

NEW YORK SCENE

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Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and Maria Shriver at the Rita Hayworth Alzheimer's Ball at the Waldorf Astoria in Manhattan, N.Y. on October 5, 2004 (photo by Rob Rich/ The Everett Collection)

Total Heaven

The theme at the Rita Hayworth Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria was All The World's A Circus. If you love Cirque du Soleil you were in total heaven, up-close and very personal with these incredible artists.

Dressed to perfection, they performed throughout the reception, when even the guests could participate in the fun and funny faces brigade. During dinner these breathtaking performers captured the minds and hearts of the guests as they glittered and glowed and hung overhead.

It was all too dazzling. Among the glamorous that dinner chairman Nancy Corzine had assembled was Princess Yasmin Khan, who had created the event to raise money for Alzheimer's research, the insidious disease that claimed her beautiful mother's life. The First Lady of California, Maria Shriver Schwarzenegger, was honored. She also

writes children's books, and just tackled this subject for her own children. She was there to honor her father Sargent Shriver, who is in the early stages of the disease. Accompanied by her mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver (a dedicated philanthropist), and cousin Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, Maria was a powerful advocate for the cause.

Barbara Walters made sure everyone received the passionate message loud and clear. Yazzie gathered her usual friends to the event, such as Donna Dixon, Claudia Cohen, Michele Herbert, Dennis Basso, Denise Rich, Somers Farkas and on and on and on into the night.



Buzz and Lois Aldrin with fashion designer Holly Kristen photo by Rob Rich copyright 2004 robwayne1@aol.com

Fun Affair

The Gourmet Gala is one of the most fun events of the social year, especially if you love food! This year, the chefs came from Brittany, and everything was combined with the glorious salty, spicy, taste of the sea.

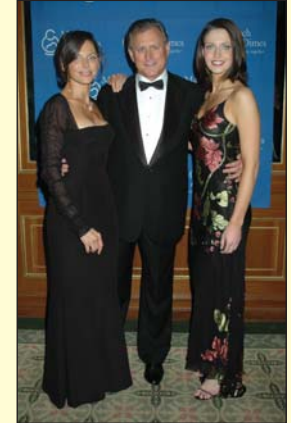
Glorious ABT dancers, Irina Dvorenko and Maxim Beloskovsky, wowed the crowd, especially when told that Irina is now four months pregnant and dancing at the top of her game. Amongst the assembled glitterati were former First Sister-in-Law Sharon Bush, looking lovely and well prepared for her coming life ahead, on the arm of billionaire tycoon Gerald Tsai, the new Miss America Deidre Downs, plus Denise and



Maxim Beloskovsky, Sharon Bush, and Irina Dvorenko at the March of Dimes Gourmet Gala 2004 at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan on October 18, 2004. photo by Rob Rich copyright 2004 robwayne1@aol.com



Irina Dvorenko and Maxim Beloskovsky at the March of Dimes Gourmet Gala 2004 at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan photo by Rob Rich copyright 2004 robwayne1@aol.com



Sheila and Danny Rosenblum and Miss America Deidre Downs at the March of Dimes Gourmet Gala 2004 at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan on October 18, 2004. photo by Rob Rich copyright 2004 robwayne1@aol.com

Magical Evening

Pure perfection and delight. That is the rousing critical acclaim heaped on the young and beautiful head of Hayley Westerna, the New Zealander who has taken the classical music world by

storm. Hayley appeared with the New York Pops at their opening night concert at Carnegie Hall. It was an evening of American classic tunes, a newly commissioned piece for the orchestra, a



Fashion Designer Holly Kristen and Hayley Westerna photo by Rob Rich

Brazilian band who captivated the audience, and Hayley.

The magical evening ended when the performers headed over to Holly Kristen's Penthouse Atelier to mingle with the Pops leader, the venerable Skitch Henderson, the musicians and artists and local VIPs.



Patti LaBelle photo by James Hercule

Dress For Success...And A Patti LaBelle Concert Too.....

It was in the NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, once a male only WASP bastion of all that was "proper" in this world. But at the DRESS FOR SUCCESS luncheon, led by their CEO Joi Gordon, a chorus of AMENS hailed the heavens and a rollicking time was had by all. Marilyn Crawford stirred this fabulous pot, putting the great diva PATTI LaBelle as headliner for this annual fundraiser.

Created to solicit brand new and gently used suits from wealthy working women, and given to women who were on the path to success but needed a wardrobe boost to help the process. It is now a global organization, and given the enormous pride and dignity of the women members of DRESS FOR SUCCESS who are helped by the group, everyone involved in its success can take great pride. Lorraine Bracco was on hand for the rejoicing, but Patti stole the show. First she couldn't stop crying from the wondrous tale of success offered by Yoldanda Morales who inspired all. Patti spoke of her humble beginnings with the La Belles - and on to her rich Diva lifestyle. But the journey was through the death of her mother and 3 sisters to diabetes and breast cancer.

It ended with a special request of OVER THE RAINBOW, to cheers, shouts and bravos for this fabulous WOMAN OF THE YEAR (and a lifetime too I think). Kudos all round and so well deserved. If you can, get involved, www.dressforsuccess.org