

Auction with a difference

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With the venue decorated in shades of silver, green and white, and thousands of fairylights and candles creating a magical ambience, the Bona Dea Charity Ball in aid of Camphill on 2 November promises to be an event like no other.

Hosted by Camphill's neighbours, Robert and Diddi Johnson of Bona Dea Estate in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, the evening will start with music, canapés and champagne and include a gourmet dinner, dancing, lucky draws and fund-raising auction.

Several individuals and businesses have donated generously towards a good cause, with lucky draw prizes and auction items ranging from fine wine and artworks, to beauty treatments and luxury accommodation on the Greek island of Skiathos.

The most astonishing item, however, has to be the racehorse donated by well-known horse breeder David Hepburn-Brown from Hemel 'n Aarde Stud. The yearling filly will only be ready to commence training towards the end of 2014, and will remain on the farm until then under David's care and at his expense.

"It's a fantastic prize," says Diddi. "It costs a lot of money to maintain and train a racehorse, but that has all been taken care of. In addition to David's incredible offer, Crawford Racing in Cape Town is also sponsoring the stabling and training of the horse until it is ready to compete. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an indi-

vidual or a consortium to own a racehorse."

Telephonic bids will also be accepted on the evening.

Another luxury item that will be auctioned at the ball, is two weeks' accommodation for four people in a luxury cottage with outstanding views on the Greek island of Skiathos, with two excursions around the island onboard a luxury boat called Mamma Mia included in the package.

The cottage is called Khakibos and is owned by ex-South African Alexia Honiball, who will be the lucky winners' hostess. Included in this package is transfers from Skiathos airport, English breakfast and servicing of the cottage daily. One week is donated to the auction and the second week is donated as a lucky draw for the VIP table of 36 people.

Tickets for the event are R1 000 per person, and R1 500 for the VIP tickets. Be sure not to miss out on this special



Horse breeder David Hepburn-Browne of Hemel 'n Aarde Stud with the yearling he has donated to the Bona Dea Charity Ball auction in aid of Camphill.

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Another luxury item to be auctioned at the Bona Dea Charity Ball is two weeks' accommodation on the Greek island of Skiathos, with a boat trip included in the package.

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