Friends of Bulgaria

Charity Auction and Raffle 2025

Raffle: tickets will be sold at the event. You can preview some prizes at the end of this document.

Auction: If you cannot attend the party on 4th December, please leave advance bids by emailing sabina.zlateva@friendsofbulgaria.org.uk. Advance bidding closes 1.00pm on 4th December.

Successful bidders: Payments can be made by card during the event, or via Donations section of Friends of Bulgaria website (https://friendsofbulgaria.org.uk/donations-tickets) – please also complete the Gift Aid section.

Auction Lots

Lot 1

Artwork from Karin Dom

“At the village”

Opening bid: £8

КАРИН ДОМ
KARIN DOM

Made and donated by children at Karin Dom

Lot 2

Artwork from Karin Dom

“Sunflowers”

Opening bid £10

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Lot 3

Artwork from Karin Dom

“Poppies”

Opening bid £10

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Lot 4

Artwork from Karin Dom

“Misha in Fairytale Land”

Opening bid: £10

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Lot 5

Artwork from Karin Dom

“Daisies”

Opening bid: £10

КАРИН ДОМ
KARIN DOM

Made and donated by children at Karin Dom

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Lot 6

Rakiya

Private Production Troyan Plum Brandy

Double distilled, oak barrel aged plum Brandy from region of Troyan Monastery.

Opening bid: £20

Donated by Claire and John Brisby

Veo

Lot 7

Holiday Apartment Bansko

Five-night stay, self-catering, excluding flights
Max capacity: 5 people

A spacious modern holiday apartment in the 4* Apart-Hotel, St. George, Bansko. The flat is located at a 10-minute walk from the gondola lifts and 15 minutes from the old town centre.

Bansko is a picturesque old town located at the foot of the Pirin Mountains in Southwestern Bulgaria. It is famous for its traditional architecture and cuisine, world class spa and golf. It is also the most popular ski resort in Eastern Europe, attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists every year from all over the world. The resort is a popular destination all year around and offers a wide range of fun activities for families and couples. The flat has 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a spacious living room and balconies with a superb view. The apart-hotel also offers spa, gym, swimming pool and a restaurant. Access to these facilities comes at a small extra price.

Opening bid: £250

Donated by Ivana and George Velikov

ПЪСТРИ ИСТОРИИ
Каталог на троянски занаятчии

Lot 8

Ceramic Mug 1

Ralitsa Yovkova
Ceramicist Troyan
https://www.ralitsayovkova.com/ceramics

As featured in the “Пъстри истории” catalogue:

Ралица Николаева Йовкова

е родена на 22 юни 1978 г. в град Троян във фамилия с над 120-годишна традиция в създаването на керамика (четвърто поколение).

1998 г. – завършва Художественото училище в Троян със специалност „Керамика“.

2001 г. – завършва с отличен НХА – София, специалност „Керамика“.

2000 г. – участва в международен пленер по керамика в Художественото училище, Троян с ученици на „Шилинг“ 6.

2002–2011 г. – занимава се с преподавателска дейност в Художественото училище в Троян.

2002 г. – става член на Дружеството на троянските художници, от което участва в еженедните проекти и всеки изложби и до ден днешен.

2007 г. – самостоятелна изложба в Копиа, Троян.

2008 г. – участва в международно биенале в Пре-Вел-Лоре, Франция.

2008 г. – участва в ергичарско състезание в ЕМО „Етнар“ – Габрово, където печели награда за най-мил автор.

2008 г. – започва активна работа в ателието на баща си, Николай Йовков, и създава авторски серии на утилитарна керамика, която дълбоко всяка вещина. Сериите с нейни собствени стихи, отдават уважение и разпознаваемо. Разширява дейността си, навлизайки в нови, които обучава и разпространява керамиката си в цялата страна. Това е нейната основна дейност и до сега.

2009 г. – участва в конкурс [Viewing] гр. Карук, Швейцария, където е селектирана от 819 участници от 44 страни, включена в в годишното издание на каталог

2009 г. – удостоена е със Специална награда на сп. „Уикенд туризъм“, Русе

2009 г. – участва в два местни керамични базара в Перн-ла-Фонтен, Франция, по покана на Комитета за побратимяване

2009 г. – изложба на четирите поколения „Традиция във времето“, НИКЗИ, Орешак

2010 г. – посещава Португалия по покана за международен културен обмен

2010 г. – обща изложба с баща си, Николай Йовков, РЕМ – Пловдив

2010 г. – участва в културен обмен и Конкурс в гр. Лайак, Франция по покана на Комитета за побратимяване

2011–2019 г. – участва в съвместни изложби с баща си, Етнографски музей, Берковица

2012 г. – първа награда в сп. „Уикенд туризъм“, Русе

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Claire and John Brisby

ПЪСТРИ ИСТОРИИ
Каталог на троянски занаятчии

Lot 9

Ceramic Mug 2

Ralitsa Yovkova
Ceramicist Troyan
https://www.ralitsayovkova.com/ceramics

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Ралица Николаева Йовкова

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Claire and John Brisby

Veo

Lot 10

Tour of Rakiya Manufacturer Vinprom, Troyan

Following the process from treatment of raw fruit, through fermentation all the way to bottling.

