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HOT TUB TO ROLLER COASTER

Lyrics by Makiyah Gray

Music by Erika Ji

Sung by Marinda Anderson

Doot doo doo doo
Doot doo doo doo doo

I went to the water park
And ran to the hot tub
Hoo Haa the hot tub
I went to the water park
And ran to the hot tub
And my mom told me to get out of the
hot tub
And take my sister to the pool
My mom told me to get out of the hot
tub
And take my sister to the pool

So I got out and push her, push her in
the pool
She loved it
JK she hated it
But when I got back to the hot tub
It smell like bleach with water
But not in a good way

And we are going to Coney Island
But I'm afraid of roller coasters
But it's my sister's birthday and my
sister wants to go
We are going to Coney Island
But I'm afraid of roller coasters
But it's my sister's birthday and my
sister wants to go

Her sister was five and a half
And then she went on a dragon roller
coaster
And it was her first time
So she was at Legoland at the dragon
roller coaster
And then it was her dad



It was her mom, her sister and her
It's the best day of my life!

I love it
I would come back
To the dragon roller coaster
I love it
I would come back
To the dragon roller coaster
It's the best day of my life!

So we are going to Coney Island
But I'm afraid of roller coasters
But it's my sister's birthday and my
sister wants to go
We are going to Coney Island
But I'm afraid of roller coasters
But it's my sister's birthday and my
sister wants to go

It had a big drop
It had a big drop
It was scary
It was scary

Doot doo doo doo
Doot doo doo doo doo
Hoo Haa the hot tub

JUST LEAVE HIM

Lyrics by Julian (L.J.) Wilder IV

Music by James Powers

Sung by Taylor Trench

Hi, I'm a warthog
Living on Saturn
My name is Kevin
I have nothing else to do
What do I do?
What do I do?
What do I do?

I have a pet
His name is Douglass
I think he's a real plant
But he doesn't talk
So I put googly eyes on him
I mean, he needs to see, right?
And I'm talking to you
Cause I have nothing else to do
WAIT!

(Spoken.) Is that an article about Six
Flags! ON EARTH!

I wanna leave
I want strange food
But I don't have a ship
I don't have a ship
What do I do?
What do I do?
What do I do?

Let me look for some materials to build
one
Wait, I'm on Saturn
There's nothing here
Let me look for mechanics
But it's just me
Wait! I can swim through zero gravity
to get there
But my pet Douglass can't swim
Do I leave him or bring him?



(Spoken.)

You're supposed to say bring him
now...

(Wait for audience response.) Wow!

You are so smart! You know what?

(Wait for audience response.) Just
leave him.

ONLY MY MOM

Lyrics by Diana Abrajan

Music by Tess Edwards

Sung by Celia Keenan-Bolger

My mom

Helps me with homework in need

She encourages me a lot

She encourages me to do anything in
life

To never give up

Work through it all

To make it through

What makes my mom strong:

Me, her family, doctors, her mind

Working out

What makes my mom strong:

She helps me in school

By putting me in a extra math help
class

With other kids who need help too

She is a big helper and has a kind kind
heart

She encourages me to do anything in
life

To never give up

Work through it all

To make it through

What makes my mom strong:

She makes people laugh and it's
heartwarming

She continues to be stronger everyday

Thank you, Mom

Thank you, Mom

Thank you, Mom



LEFT SOCK PROTEST

Lyrics by Grace V. Guity-Reyes

Music by Sarah Slipp

Sung by Jin Ha

I remember that time when we were
together
It was a joy
Fighting off that stinky smell
We were strong
Please don't leave me
We were like a fifth melody

Left Sock Protest!

Don't tell me I'm dramatic!
I'm telling you, I miss you
We were a pair
Not one sock for themselves
We are not cavemen
Left sock protest!

Start a riot!
Set this place on fire!

(Spoken)
Uh...I mean, don't set the place on
fire...here's a piece of advice.

Don't. Be. Nice. To. The. Laundry.
Machine.
You don't want to lose your dreams,
loved ones, etcetera

Left Sock Protest!

Don't tell me I'm dramatic!
I'm telling you, I miss you
We were a pair
Not one sock for themselves
We are not cavemen

Left Sock Protest!



The machine is something you don't
want to mess with
But guess what?
If you mess with right sock, you mess
with left sock too
That's just common sense
Let me repeat it again!
The machine is something you don't
want to mess with
But guess what?
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LIVE AUCTION CATALOGUE

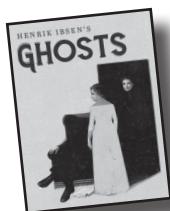
At some point tonight, **Hank Azaria** and the Project's witty and urbane Founder, **Willie Reale**, will nimbly bound onto the stage to auction off the one-of-a-kind packages described on these pages. Be bold on your bids! It all goes to a good cause, as we're sure you know!

1. THE "GHOSTS SOCIAL TIME" PACKAGE

Hey, we're pretty sure you like theater, so we put together a fine bundle of Broadway tickets just for you. Win this item and get:

- Two tickets to **Henrik Ibsen's *Ghosts*** at **Lincoln Center** (starring Project Pal **Billy Crudup**!)
- Two tickets to ***Buena Vista Social Club***.
- Two tickets to ***Just In Time***. This show, all about the great **Bobby Darin**, includes a "meet and greet" with star **Jonathan Groff**.

VALUE: \$1,492



2. THE "CLUBBIN' WITH THE STARS" PACKAGE

You and your best golfing pal get to play as a foursome with actor **David Costabile** (He was "Wags" in ***Billions***) and everybody's favorite angry comedian **Lewis Black** at **The 52nd Street Project's Annual Golf Outing** on May 15 at the very posh, members-only **Blind Brook Club** in Rye Brook, NY.

VALUE: \$3,000 for the golfing (it's incalculable for the company!)



3. THE “RANGERS AND BOMBERS” PACKAGE

Okay, maybe you’re not nuts about theater OR golf. This one’s GOTTA be right for you and your three best buds.

- 4 Tickets to a **New York Rangers** game of your choosing in section 111 (basically behind the net).
- 4 suite box tickets to the **New York Yankees** vs the **Oakland Athletics** on Saturday, June 28 at 1:05 pm at Yankee Stadium. You also get complimentary snacks and refreshments!

VALUE: \$2,120

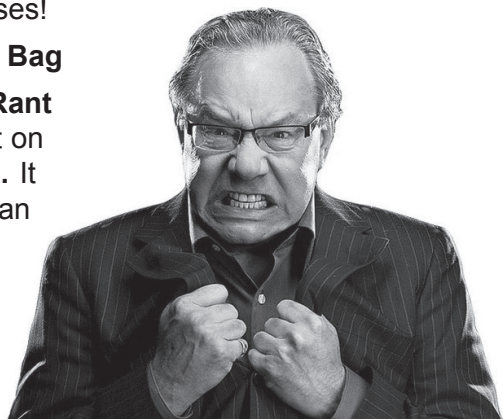


4. THE “RANT ACCESS WITH LEWIS” PACKAGE

We were afraid that **Lewis Black** would yell at us for asking for more auction item contributions, but he only grumbled softly. So we’re offering more Lew! With this big bundle, you get:

- 2 tickets for Lewis’s comedy tour on the time and day of your choosing.
- 2 tickets to a live taping of **The Daily Show** on a date to be determined. This includes backstage passes!
- A Special **Lewis Black Swag Bag**
- A special, customized **Lew-Rant** to be aired on Lew’s podcast on the **topic of your choosing**. It could be about e-bikes, vegan pizza, Zoom meetings, or anything else you detest.

VALUE: Don’t even ask!!!



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