

## Sunday Soirées

STARTING OFF THE WEEK, AND A NEW SEASON, WITH A BANG

BY DEBBIE BANCROFT

I simply can't get enough of "being in the presence of . . ." Perhaps I should be more "present." In any case, next it was **TRH the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester** honoring **Sir Colin Davis**—who has been the Principal Conductor of The London Symphony Orchestra (which was the organization throwing the gala) since 1995—with the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Roddy Gow** (whose wife, **April**, co-chaired, along with **Audrey Gruss**, **Mai Harrison**, **Gail Hilson**, **Diana Quasha** and **Daisy Soros**) connected the Duke's love of music and profession as an architect by quoting Goethe: "Architecture is music . . . frozen." Quite elegant, I thought, as was the rest of the evening and its inhabitants, including **Carroll Petrie**, **Jackie Weld** and **Rod Drake**, **David Ober**, **Douglas Hannant** and **Frederick Anderson**, **Frances Haywood**, **Hilary and Wilbur Ross**, **Sir Philip Thomas**, **Hillie Mahoney**, **Anabelle** and **Alberto Mariaca**, **Natalie Pray** and **Marty Gruss**. The highlight of the evening was a rousing performance by **Lang Lang**, who gave new meaning to the expression "passionate performance" on his positively palpitating piano. He is great great!

The night before last, also cold of course, I went over to the Metropolitan Club where the London Symphony Orchestra American Foundation were holding their annual gala in celebration of the LSO's Centenary Season and the 80th Birthday of Maestro **Pierre Boulez**.

The LSO, under the patronage of **Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II** and with Principal Conductor **Sir Colin Davis**, comprises more than 100 plays and gives about 100 concerts each year in London along with about a dozen tours. It also has its own label LSO Live which releases recordings made in concert and is the winner of two Grammys including Best Classical Recording.

Maestro Boulez is one of the foremost composer-conductors of our a time, he is widely regarded as the leading interpreter of the Second Viennese School and performs and records much Wagner, Mahler, Stravinsky, Bartok, Debussy, Ravel and Messiaen. He conducted the centenary Ring in Bayreuth and is a renowned musical theorist and teacher.

Last night's International Benefactor Chairmen were **April Gow** and **Audrey Gruss**. The Gala Chairs were **Marie Douglas-David**, **Louise MacBain** and **Sir Howard Stringer**. Corporate Chair was **Alan Rappaport** and Dinner Chairs were **Roderick Gow OBE**, **Sir Ronald Grierson**, **Mai Harrison** and **Gail Hilson**.

There was a birthday cake for the maestro. The great treat for the guests was the concert given by **Emanuel Ax**, **Janice Watson**, **Tim Hugh** and **Mark O'Connor**. The performance was held on the ground floor salon overlooking the Park and the Plaza fountain. Mr. Ax played Chopin, Ms. Watson sang Richard Strauss.



The table centerpiece



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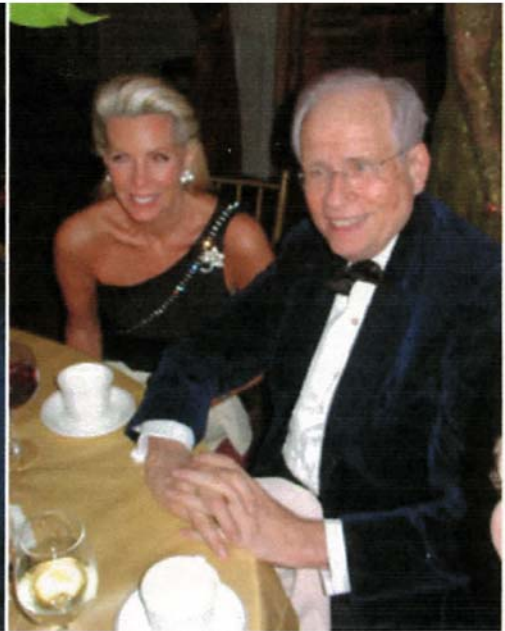
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Afterwards there was a dinner in the very grand third floor dining room. The menu: *Wild Mushroom Napoleon on a bed of Asparagus, Chive Beurre Blanc, served with a Chardonnay, Louis Latour; Miso Glazed Sea Bass with Fizzled Leeks, Wasabi Potatoes, Grilled Baby Bok Coy, served with a Cote du Rhone, Chateau d'Aigueville and Warm Chocolate Cake with melted Chocolate Center, Vahrona Chocolate Sauce, Grand Marnier Infused Seasonal Berries and Vanilla Bean Ice Cream.*



