

Santa Barbara International Film Festival

# The Third Annual Silver Screen Bash

By Robert F. Adams / Special to CASA

**T**HE GLITTERING LIGHTS WERE ON at the 3rd Annual Silver Screen Bash, a benefit for community outreach programs provided by the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. Held within the sunlit space of the outdoor rotunda room facing the waterfront waves, this shimmering event at Fess Parker's Double Tree Resort was a delightful way to celebrate the tastes and culture of Santa Barbara.

The reception began with a walk down the prized red carpet to the tune of whirring flashbulbs from event photographers and later these portraits were blazed onto a large screen, revealing a very well dressed crowd. Jacqua provided an elegant lounge where guests had their choice, offered by the stylish staff, of henna tattoos (temporary!) or hand massages.



Arnette Jens Zerbe, Anthony Zerbe, and Lynda Weinman, Silver Sponsor

All were beckoned into the dance party on the ground floor that provided an atmosphere of celebrity lifestyle. This year's Bash benefitted AppleBox family film programs, Field Trip to the Movies for area students, the 10-10-10 filmmaking competition, as well as the 3rd Weekend program for the community at large.

Silent auction donors were

wonderfully generous, offering choices for bidders ranging from film festival passes, artwork, spa treatments, fashion, dining, classical music, live entertainment, outrageous getaways, fine wines, autographs by Penelope Cruz and Clint Eastwood, among other treasures.

The upbeat music along with film projections including videos of Madonna, Michael Jackson, and Lady Gaga were put together by the talented DJ Gavin Roy.

Event sponsors included stalwart businesses from the Central Coast Region including Lynda.com, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Montecito Bank and Trust (Silver Sponsors); Rabobank, Cox, and La Cumbre Plaza - Paseo Nuevo (Bronze Sponsors) as well as table sponsors Jeff Baldwin and Michal Wiesbrock, Steven and Susan Eng-Denbaars, Douglas and Fiona Stone, Dr. Daniel Launspach, Judy and Rob Egenolf, and Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf, LLP. The event committee along with the fabulous staff and volunteer team at the Santa Barbara Film Festival created a successful affair and attendance surpassed that of last year's party at this not-to-be-missed soiree.

Guests included Mayor Helene Schneider, Festival Executive Director Roger Durling, Film Festival board members, event chairs David Edelman, Susan Eng-Denbaars, and Pam Sanchez, the event committee which included Annamarie Kostura, Andrew Atone, Brittany Glasner, Christopher Hartman, David Breed, Janice Bowie, Jen Malkin, Jennifer Jaqua, Jessica Stampe, Jill Goldworn, Judy Egenolf, Kristi Marks, Sandie Dempster, and Tyler Dobson, as well as Christine Lebon and the Unity Shoppe who put together beautiful gift baskets.

Party-goers were treated to delectable selections from Santa Barbara's local dining establishments including Tres Agaves, the Marmalade Cafe, C'est Cheese, Blush, Arnoldi's Cafe, The Berry Man, Chefs on a Mission Catering, Chocolate Maya, Fresco Cafe, Green Star Coffee Company, Killer B's, Le Crepe Shoppe, Marmalade Cafe, New West, Outback Steakhouse, Red Blossom, Rodney's Steakhouse, SB Chocolate Fountains, Farmer's Market, The Secret Ingredient, SP Candie, Violette Bakeshop, Wahoo's Fish Tacos, Whole Foods, and World Cuisine Express with wines from Arcadian, Sunstone, Sweeney Canyon Vineyard, and Buttonwood Farm.

Other event sponsors included Bella Vista Designs, Outrageous Booths, Seoul Semiconductor, and ZSI. Delightfully chilled drinks such as Cucumber Mint Martinis and Pomegranate Cosmos were offered by bar sponsor RND, Brilliant American Vodka.

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For more information on the upcoming 2012 Santa Barbara International Film Festival, please see their website at sbiff.org



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Mark Hunt, Sheela Hunt, Fiona Stone, and Douglas Stone, new SBIFF Board President



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Kenny Kahn, Silver Sponsor and guest Allison



Ria Joseph, Warren Butler and Sofia Svensen from Marmalade Cafe



Chuck Lande and Margarita Lande



Annamarie Kostura and Nina Dunbar, The Arts Fund Executive Director



Sitting at the Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf LLP sponsored table are (front) Laura Drejet, Michael Drejet, Suzanna Morgan, and Adriane Huff, (back) Craig Stewart, Dannel Stewart, Simone Beede and Jonathan Ellis



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