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### Lunch with Cate Blanchett up for auction to help homeless youth

Cate Blanchett, Co-Artistic Director of Sydney Theatre Company and Academy Award winning actress, is putting herself up for auction this weekend for a cause close to her heart, supporting homeless and disadvantaged young people, via the Oasis Youth Support Network's annual fundraising Ball.

The Salvation Army's major response to youth homelessness, the Oasis Youth Support Network, will be hosting its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Oasis Ball on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, to raise significant funds towards enhancing their innovative youth support services in Sydney's inner city.

Last year's Oasis Ball raised almost \$350,000 for the organisation and this year's promises to deliver similar results, with premium live and silent auction items on offer including a five star dining experience at ARIA restaurant with Cate Blanchett and Major Robbin Moulds AM, Director of Oasis.

"This year, I am absolutely thrilled that Cate will be co-hosting an intimate three course lunch with myself and four guests at the coveted two chef's hat ARIA restaurant. We anticipate this live auction will break all bidding records," said Major Moulds.

With tables still available for the evening, Major Moulds invites members of the public to support this valuable organisation and attend Oasis's night of nights.

Based in Surry Hills, Oasis offers over 25 innovative and uplifting services to help disconnected young people get back on their feet and begin turning their lives around.

Doltone House Darling Island Wharf is the setting of this year's charity event, which will be hosted by Australian television personality James Mathison and is set to feature a performance by 2010 Australia's Got Talent Winners, Justice Crew.

"It promises to be an inspirational evening filled with first-class entertainment, premium catering and of-course the thrill and excitement of the live auction. But most importantly, we will be able to continue providing opportunities for our young people to work towards a greater future," added Major Moulds.

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Oasis Ball will be held on Saturday July 30, with tickets costing \$250 per person or \$2,500 for a table of 10 to book online, visit <http://oasis.iwannaticket.com.au>*

Cate Blanchett is Patron of The Oasis: Homeless Short Film Competition, a national competition for school students to raise awareness about homelessness.

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