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## Artfully Done

A sold-out crowd of more than 600 art collectors, art enthusiasts and artists packed the 5th Annual **PONCHO Invitational Fine Art Auction**, "A Horse of a Different Color," on Saturday, March 4. The event raised over \$350,000—a PONCHO Art Auction record—for area arts organizations and arts education programs.

**1** Michael Alhadeff, PONCHO president, and Steve Jensen, artist and PONCHO auction committee cochair

**2** Susan Grover of Grover Thurston Gallery accepted the Artist of the Year Award on behalf of Fay Jones from Steve Jensen.

**3** The TT Minor band wowed the crowd, performing during the "Raise Your Paddle" for Arts Education presentation.

**4** Bonnie Elgin and Chloe Mueller watched the bidding action and took part in the auction.



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**1** Four-year-old Krystal was granted the 3,000th wish—her Oscar for Best Cinderella in a Movie.



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**2** Winning bidder Carolie Smith cuddled her very sweet new \$10,000 puppy.



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**3** Make-A-Wish Foundation board chair Rich Olin presented Alaska Airlines CEO Bill Ayer with the Spirit of Hope award. Alaska Airlines has been a partner of the local chapter for more than 20 years.

## Dreams Come True

On March 11, the **20th Wish Night Gala and Auction**, hosted at the Westin Seattle by Mitch Elliot of MIX 92.5, raised \$620,000 and granted its 3,000th wish.



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Founded in 1932 by Mac McGee using his three-seat Stinson aircraft, Alaska Airlines is now the ninth-largest airline in the United States, and the dominant West Coast carrier. Today the airline serves 58 destinations, with roughly 480 daily departures in the U.S., Mexico and Canada. McGee would be proud to know that Alaska Airlines recently placed an order for 35 Boeing 737-800 aircraft to add to its existing fleet of III aircraft. Between this growing convoy and 13 Mileage Plan airline partners, there's almost no place in the world passengers can't go with Alaska Airlines.

In 1995 Alaska, along with its sister carrier, Horizon Air, became the first U.S. airline to book flights and sell tickets via the Internet. In addition, Alaska recently introduced wireless check-in through Web-enabled phones and wireless handheld devices. Throw in amenities like effortless instant travel machines that allow passengers to skip ticket counters, and it's easy to see why Alaska Airlines continues to collect accolades as the Best Domestic Carrier from Condé Nast, Travel & Leisure and other respected publications.

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