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Iowa City, IA –Diamonds or Denim, Riverside Theatre’s annual fundraising gala, will include a new and unique element this year, one-of-a-kind birdhouses.

The birdhouses were decorated by local artists, community members, members of Riverside Theatre’s Board of Directors and patrons of the theatre and look like anything but ordinary birdhouses.

Using paint, paper, cloth, lights, feathers, beads, metal and repurposed materials, the birdhouses have been transformed by their designers into original pieces of art.

“When we distributed birdhouses to area artists and friends of Riverside – we had no idea they would come back to us with such unique designs,” said Riverside Theatre Artistic Director Jody Hovland. “They are truly one-of-a-kind art objects – who would have thought a simple wooden birdhouse would generate such wildly imaginative and whimsical ideas?”

The only way to see these creative creations is to come to Diamonds or Denim.

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The birdhouses will be part of the table decorations at this year's fundraising gala and will be sold within the evening's silent auction.

This year's Diamonds or Denim will be held at hotelVetro suites & conference center in the Plaza Towers, 201 S. Linn St. Iowa City, on Friday, February 24, starting at 6 p.m.

The event features a silent auction, live auction, raffle drawing, music by Iowa City's most eclectic ensemble The Recliners, appetizers and desserts provided by local eateries, and a cash bar.

This year's raffle offers two fabulous prizes. The first raffle prize is a 14K two-toned white and yellow gold diamond bracelet. The second raffle prize is a \$1,000 Visa® Gift Card, usable anywhere Visa is accepted. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and can be purchased by calling [319-338-7672](tel:319-338-7672). Raffle tickets will also be for sale at the event.

The professional live auction by Sharpless Auction offers a wide variety of unique experiences including dinners, excursions, accommodations in popular vacation destinations, and parties.

The silent auction will feature many unique items including jewelry, art, autographed books, handmade creations, and much more.

Regular tickets for Diamonds on Denim are \$55 each (\$45/ticket is tax-deductible) and tables of 10 are available for \$500 (\$40/ticket is tax-deductible). Discounted tickets are available for Riverdog Pass Holders for \$50 each (\$40/ticket is tax-deductible). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.riversidetheatre.org](http://www.riversidetheatre.org), by phone at [\(319\) 338-7672](tel:319-338-7672) or at the Riverside Theatre Box Office. The Box Office is located at 213 N. Gilbert St, Iowa City. Box Office Hours are: 12 - 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the event. Tables of 10 must be arranged through the Box Office.

All proceeds from the evening will support Riverside Theatre programming.

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