LREI BIG SHINDIG: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the Event

What is the Big Shindig?
Once called the Big Auction. Then the Big Party, The Big Shindig is a fun celebration that will focus on bringing together the entire LREI community while raising necessary funds for the school. For nearly 100 years, the LREI community has come together to celebrate and support the school.

When and where is the event?
The Big Shindig will take place at The Bowery Hotel on 335 Bowery (Bowery and 3rd) on Thursday, March 7, 2019. The event will be from 6:30 -10 pm, with a prompt 8 pm starting time for the program. The band will start at 8:30 pm.

How is the Big Shindig different from the Big Auction?
The goal of the Big Shindig is to have a fun, casual, community-orientated party that also raises funds for the school. We hope that everyone can attend and have created a “pay what you can” ticket option on the online portal. Giving opportunities will include a silent auction, numerous raffles and a fund-a-cause appeal.

Who is coming?
We are inviting the entire LREI community (if you are over 21 years of age) including current families, alumni, alumni families, faculty and staff. We hope that everyone can attend!

What should I wear?
The dress code is casual, but feel free to wear whatever you would like!

What will we do at the event?
We are thrilled to announce that the McKittrick Hotel’s Heathens will be playing at our event! In addition to music and dancing, we will be offering wine, beer, specialty cocktails and, heavy hors d’oeuvres - so get ready to have a great time! To meet our fundraising goals, there will be a silent auction, raffles and fund-a-cause.

Tickets
Where can I purchase tickets?
Visit shindig19.givesmart.com to purchase tickets.

What does “PAY WHAT YOU CAN” mean?
While we have offered a suggested ticket price of $100, “pay what you can” means that you should pay what you can, whether it be $5 or $500. The important thing is that you are there.

_How do I purchase a “Pay What You Can” ticket?_
Go to [shindig19.givesmart.com](http://shindig19.givesmart.com). Click on the "Tickets Available Now/Join Us" button. Once you are on the ticketing page, follow the directions for the "Pay What You Can" ticket. You will be asked to enter how many attendees you will be bringing and the amount you would like to pay.

_How do I get help with the GiveSmart ticketing portal?_
We’ve included specific directions for purchasing tickets on the GiveSmart portal. However, if you have any questions contact Elisabeth in the Advancement office at eingwersenmendez@lrei.org or 212-477-5316 ex. 269.

_Are tickets tax deductible?_
The actual event cost per person is $185. Any amount over the cost of your tickets is tax deductible. All underwritten tickets for teachers and donations will be 100% tax deductible.

_Can I purchase a ticket for a specific teacher?_
Sorry! We cannot assign specific teachers. However, the tickets you purchase will offset the school’s cost to pay for teacher tickets and all teachers are invited.