

## Waldorf School of Santa Barbara Paper Ball

# Black, White, and Read All Over

By ERIN J. SMITH / CASA

**WITH EVERYTHING FROM THE DECORATIONS TO THE EVENING WEAR MADE FROM PAPER,** the Waldorf School recently kicked off their inaugural Paper Ball to raise funds for the Accessible To All program.

“It was so much fun to see everyone’s paper creations. People really got into the spirit of things,” said Sarah Scott, the event’s Creative Director, who wore a designer dress made from newspaper that had to be cut off at the end of the night. “We liked that everything was recyclable, even our dresses.”

The event was inspired by a similar ball held at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Connecticut in 1936, in which all the ornate decorations, flowers, and even the costumes were created from paper. Scott’s great uncle, surrealist artist Charles Henri Ford, and Russian painter Pavel Tchelitchew, whose work is part of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art’s collection, were the designers of the 1936 Paper Ball with contributions by other artists including Alexander Calder. Footage from the original Paper Ball was projected on the wall throughout the evening.

Around 250 people gathered at the home

of Russell Young and Finola Hughes for the recyclable soiree. A tree trimmed with origami cranes served as a focal point, inviting attendees to transform the tree into a “Giving Tree” by replacing the paper birds with donations. Guests enjoyed a seasonal feast of farmers market fare, including curry spiced winter squash, crispy brussell sprouts, pumpkin and mushroom soups, a trio of hand-thrown pizzas cooked in the pizza oven, and an array of local wines.

Meanwhile, a panel of four judges cased the crowd to find the best-dressed. Judges included Finola Hughes, the Paper Ball hostess and former Style Network show host of *How Do I Look?*; Susan Ashbrook, founder of the red-carpet fashion placement firm Film Fashion; Mary Beth Larkin, former fashion designer for Armani; and David Cardona, fashion designer and former creative director of Cerruti. Before announcing the winners, the judges invited everyone to show off their fashions in a parade around the room. Josie Kiddoo, a Waldorf School parent, won for Best Dress.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Accessible to All program, a tuition model based on the ideal that a Waldorf education should be accessible to all families who truly value it, regardless of their financial situation. With this approach, both the school and the family stretch to meet each other’s needs.



Josie Kiddoo, Best Dress award winner



Sarah Scott



Catherine Keith, Kathy Neely, Finola Hughes, Barry Winick, Laura Spagnuolo, Lisa Huebner, and friends.



Douglas Garrett, Jonatha King, and John Ruffin, Board Member

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