



Houston Show Choir  
“Wish Upon the Stars” Gala and Auction  
Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 pm  
Hotel Derek  
2525 W Loop S, Houston, TX 77027

**What is the dress code?**

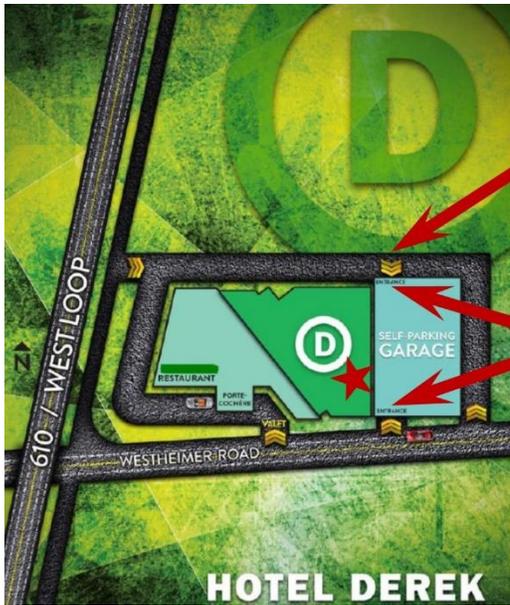
Cocktail attire, dressy but not formal. Be comfortable; we want you to have fun!

**Where is the venue and what is the parking situation?**

Hotel Derek is at 2525 W Loop S, Houston, TX 77027. If you need driving directions, visit the [hotel web site](#).

The hotel is offering discount parking rates for our event:

- **Valet: event \$21, overnight \$34.** Use the valet team in the tunnel that is near the garage. (Do not use the valet at the hotel main entrance; they are not equipped to use the discount event rate.)
- **Self Park: event \$10, overnight \$25.** Click on our event at the paystation and register your license number.



This the best entrance for valet parking. The team here will use the discount event rate.

Enter at either end of this tunnel for self parking and go up the ramp.

★ = Ballroom

**Are there tickets?**

There are no tickets. Your name will be on the guest registration list at the Check-In table. All guests are assigned a specific table number.

**What time does the event start and end?**

**TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

- 6:00pm ..... Check-in begins; cocktail reception
- 6:30pm ..... Ballroom doors open; bid on silent auction items; purchase raffle tickets; enter wine pull
- 7:00pm ..... Dinner & entertainment (continue to bid on silent auction items!)

8:30pm ..... Silent auction closes; live auction begins  
9:00pm ..... More entertainment  
9:45pm ..... Check out begins (wait for announcement)  
10:00pm ..... The party continues with DJ Nicky  
10:45pm ..... Bar closes  
11:00pm ..... Event ends

Auction invoices cannot be prepared until bidding closes; we estimate that check-out will begin around 9:45pm BUT please wait for the announcement that the auction team is ready.

Entertainment will continue until 11:00pm, so please plan to stay, dance and have fun!

## **What do I do when I arrive?**

Please go to the check-in table to complete the registration process, pick up your event packet, and get your seating assignment.

Pre-register your credit card when you arrive to speed up the check-out process.

## **What does my registration include?**

Your registration includes a seated dinner, open bar (mixed drinks, wine, beer, and soft drinks), entertainment by Houston Show Choir and Houston Swing Dance Society, DJ Nicky, photo booth, raffle prizes, a wine pull, and silent and live auctions.

The dinner entrée is French Style Chicken Breast with Herb Au Jus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Grilled Asparagus. A vegetarian option of Spinach Gratin-Stuffed Portabello Mushroom with the same sides is available. **Please request the vegetarian option by April 4 to be sure of availability (send email to [gala@houstonshowchoir.org](mailto:gala@houstonshowchoir.org)).**

## **What is a Wine Pull?**

For just \$20, purchase the opportunity to pull a numbered cork and win a bottle of wine valued as high as \$170. Your matching bottle will be revealed and available for pick up when the auction check-out is announced.

## **What auction items do you have?**

- Experiences for everyone: performances, sports, golf, wine tastings, brewery tours, winery tours, museums, restaurants, music and dance lessons, etc.
- An Earl Campbell Houston Oilers jersey, signed by the man himself, and other great sports items
- Hotel, bed & breakfast, and holiday cabin accommodations
- Jewelry from Kendra Scott, Mariquita Masterson, and more
- Original art and craft work, including custom made for you!
- Services such as house cleaning, organizing, landscape consultation, bike work, photography
- A photo safari for two in South Africa – [more information here](#)
- BBQ grills, large and small
- Your chance to perform with Houston Show Choir at our main show
- Star gazing opportunities
- A British roast dinner, prepared by an authentic British person!
- Broadway-themed items
- *and much, much more!*

Bid often throughout the evening! We don't mind if you get up from your table to check on your items.

## **What forms of payment will you accept?**

Cash, check, credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Diners Club). Houston Show Choir does not keep or have access to customer credit card data; payments are made directly into our Stripe account via secure credit card readers.

Bring some cash for our raffle drawing (tickets are one for \$5, five for \$20). We will give away prizes ranging in value from \$20-\$100. Wine pull entries are available for \$20.

## **Is Houston Show Choir a registered non-profit organization?**

Yes. Any donation or payment over the value of items received is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## **What if I have other questions?**

Email the Gala Committee at [gala@houstonshowchoir.org](mailto:gala@houstonshowchoir.org).