Maestro Pierre Boulez blowing out his candles



April Gow and Audrey Gruss



Barbara de Portago and Pierre Boulez



Margo Langenberg



Mai Harrison and Jeanne Lawrence



Raul Suarez and Sharon Handler



Peter Green and Jill Sackler

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## LIKE GATSBY

Pinstriped gangsters, flappers and dandies sashayed into the historic Alfred I. Dupont Building in downtown Miami Saturday for the Prohibition Gala to benefit the Wolfsonian-Florida International University.

Dinner was served by Le Basque in a large room decorated by **Philip Baloun**. To the strains of the Peter Duchin Orchestra, guests, champagne flutes in hand, visited each others' tables in between courses, chatted and danced.

The international crowd of luminaries included jewelry designer **Paloma Picasso**; Louvre Museum president and director **Henri Loyrette**; Honorary Chair, architect **Zaha Hadid**; New York Times architecture critic, **Herbert Muschamp**; **Micky Wolfson** and other members of his family, and internationally renowned photographer **Firooz Zahedi**.

Standout costumes included those by **Melina Ledakis** and husband **Matt Brosious**, she in wanna-be starlet garb and he in film director jodhpurs. Architect **Alison Spear** wore a white flapper dress with white fox shrug and perfectly marcelled hair.

Others there included **Gabriel Pascual**, vice president of the Spanish company, Leche Pascual, U.S.; Miami City Ballet's **Edward** and **Linda Villella**; **Hamlet García**, producer/anchor for Venevision Continental; interior designer **Jeffrey Thrasher**; sculptor **Michele Oka Doner**, and Esslinger Wooten Maxwell Realtor **Esther Percal**. The crowd, madly dancing, stayed way past 1:00 a.m. Gala co-chairs **Iran Issa-Khan**, **Rosa Sugrañes**, **George Knox** and **Robert Wennett**, take a bow.

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At the Wolfsonian Gala, bottom row: Micky Wolfson, Robert Schetting and Piero Costa, and Paloma Picasso.

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## Oh, what fun

### Jingle Bell Ball brings holidays to life with auction of specially designed trees

**D**ecorated trees, lights and greenery, a *bouche de noel*, and a cold front rolling in — if the Jingle Bell Ball didn't transport you to that holiday nirvana, then holiday nirvana was not where you truly wanted to go.

The 25th annual dinner dance for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County took place Dec. 19 at The Breakers.

The evening began with a cocktail reception and silent auction of gift items and of the 27 holiday trees decorated by local designers and hostesses. Themes ranged from Frannie Scaife's all-dog tree to Scott Snyder's shell spirals.

After cocktails, guests moved to the Venetian Ballroom — done up to the holiday nines in greenery swags, mountains of poinsettias and zillions of lights — for a brief speech or two. Grand benefactors Dame Celia Farris, represented by daughter CeCe, and Lawrence and Florence DeGeorge were honored with trees decorated espe-

cially for them by children from the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Dinner followed the holiday theme, ending with *bouche de noelle*, baked Alaska, warm apple cider, eggnog and Christmas cookies. Insulin injections were optional.

OK, not really.

Darlene Jordan and Andrea Stark were chairwomen of the event, which also featured dancing to the Alex Donner Orchestra.

Committee co-chairwomen were Alicia Blodgett, Julie Cummings, Cathy Flagg, Grace Meigher, Polly Onet and Jane Pontarelli.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, the county's largest facility-based youth organization serving more than 6,500 children between the ages of 6 and 18.