Includes Rakiya tasting at the end.

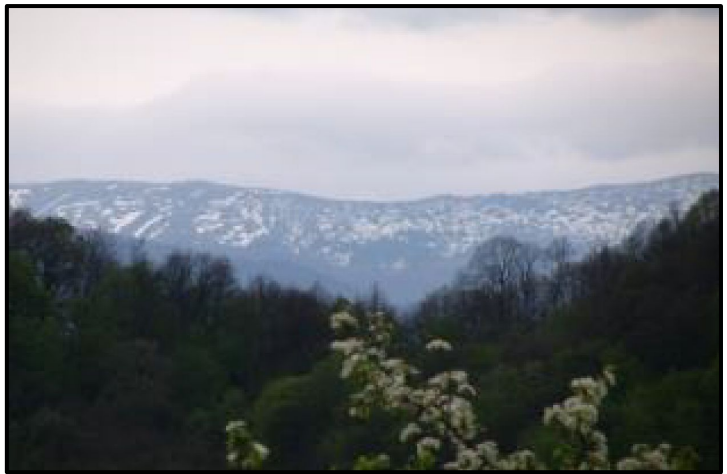
Maximum of 8 people.

Opening bid: £20

Donated by Martin and Rossitsa Sexton

Veo

Lot 11



Balkan Holiday House,
Troyan, Bulgaria

One week stay, self catering, excluding flights
Max capacity: 6 people

A traditional hamlet house remotely situated at the base of the Balkan range, half an hour's wooded walk to the Troyan Monastery, a foremost historic monastery in Bulgaria famous for its miracle-working icon and colourful mural painting.

Troyan is 2 hrs. drive from Sofia, the nearest airport.

Opening bid: £200

Donated by Claire and John Brisby

Veo

Lot 12

Boutique Christmas Biscuits 1

Hand crafted and baked with love and attention to every detail.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Denitsa & Ivan Yordanov

https://cakekingdom.co.uk/

Veo

Lot 13

Boutique Christmas Biscuits 2

Hand crafted and baked with love and attention to every detail.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Denitsa & Ivan Yordanov

https://cakekingdom.co.uk/

Veo

Lot 14

Boutique Christmas Biscuits 3

Hand crafted and baked with love and attention to every detail.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Denitsa & Ivan Yordanov

https://cakekingdom.co.uk/

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Lot 15

Fuller’s Gift Set

Fuller’s ESB Legendary Ale beer and glass gift set

Opening bid: £10

Donated by the Martin and Rossitza Sexton

Lot 16

Love Letter (framed)

By Nelly Dimitranova, limited edition print, inscribed and signed

Artist Bio:

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- Master of Arts, Royal College of Art, London (1991-1993)
- Teaching posts: Bath Spa University College (1995-2005), Richmond and Huron Universities, London
- Artist in residence, Red Magazine (2013 and 2015)
- Commissions include an outside mural for Queen's Crescent Community Centre (2023-2024)
- Solo shows include at Pentagram design, Conningsby Gallery, House of St Barnabas, The Playground Theatre.
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- UCL Art Collection, London: drawings of John Flaxman's plaster casts
- Logo, Karin Dom Foundation, Varna (1992, still in use)

Opening bid: £30

Donated by the artist, Nelly Dimitranova

Print dimensions 42 x 29.5cm, Nelly Dimitranova

Lot 17

Love Letter (x4 unframed)

By Nelly Dimitranova, limited edition print, inscribed and signed

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Opening bid: £40

Donated by the artist, Nelly Dimitranova

Print dimensions 42 x 29.5cm, Nelly Dimitranova

Lot 18

Dangerously Delicious Cupcakes 1

Box of 6 homemade cupcakes.

Prepared by Dimitrina Sariyska – professional cake designer, specialising in stunning cakes for all events.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Dimitrina Sariyska

Lot 19

Dangerously Delicious Cupcakes 2

Box of 6 homemade cupcakes.

Prepared by Dimitrina Sariyska – professional cake designer, specialising in stunning cakes for all events.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Dimitrina Sariyska

Lot 20

Dangerously Delicious Cupcakes 3

Box of 6 homemade cupcakes.

Prepared by Dimitrina Sariyska – professional cake designer, specialising in stunning cakes for all events.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Dimitrina Sariyska

MELNIK
55
2022
EARLY MELNIK GRAPE
LOCODAJ

Lot 21

Logodaj Winery MELNIK 55 (2023)

100% Melnik 55 grape variety (a.k.a. Early Melnik Grape)

This wine will blow your socks off! An absolute flavour bomb of raspberry, plum, chocolate and coffee, this wine is full-bodied and oak-aged, packing a punch. It's made with 100% Early Melnik grape, native to Bulgaria, and its tobacco notes explain why it is remembered as Winston Churchill's favourite wine.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by Dilyan Kolev (The Jolly Merchants)

https://www.thejollymerchants.co.uk/

VIDEO

Lot 22

Designer Jewellery

Pendant and earrings, set in silver.

