



Dear Black Tie Readers,

Welcome to Black Tie International Magazine. Relax and enjoy the best events, restaurants, exotic locations and much more, we are your front row seat to the International World of Black Tie Events.

Our cover this issue is the beautiful and talented Ms. Gina Lollobrigida. Discovered in front of Rome's Academy of Fine Arts, a very reluctant Gina became one of the great cinematic stars of the 20th century. Fluent in Italian, French and English Ms. Lollobrigida was the first actress to win International acclaim both here and abroad. After leaving the cinema Gina dedicated the next twelve years of her life to photography and published five books. The first 'Italia Mia' won the Nadar Prize for best International book of the year in 1973. Her first love however is art. Today Gina concentrates all of her talents on sculptures. She believes that "art is civilization because it is culture, but culture only if its language is universal." A true humanitarian she is also the first woman Ambassador of the Food and Agriculture Organization, which is an agency of the UN dealing with world hunger.

We take this time to celebrate the achievements of Ms. Lollobrigida as she continues to inspire the world through her acts of kindness and her glorious works of art. We look forward to seeing her in the US with her exhibition of sculptures. Brava Gina and the best of luck to you.

We are just completing a major redesign of our web site. By checking our Social calendars and co-hosted events, you will always know where and when the best events will be taking place, you will also be able to book your tickets through our site.

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As always

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