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Nassrine and Norman Traverse with Gita Costa



Daniel and Sylvia James

## FINE FIRS AWAIT ADOPTION



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**Above:** Judy Grubman's tree is decorated with light baubles. She will offer her mother's heavier ornaments for the silent auction.

**Right:** Frannie Scaife's tree, decorated with help from Loujs Palotta of Parke Interiors, features a dog theme, complete with fire hydrant ornaments and dog biscuit garland.



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## Designers add twinkle to benefit

By SHANNON DONNELLY

Daily News Society Editor

The Christmas trees at Publix are gone, and the offerings at roadside stands across the bridge are pretty much picked over. Looks like this year's tree is going to be a bit — well, Charlie Brownish.

But maybe not.

**Cool Yule themes and more Page A3**

Friday night at The Breakers, more than two dozen trees — decorated by local designers and hostesses — will be available for adoption.

But it'll cost you.

The 27 trees will be offered as part

of the silent auction at the 25th annual dinner dance for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Andrea Stark and Darlene Jordan, chairwomen of the Jingle Bell Ball, originated the idea. The duo called on the wealth of local design talent, handed them a tree and let them loose.

Please see **BENEFIT**, Page A3

# BEYOND GREEN

*Fanciful themes light up auction designs*

The 27 designers and their themes for the Jingle Bell Ball silent auction Friday include:

■ **If Pigs Could Fly** by Elizabeth Bonan from Pierre Anthony Antiques. Decorated with pink pig angels and pearl ornaments;

■ **Around the World in 80 Days** by Marianne Castle. Features ornaments representing modes of transportation from the movie, and includes an Alpine village;

■ **The Dove of Peace Tree** by Carol Digges. Decorated in white and silver with snow and doves;

■ **Christmas Holidays in Palm Beach** by Jack Phillips Design. Decorated with shells and pearls;

■ **Christmas by the Sea** by Judith Murat Grubman. Decorated in a seashore theme;

■ **Florida Topiary** by Sylvia James. Features holly and pine cones;

■ **Chinese Zodiac** by Lisa Kanning of Worth Interiors. Decorated in Chinese red, coral and crystal;

■ **Boys and Girls Around the World** by Phyllis Krock and Lori Gendelman. Decorated with children's toys, red ribbons and cookies with base surrounded by red amaryllis;

■ **Silver** by Anne Mullin. Silver ornaments in a carved silver bowl;

■ **Christmas in Bangkok** by Tui Pranich. Decorated in bright red with Asian touches;

■ **An Old-Fashioned Christmas** by Cathleen McFarlane Ross. Decorated with old-fashioned ornaments and garlands, topped by an old-style angel;

■ **A Dog's Christmas** by Frannie Scaife and Louis Palotta of Parke Interiors. Features dog-themed ornaments and garlands of dog biscuits;

■ **Shell Topiary** by Scott Snyder. A solid spiral of shells in terra cotta containers;

■ **Colors of Palm Beach** by Steven Stolman. Decorated with pink, green and gold grosgrain bows, gold balls and white lights;

■ **A Vineyard Christmas** by Betsy Turner. Decorated with wine bottles and ornaments from Harrod's;

■ **Hanukkah Bush** by Linda Berley. A tribute to Hanukkah;

■ **A Fairy Tale Christmas** by Helene Austin of Anything But Ordinary. Decorated in pastel greens and pinks with roses, crystal butterflies and dragonflies in a silver vase base.

■ **Christmas in the Garden** by Christine Bell of Mecox Gardens. Decorated in a botanical theme;

■ **Back To Nature** by William Eubanks and Susan Keenan. Decorated in a nature theme in a silverplated trumpet vase;



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Scott Snyder's Shell Topiary, a spiral of shells.



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Casey, Colleen and Kathy Orrico's Tree from Lilly.



