

## Did You See That? The **One Big Event** Auction is Coming!



You won't believe your eyes when you enter the Auction Room of the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective's **One Big Event**. The excitement takes place at the Hilton Hartford Hotel in Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00pm. And that's just the beginning! Wait until you see the items we have for the Live Auction!

From wonderful excursions to awesome dining experiences to exciting theater to the coolest electronic gadgets to breathtaking art – you'll see it all at **One Big Event**. And even better – you have the opportunity to take these remarkable items home with you. All you need to do is place your bid. But be warned! The competition will be fierce!

Want to get away to the Big Apple? We've got it! Have a two night stay at one of four Kimpton Hotels in Manhattan. This award-winning hotel chain promises and delivers a luxurious stay that you won't forget. Plus you'll enjoy tickets to a hit Broadway show and dinner at a marvelous restaurant. New York will never be as romantic when you and that special someone experience it together.

Fine art will be prominently featured at this year's auction, many from renowned local artists. We have an oil on aluminum painting from West Hartford native Ric Ide; a piece from Hartford artist Carey Smith and from Ellen Carey, one of her pioneering creations using the world's largest instant camera, the Polaroid 40 X 80, Carey has created a series of monumental "pulls," which defy all preconceived notions of photographic reality. This is a rare opportunity to add to your art collection.

There will be certificates for spa treatments, the latest in personal software, theater tickets, antiques, services for your pet, gift baskets, and more items are coming in daily! You're sure to find the perfect gift for the holiday season. From a getaway to Ogunquit, ME to fine dining experiences there's something for everyone at this year's **OBE** Auction. Bring your checkbooks, credit cards and cash and plan on doing your tax deductible holiday shopping all in one evening.

**One Big Event** is a fundraiser for the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective, the largest organization in the state devoted to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities. The funds raised from the evenings' festivities go toward programs and services. The evening starts with cocktails at 6:00pm and ends at midnight when the band plays their last song. Tickets are \$125, \$175 and \$225. Our **Really, Really Big Sponsors** are The Hartford Courant, Hartford Insurance, Macy's, TD Bank and Van Horst Commercial Construction. The Honorary Host is Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra. E. John McGarvey and Nancy Meyer are the Co-Chairs. Would you like to be a part of **One Big Event**? Perhaps your business or organization would like to be a sponsor or program book advertiser? Do you have an exciting item for us to offer at our Auction? And we always welcome new Host Committee members. If you'd like to get involved, please contact **OBE** Coordinator, Dan Millett at **(860)278-4163 x 18** or email him at **danm@hglhc.org**.