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**1982 CHECKER MARATHON TAXI CAB MADE FAMOUS IN *MAD MEN*,
SPIDERMAN, AND *FROST-NIXON* UP FOR PROXY BID AT 26TH ANNUAL
CLASSIC WINES AUCTION**

Online bidding now open for packages including 2010 Commemorative Magnum with art by Mary Josephson; Golf Tournament at Columbia Edgewater Country Club; Texas Hold 'Em Party; and James Bond Evening at Tony Starlight's Supper Club

Editor's Note: Photos of auction items available upon request.

PORTLAND, Oregon – (February 22, 2009) – The Classic Wines Auction is gearing up for the 26th annual Gala Auction on March 6th, but if you are not attending the auction, there are select auction packages available for pre-sale online at www.classicwinesauction.com, as well as proxy bidding for all auction packages, including a 1982 Checker Taxi Cab. This year, more than ever, the five charities benefiting from the proceeds of the Classic Wines Auction and other wine events leading up to the auction need support for their programs. More than 700 auction attendees are devoted to raising millions of dollars for five local charities, but more people can be part of the action with an online bid or a proxy bid for one of many auction items including trips, chef and winemaker dinners, golf tournaments and prestigious wine and champagne lots. For an online auction catalogue, please click on www.classicwinesauction.com.

Checker Marathon Cab: An American Icon

The yellow 1982 Checker Marathon Taxi Cab is an "American Icon" and the only propane-only car ever built in the U.S. by an American company. The cab has a star-studded Hollywood past with appearances in a long list of movies, TV commercials and top rated TV shows, including *Mad Men*, *The Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Frost-Nixon*, *Catch Me if you Can*, and all three blockbuster *Spiderman* movies. The lot includes a trunk full of five cases of 2005 Big Yellow Cab Cabernet Sauvignon and assorted cab-related gifts.

"Watching so many sponsors, donors, event attendees and volunteers collaborate to raise funds for necessary programs that impact children and families is the most memorable part of our week of events," said Executive Director Heather Martin. Classic Wines Auction, Inc. has raised almost \$21.6 million for Portland-area charities since its inception in 1984. The Classic Wines Auction board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2010 auction events: Friends of the Children, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County.

Online Bidding Open for Auction Packages

You don't need a paddle to bid on a select group of dinners, parties and an exclusive golf tournament at Columbia Edgewater Country Club as part of the 26th Classic Wines Auction taking place on March 6, 2010. A variety of packages and 2010 Commemorative Magnums are now available for purchase with only the click of your mouse. Visit www.classicwinesauction.com for online bidding for more than six packages, including:

Lot 18 Second Annual Classic Wines Auction Golf Tournament

On **Monday, August 16, 2010**, join us at Columbia Edgewater Country Club for the 2nd Annual Classic Wines Auction Golf Tournament sponsored by KeyBank. Entry includes: golf, carts, buffet breakfast (for the morning shotgun), and lunch (for all), as well as 5 on-course hosted refreshment stops courtesy of Fred Meyer, wine and

golf-related tee prizes and an awards reception afterwards. Plus, each player will receive a \$100 certificate to shop for clothing and equipment in the TaylorMade/adidas merchandise tent. Tee it up on two par 3 holes to try for a "hole in one" to win a 2010 MINI Cooper S from Rasmussen MINI of Portland or \$10,000 cash, donated by KeyBank. *\$2500 per foursome*

Lot 21 Sweet Tooth for Youth

Bring a Ben & Jerry's ice cream party right to your home, workplace or a park for a group of 20 people. Or you may book your party at the Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop in Downtown Portland. The Ben & Jerry's staff will arrange to set up, clean up, and scoop up all the ice cream your group of 20 can eat. *\$500 per group of 20 people*

Lot 23 Texas Hold 'Em

On **Sunday, May 23, 2010**, join our Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Portland. Sold per group of 10 people, bring your friends to enjoy tournament play and other casino games, appetizers and a bar stocked with Rogue Brewing beer and liquor. The top 10 winners can win prizes from a 40" Samsung LED HDTV to a trip to Cancun! *\$2000 per group of 10 people*

Lot 33 Kooza: a Cirque Evening

On **Friday, April 23, 2010**, your evening will include a cocktail party in a warehouse on the South Waterfront, transportation to and from the Grand Chapiteau and the best seats in the house for Kooza by Cirque du Soleil. *\$600 per couple*

Lot 43 Bond, James Bond

On **Thursday, May 20, 2010** plan for an entertaining evening at Tony Starlight's Supperclub Lounge as a six-piece super group performs James Bond style. Celebrate the style and the glamour of the world's greatest spy in this, the 102nd Anniversary of Bond creator Ian Fleming's birth. Martinis, tuxedos, hot babes, super villains, gadgets, henchmen and great music will be on tap. This evening includes valet parking, a reception, dinner, wines and a show. *\$500 per couple*

2010 Commemorative Magnums

This limited series of 200 signed and numbered bottles is a perfect addition to your art and wine collections. These fantastic magnums showcase art by Mary Josephson. Inside the bottles enjoy Abacela's 2008 Celebration Tempranillo. Pick up or delivery can be arranged after Feb. 15, 2010. *\$250 per bottle.*

About Classic Wines Auction:

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wine events to raise funds for five local charities benefiting children and families. Recognized as one of the top five charity auction events by the *Wine Spectator*, Classic Wines Auction has raised a total of \$21.6 million since its inception in 1982. The five charities benefiting from the fundraising include: Friends of the Children – Portland, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County. More than 750 guests attended the 25th anniversary gala event on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The 2010 Auction will be held on March 6. For more information, please visit www.classicwinesauction.com.