Opening bid: £30

Donated by the G. Uzunova

Lot 23

Designer Jewellery

Bracelet: Amber set in silver

Opening bid: £40

Donated by the G. Uzunova

Lot 24

Designer Jewellery

Bracelet: Silver set with Mother of Pearl.

Opening bid: £40

Donated by the G. Uzunova

Lot 25

Designer Jewellery

Necklace: Silver, enamel set with pearls.

Opening bid: £50

Donated by the G. Uzunova

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Lot 26

Red Wine, All Dressed Up

A bottle of red wine, dressed in a traditional Bulgarian attire.

Opening bid: £10

Donated by the Sariyski family

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Lot 27

Millie Marvellous Dachshund

Fine art print of Millie, Plamena Momcheva's adorable Dachshund.

One of a limited number of Plamena's prints donated to a dachshund charity which rescues dogs from the meat trade in Asia.

Opening bid: £10

Giclee art print, size 13.5 x 12 inch (approx 38 x 30 cms).

Donated by the artist, Plamena Momcheva

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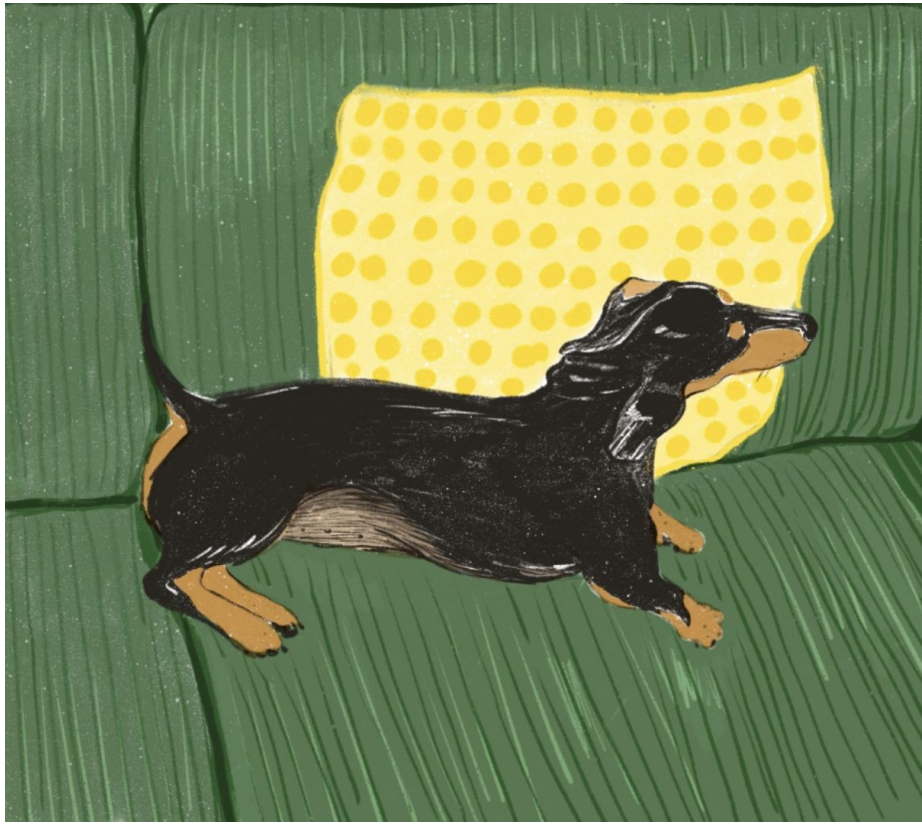

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Donated by the artist, Plamena Momcheva

VIDEO

Lot 30

Box set of Black and White Truffle Products

- White truffle sauce (80g)
- Black truffle sauce (90g)
- Sauce “Royal” with white truffle (80g)
- Black truffle olive oil (100ml)

Opening bid: £25

Donated by Ralitsa Petrova

www.truffles-bulgaria.com

Lot 31

Box set of Black and White Truffle Products

- Sauce with mushrooms and white truffle (80g)
- White truffle butter (80g)
- Olive oil with truffle (100ml)

Opening bid: £25

Donated by Ralitsa Petrova

www.truffles-bulgaria.com

VIDEO

Lot 32

Horo by Ant Tyler

Artist Bio:

- Modern History, Oxford.
- Ruskin School of Art, St.Martin's and the Chelsea School of Art under future Turner scholar Eric Shanes and life-class sessions with Quentin Crisp as model.
- Selected, Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 1975
- Sol Exhibitions: Petworth, Bath and Young British Artists, Mall Galleries
- Current Member of the Sketch Club
- Private collectors: United Kingdom, Europe and United States.
- Commissions received for portraits of people and of houses.

Opening bid: £50

Donated by William Thuillier, the artist Ant Tyler
(For commissions https://williamthuillier.com/)

Oil on board 60.5 x 80cm, Ant Tyler, www.anttyler.com

Raffle Prizes

Donated by Karin Dom

Illustrated edition of the Bulgarian literary classic “Под Игото”

Karin Dom Calendar, 2026

Christmas decoration

3 x Mug and Strainer for Tea

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