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Bruce Sutka's The Innocence of Children tree, decorated in feathers, roses and lilies

■ **An Irish Christmas** by Mary Mahoney. Decorated in an old-fashioned Irish theme;

■ **In Honor of Our Troops** by Martha O'Brien. Has a stars-and-stripes theme;

■ **A Tree from Lilly** by Casey, Colleen and Kathy Orrico. Decorated in pink and green ribbon with autographed Lilly Pulitzer ornaments;

■ **A Silver Belle** by Bryan Raffinelli. Decorated with matte and shiny silver balls and disks, silver garland and touches of lime;

■ **The Innocence of Children** by Bruce Sutka. Decorated in all-white feathers, roses and lilies;

■ **Christmas in Palm Beach** by Carol Adams of Excentricities. Decorated with seashells and gold ribbon;

■ **Avian Arbor** by Diane Millner. Decorated with flora and fauna, and;

■ **Victorian Fantasy** by Jennifer Naegele. Features turn-of-the-century fruits and ribbons.

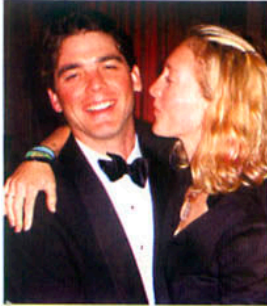
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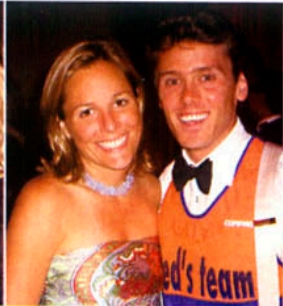
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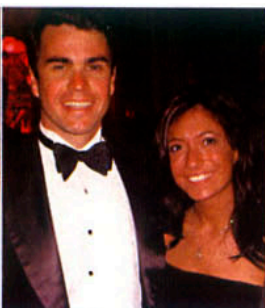
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# FASHION



Left: Somers Farkas in Maggie Norris  
Above: Hope Gropper in Ralph Lauren  
Right: Catrina Guerrini-Maraldi in Catherine Walker

Above: Alison Newton in Carmen Marc Valvo  
Right: Leslie Klotz in Randolph Duke



Lynette Gittis in a Calypso skirt worn as a strapless dress

# HAUTE AUGUST NIGHT

Cool whites, patterns, sizzling colors matching sultry temperatures are popular at Southampton Hospital Summer Party

**S**OUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — While brown may be touted as the new black for fall, color is the replacement for Manhattan-style black this summer, even in places where the majority of women hail from Gotham.

At least that was the case at the 44th edition of Southampton Hospital's Summer Party, a tented event held Aug. 3 in the Long Island resort town.

The women attending really went for it, choosing gowns, dressy pants suits and sweet little dresses in sizzling tones that matched the sultry temperature. Patterns, especially florals, were popular, as were cool whites and shiny metallics. The bright ensembles were a cheery and festive sight during the cocktail hour, in the buffet lines and on the dance floor at the benefit evening — Southampton's longest-running charity gala.

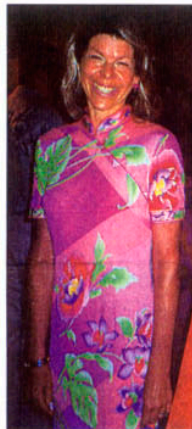
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Muriel Siebert in a vintage Bill Blass



Above: Marifé Hernandez in Rena Lange  
Right: Joy Marks in Steven Stolman



Jamee Gregory in Leonard



Cricket Burns in Luca Luca



Stefania Sabbadini in Stephan Janson



Polly Onet in Muriel Brandolini



Jackie Harris in Steven Stolman



Melanie Wambold in Steven Stolman



Hilary Geary Green in Ralph Lau

### HOT & HEAVENLY

SHANNON DONNELLY, Daily News Society Editor

It was paradise found as the friends and supporters of the **Southampton Hospital** gathered for the annual Summer Party.

The event took place Aug. 3 under a sprawling tent at the Wickapogue Road site, just a gurney ride for the **hospital**.

Shangri La was the theme, and Philip Baloun decorated with a light touch – that much more room for the 1,200-plus guests – with colorful fringed parasols and table linens in bright pinks, blues, purples, yellows and greens, with candles and flowers hanging from clear glass goldfish bowls.

