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EBTH partners with Cincinnati businesses to offer 'behind-scenes' experiences

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Cincinnati online auction house Everything but the House is partnering with local businesses that have been impacted by the coronavirus to offer up unique experiences – like private chef dinners or a date night at the Zoo – to benefit those companies.

Everything but the House (EBTH) is launching a series of "Uncommon Experiences" auctions featuring local businesses offering up services or opportunities that are not typically available to the public. Participating institutions include the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Jeff Ruby Culinary Entertainment, the Rhined, Homemaker's Bar, Idlewild Boutique and Chef [Jose Salazar](#).

The series goes live 2 a.m. April 29. For information, [click here](#).

Everything but the House is distributing 100% of the sale proceeds from each auction directly to those small businesses offering up the experiences for auction.

"It's not an everyday occurrence to be given the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes with the creators of our city's hospitality, fashion and beauty scene and experience such personalized and intimate attention," EBTH co-founder Briand Graves said in a news release.

Participating businesses experiences includes:

Abigail Street, where the team will prepare dinner in the winner's house for up to 12 people, including an entire roasted lamb with traditional sides, wine, baklava and the distilled spirit Arak.

The Rhined is offering a virtual wine and cheese class via Zoom for up to four households. The owners will deliver four cheeses and two bottles of wine, and then Certified Cheese Professional Stephanie Webster and Sommelier Chris O'Hearn will walk through them during the Zoom class.

21c Museum Hotel is offering up a one-night stay in a suite with complementary valet parking, a tour of its contemporary art museum with Museum Manager Michael Hurts, which precedes dinner at Metropole. The following morning offers a massage and late check-out.

A Tavola will deliver salads, appetizers and pasta kits with ravioli for four people, along with three wines to pair with the



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EBTH co-founders Brian Graves and Jacqui Denny

food courses.

Benefit Salon is offering a bridal experience of custom hair and makeup for one bride and four bridesmaids for a 2021 wedding.

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is offering four experiences:

A date-night upgrade with tickets to two of the Zoo's most popular events, with VIP treatment at Zoofari and then the choice of one event from the "Toast to the Wild" event series, which includes Wild about Wine, Cocktails for Conservation and Zoo Brew.

A 30-minute private experience with Zoo director Thane Maynard, who will answer questions about wildlife, tell stories about the zoo and how he came to lead one of Cincinnati's largest attractions.

Steve Foltz, director of horticulture, will do a private consultation at the winner's backyard, bringing his expertise from managing one of the area's largest plant collections.

Mark Fisher, vice president of facilities, planning and sustainability, will give a tour for up to 10 adults, giving a behind-the-scenes look at the Zoo and what it is doing in the name of sustainability and conservation.

Crown Republic Gastropub is offering a basket of rigatoni orecchiette pasta and a choice of sauces, as well as a bottle of wine to pair, and then a \$50 gift card to Crown Republic and a \$100 gift card to its sister steakhouse Losanti.

Homemaker's Bar is offering an intimate cocktail class for up to six people in its exclusive hidden bar, Harvey Wallbangers. The class includes four cocktails, light bites and a chance to make your own unique cocktail.

Idlwild Boutique is offering an experience for eight to join "Project Runway" contestant Tessa Clark to shop virtually at the women's boutique. The winner will receive a \$150 gift card, and the entire party will get 20% off their purchases.

Ivy Costa Style will send its founding wardrobe stylist to the winner's home for a one-on-one wardrobe consultation, which will include a wardrobe edit, identification of important missing pieces, a shopping list and guidelines and outfitting ideas based around the existing wardrobe.

Hart&Cru is offering an in-home wine tasting of Sommelier Kevin Hart's seasonal favorite wine, pairing eight wines with cheese and meats from the Rhined. The 10-person experience will last three to four hours.

Longfellow is offering a private party for up to 16 people in its Other Room private bar, with snacks, cocktails, beer and wine included.

Nicole Leisen Personal Training & Fitness is offering a 45-minute private TRX fitness class followed by a happy hour for up to 13 people.

Romualdo is offering a private experience for up to six people with a bourbon tasting an Italian charcuteria and a class on the ins and outs of men's style. The winner will receive two custom shirts and the entire group will get 20% off of any purchases made the night of the experience.

Salazar is offering a Spanish-themed Ohio Wagyu steak dinner for four, paired with a bottle of Pingus 2001 from Ribera del Duero.

Soho Boutique is offering a one-on-one styling sessions with one of its stylists, along with a \$100 gift card.

Spotted Goose Boutique is offering a one-on-one styling session for the winner's children. The winner will get individual looks for each of their children, along with a \$100 gift card to the boutique.

Taglio will deliver a pizza party kit for four people, with salads, appetizers, beer and wine with multiple doughs and toppings for a family pizza night.

The Aperture is offering two experiences:

A private direct-instruction cooking class for up to 10 people with Chef Jordan Anthony-Brown providing instruction for the preparation and execution of a three-course meal.

A private in-home dinner for up to eight guests consisting of seven courses and wine accompaniments.

Tres Belle Cakes will create a unicorn cake in the flavor of the winner's choice and deliver it to the winner's door.

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