

How to Engage Your Friends with HSO's Virtual Gala



Host a pre-event virtual cocktail party!



- Coordinate with your friends to know who plans to tune in to the Virtual Gala and schedule a pre-event cocktail reception via ZOOM immediately before the start of the program
- Drop off a bottle of wine (or ingredients to make a specialty quarantine cocktail!) along with an appetizer to everyone participating
- Everyone can join ZOOM at your designated time and enjoy the drinks and appetizer as you connect virtually before everyone tunes in to the virtual event!
- Put your own spin on things! Set a fun dress-code (ball gowns and tuxes, PJs, or something in-between!)

For your friends who have never used ZOOM before, you can provide the attached step-by-step instructions. We encourage you to try out a practice run!

Invite friends to purchase a seat at your "Virtual Table" by making a donation to *Fund the Inspiration!*



- Your friends can donate here:
<https://hartfordsymphony.ejoinme.org/BravoDonate>
- Offer to host an in-person party for your "tablemates" once it is once again safe to gather! That way, individuals are making a fully tax-deductible contribution to the HSO and will get to celebrate with you at a later date

FUN TIP: consider bidding on the "HSO Ensemble in your Home" package in our online auction and have the Symphony perform at your gathering - like a "mini-gala"!