“Dress festive” the invitation commanded, and the rag parade included everything from the silver set in tux and ballgown to preteens in Capri pants and sweater sets. One stylish lass, taking the Asian theme to heart, showed up in a red satin cheongsam that fit her perfect figure like – well, a red satin cheongsam.

What had been a blisteringly hot day cooled enough by party time – mercifully – to keep the tent from assuming its usual sauna-like persona. We’re not kidding. Twelve hundred bodies and a tent with plastic sides equals major steam. Not for nothing do they have an EMT crew standing by with oxygen all night.

After cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction, guests entered the main tent to the music of the Alex Donner Orchestra for a buffet catered by Robbins-Wolfe.

The rest of the evening featured a raffle – including the famous \$25,000 cash prize, which the lucky recipient invariably donates back to the **hospital** – buckets of wine and dancing, dancing, dancing.

No oxygen was needed.

Ann Grimm was chairwoman and Kathryn Cowles co-chairwomen of the 44<sup>th</sup> annual event. Both are active in **Southampton** affairs; Grimm as veep of **Southampton** Garden Club and secretary of the Fresh Air Home, and Cowles as board member of Fresh Air Home and the **Southampton** Association. Steven Stolman was among the vice chairmen.

What began as a small dinner dance to benefit a rural community **hospital** is now one of the highlights of the Hamptons social season. The Summer Party includes several pre-events, including the family-centered Portrait Picnic and Marty Richards’ launch party.

Because of the Palm Beach-**Southampton** summer connection, the event has long drawn the attention of Palm Beachers. Former chairwomen include Jessie Araskog, Annabelle Coleman, Cathy di Montezemolo, Lynette Gittis, Dina Merrill Hartley, Jean Rimmel Little, Chessie Patcevitch, Jean Tailer and Pat Wood.

This year’s supporters included Palm Beachers Leonard and Anita Boxer, Howard Gittis, Joanie and Murray Goodman, Diane and Charles Holmes, Jo Carole and Ron Lauder, Rand Araskog, Henry Buhl, Don Burns and Gregory Connors, Audrey and Enrique del Rosario, Joyce and Bob Sterling, and Robin and John Pickett.

The event raised more than \$1 million for **Southampton Hospital**’s emergency medicine department, which is the sole provider of emergency service from Montauk to Westhampton Beach and which experiences a huge increase in volume during the summer.



Arthur Calcagninis, John and Fran Dellesandro, Alessandro and Catherine Montezemolo, John and Ann Grimm, and Edward and Robin Mele



Faith Lovejoy and Rennie Ponvert



Steven Stolman



Polly Onet



Stone and Cindy Willis, the co-chairwomen of the Raffle Committee, with Kathryn Cowles, Ann Grimm and Peter Sullivan, who is the chairman of the hospital’s Board of Directors.



Kathryn and James Cowles. Kathryn Cowles and Ann Grimm were co-chairwomen of the event.

# GOTHAM

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The upcoming month's hottest party will be a benefit for the YWCA at the National Arts Club on June 19, called Renaissance. **Kimberly Rockefeller, Jane Seymour, and Holly Solomon** are the honorary chairs of this cocktail, dinner, and art auction chaired by **H. Hartley du Pont**. Her committee includes such beauties as **Cornelia Guest, Debbie Bancroft, Tory Burch, Patricia Duff, Wendy Carduner, Dayssi Olarte de Kanavos, Lisa Jackson, CeCe Cord, Tama Janowitz, Jennifer Creel, Denise Rich, Grace Hightower, Alex Kramer, Nicole Miller, Helen Schifter, Julie Dannenberg-Regal, and Joelle O'Reilley-Hyland**. Because everyone's young at the Y, there will be a \$175 tickets for all ages. (For tickets, call 876-6775.) See you in the Hamptons!

