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Raue Center prepares for 5th annual Stargazers Ball

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CRYSTAL LAKE – The **Raue Center** for the Arts is preparing for the fifth annual Stargazers Ball this month. The formal event serves as the kickoff for the new season at the **Raue Center** and will include dinner, dancing and an auction to raise money for the **center**. The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Boulder Ridge Country Club, 350 Boulder Drive, Lake in the Hills.

Music for the evening will be provided by the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra.

Among the items up for auction is a \$2,100 custom necklace presented by Steve and Jenny Dalzell, owners of Dalzell and Co. Jewelers in Crystal Lake.

“We wanted to give something back to the **Raue** that not only represents our custom design abilities, but was something that demonstrated the unique and special nature of the theater,” Steve Dalzell said. “It’s become the focal point of our beautiful downtown area. A one-of-a-kind gem.”

The piece, created by Dalzell and one of his designers specifically for the ball, has been named the Stargazers Treasure Necklace. It features 75 round brilliant-cut diamonds placed within a white gold crescent moon setting. The diamonds have a total weight of 1.27 carats.

Within the moon sit three cabochon-cut moonstones with a total weight of 1.50 carats.

Other auction items include Chicago theater and dinner packages; mystery boxes with gift cards for families; a week’s vacation at a house in Phoenix; a private dinner for eight with limo ride; Chicago Bears skybox tickets; a two-night New York theater package that

includes a meeting with James Lipton; and an Audi package, which includes an Audi car for the weekend, dinner and two tickets to the 2010 Stargazers ball.

Tickets to the event cost \$150 a person, and raffle tickets cost \$50. Only 350 raffle tickets will be sold, and the grand prize is \$5,000 in cash.

For information about the event or to buy tickets, call **Raue Center** for the Arts at 815-356-9010 or visit

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