Also included is a \$2,500 Flight Centre voucher.

Donated by the family of Gus Mackay



LOT SIX

6 HOUR SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE ON LUXURY SAILING YACHT

Cruise the majestic Sydney Harbour with up to 10 friends for 6 hours aboard Drumfire, a beautifully crafted 24-metre luxury sailing yacht.

Drumfire first took part in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 2018 and is based in Sydney at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

Includes a delicious gourmet hamper with a selection of champagne and Australian wine. Arrangements to be made with the owner to confirm a mutually agreeable date.

Valid 12 months.

Donated by William Vicars



Drumfire

LOT SEVEN

PRIVATE FUNCTION FOR 25 AT PRESTIGIOUS HARBOUR-FRONT RESIDENCE IN POINT PIPER

Experience a luxury lunch at one of the best private residences in Sydney's most exclusive harbour-front enclaves on Wolseley Road, Point Piper. It commands a truly breathtaking north-east backdrop over Felix Bay's boat-filled waters, with views across Shark Island and all the way to Manly. The sense of seclusion from the alfresco entertaining zones is truly divine, with a sun-drenched terrace gazing over the sparkling waters, and direct access to Lady Martin Beach. A masterpiece of impeccable design by a prominent Sydney Interior Designer, this property showcases hand-selected local and imported finishes with innovative high-end and bespoke joinery. A property of this calibre and pedigree combines true opulence, a superior designer aesthetic in an elegant blue-ribbon Wolseley Road address.

This event will be fully catered by a top chef and would suit a high-end work function, Christmas party or exclusive private event for up to 25 people.

Arrangements to be made with the owner to confirm a mutually agreeable date. Valid for six months from September 2023.

Donated by James Mayo



LOT EIGHT

ANDOO COMANCHE SAILING EXPERIENCE

Join the Andoo Comanche team for an unforgettable ocean adventure!

Two people will experience the thrill of ocean racing onboard the fastest maxi yacht as they sail the iconic Sydney Harbour joining the CYCA Twilight Series.

Expires 31 October 2023.

*Donated by John Winning,
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SILENT AUCTION

Tonight we are using Galabid electronic bidding system. Just use your own smart phone or tablet to bid!

The Silent Auction will close at 11.00 pm

SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



OR

Text: gsbll followed by a space then your full name to: 0458 678 678

Example: *gsbll John Smith*

Follow the registration link you are sent from GalaBid.

LUCKY DIP

Purchase a Lucky Dip token and you will get a fantastic Lucky Dip prize. The tokens will be on sale from the start of the evening until 10.45 pm or until they are sold out. Volunteers will be coming around to all the tables with the tokens for sale. They will also be available from the Lucky Dip counter at the rear of the room.

To claim your prize you need to take your token to the Lucky Dip counter and have it marked and you will then receive your prize.

Please note – prizes are not interchangeable.

All wine received as a prize is not to be opened or consumed on the premises due to regulations.



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ENTERTAINERS

MC – SAM MCCOOL

Who is Sam McCool? A world-class emcee, comedian, keynote speaker and speaking coach. He is also a distinguished debater, voiceover artist, entrepreneur and expert in tailored event hoaxes.

COMEDIAN - As a comedian, Sam burst onto the scene as a finalist on Australia's Got Talent. He soon followed with sell-out solo shows at Sydney Opera House, several DVDs from his 1 hour comedy festival shows, and became a hit on the international comedy circuit touring from Bollywood to Hollywood and far beyond.

Sam's MC skills are in high demand, having hosted events for TEDx, Dell, Accor, Optus, Mirvac, Samsung, Airtasker, ING Direct, Australia Post, Canadian Tourism Commission, and the Australian Event Awards plus many other trusted brands.

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BAND – LET'S GROOVE TONIGHT

When it comes to premium entertainment, Let's Groove Tonight (LGT) are unquestionably industry leaders.

With almost 1000 events since 2009 LGT have entertained hundreds of thousands of past clients with their unmistakable brand of entertainment.



Totally engaging, fun and vibrant LGT specialises in premium corporate, wedding and club entertainment ensuring a packed dancefloor from start to finish.

The LGT band offers an extensive repertoire covering all of your party favourites guaranteed to rock the dance floor!

STRING QUARTET – SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Thank you to the talented Sydney Grammar School students playing for us tonight, including Ethan Ko, whose brother Jeremy attends Giant Steps.

Violins (Ethan Ko and Scott Hu)

Violoncello (Solomon Tan)

Viola (Jayden Arav)



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Giant Steps families, thank you so much to all the donors of the fantastic prizes we have on offer tonight. Also a big thank you to our guests and to everyone who has helped make tonight possible. Your support of our children means a great deal to us all.

Giant Steps warmly thanks the following people and businesses for their generosity tonight:

Giant Steps Ball Committee Members
made up of Giant Steps families assisted by the Giant Steps Funding Team.

Giant Steps Community

The Giant Steps parent body for its help in obtaining prizes, helping with Ball preparations and for supporting the Ball. The Giant Steps staff and Board for their on-going support and assistance.

Graphic Design Services

Petra Daley for designing the fantastic invitations, program and all printed and online documents.

PETRA DALEY
GRAPHIC DESIGN
BRAND MANAGEMENT
& SOLUTIONS



Printing Services

Grant Shortland of Vital Paper for supplying all the paper and for organising for all the printing to be donated.



MC

Sam McCool

Auctioneer

Jason Kazanis

String Quartet

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Volunteers

All the volunteers working tonight as well as those who assisted with set up in the weeks leading up to the Ball. This includes Giant Steps parents and siblings and our lovely staff, family and friends.

Photographers

Anthony Burns & Rose Frasca from HomePix Photography



Décor

Rebecca from Lulu & Lotti Event Styling



Photo Booth

Inthebooth.com.au in the booth.



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Auction and Lucky Dip prizes have all been donated. We would like to thank the individuals and companies for their generous donations. For a full list of our prize donors please visit www.giantstepsball.net.au/our-sponsors/



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