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July 28: The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless held its annual fund-raiser at the Southampton, N.Y., home of the group's founder, Henry Buhl, called Girasole, Spanish for sunflower. Mr. Buhl, a photographer, has a passion for the flower, and the house is surrounded by monumental sunflower sculptures. The party tents were pitched in the center of a field of lush yellow and mahogany sunflowers. There were 560 guests at the event, a cocktail auction followed by a dinner, dessert and disco dancing. It raised \$362,460 for the organization. The guests entered the field through a new sculptured sunflower gate created by Angus Bruce, an artist. The grass pathway to the tents was lighted with turtle-shaped candles.

**13. 7:35: KEVIN BERLIN**, an artist who created a giant bronze sunflower for Mr. Buhl's home several years ago, attached fresh sunflowers to his printed shirt and trousers.

**14. 7:20: CAROLE HAZAN** wore a necklace of fresh-cut sunflowers.

**15. 7:15: HENRY BUHL** and **POLLY ONET** in front of the new gate.

**16. 8:05: STEPHANIE PANEPINTO**, left, and **CHRISTIE GALASSO**.

**17. 7:25: JENNIFER JOYCE**.

**18. 6:32: IRWIN** and **INGRID DEUTSCH**.

**19. 6:30: ATCHUDTA BARKR**, left, and **NANETTE HINDS**.

**20. 7:55: CATHY DI MONTEZEMOLO**, whose family, the Murrays, was among the early Southampton summer residents, in the 1890's.

**21. 8:10: BETH WINDSOR**, left, who wore a 1920's-style embroidered dress, and **ANNA GEORGE**.



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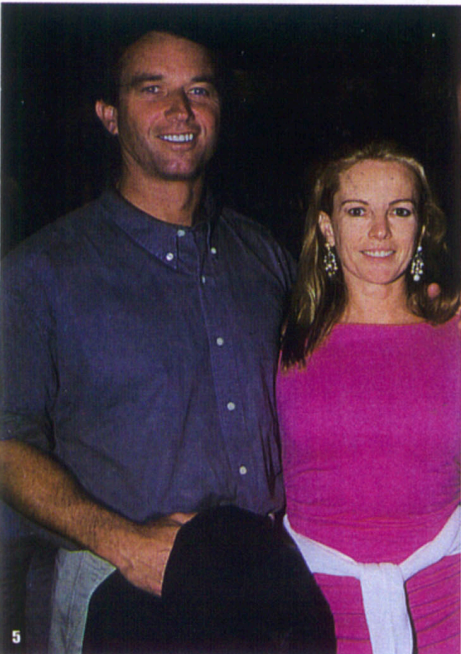
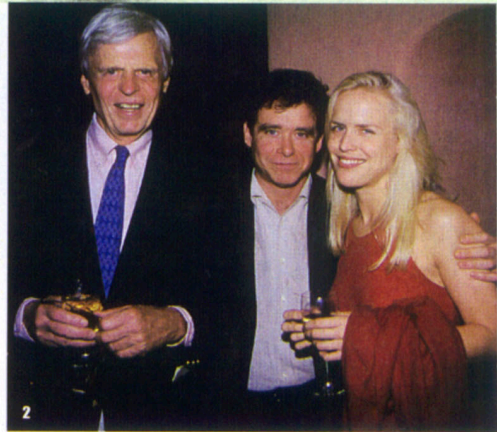
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**SUMMER CASTLE:** The summer home of Marina and Francesco Galesi on Meadow Lane in Southampton was the site of an evening to benefit the Hearst Castle Preservation Foundation. The Galesis, Anne Hearst, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, and George Plimpton hosted the event, which raises money to help restore William Randolph Hearst's "Casa Grande" in the Santa Lucia Mountains. The Hearst Castle, with its extraordinary architecture and collection of art and antiques, is a National Historic Monument and open to the public. 1. Tory Burch, Michael Cannon and Helen Schifter... 2. George Plimpton, Jay McInerney and Jeanine Pepler... 3. Darcy LaPier and Ann Barish... 4. Matthew and Tamara Mellon... 5. Robert Kennedy, Jr. and Anne Hearst... 6. Joanne and Robert de Guardiola. Photographs by Patrick McMullan.