

to Santa Barbara Public Library for its community outreach, particularly during the Thomas Fire and devastating mudslides when schools were closed, which was accepted by **Jessica Cadiente**, library director.

Among the guests at the sunset soirée, chaired by board member **Felicita Torres**, were **Anne Towbes**, **Lois and Laura Capps**, **Das Williams**, **Jean Schuyler**, **Ellen Pasternack**, **Dan Meisel**, **Steven Young**, **Hazel Johns**, and **Claire Krock**.



Michael Keaton and guests (photo by Hotel Californian)

Table Fable

Santa Barbara Museum of Art's Women's Board hosted a socially gridlocked Art of the Table, with local artists and designers translating works of art from the museum's collection into spectacular and dramatic tablescapes.

"We wanted to add another event to our portfolio as we've been doing a lot of fundraising because the museum has been undergoing renovation," says **Lynn Brown**, board vice president for development.

Among those showcasing their wares were international interior or designer **John Saladino**, whose Montecito estate Villa di Lemma was sold to TV talk-show host **Ellen**

Jonnie Houston, Fred Durst and guest (photo by Hotel Californian)



DeGeneres, **Cynthia Belliveau**, **Gina Andrews**, **Steve and Caroline Thompson** of Cabana Home, **Collette Cosentino**, **Eric Berg**, **Marc Normand Gelinas**, **Victoria Imperioli** and **Starr Siegele**, **Margaret Matson**, **Diana Dolan**, **Hogue and Co.**, and **Jack and Rose Hershorn** of The Sacred Space.

Among the art enthusiasts quaffing the wine and devouring the canapés were **Bob and Holly Murphy**, **Adele Rosen**, **Anne Towbes**, **Terry and Pam Valeski**, **Barbara Woods**, **David and Anne Gersh**, **Hugh Margerum**, **Nancy Gifford**, **Gail Beust**, and **Barbara Ben-Horin**.

Hotel Hello

Loquacious Los Angeles hotelier **Michael Rosenfeld** sure knows how to throw a party!

More than 500 guests turned out at his new luxury 121-room hostelry, the Hotel Californian, for his Fellini-esque *Alice in Wonderland* fete to celebrate the opening of the multi-million dollar Moorish-style project designed by **Martyn Lawrence Bullard**.

Champagne flowed and eclectic comestibles abounded, but the undoubted highlight of the evening



John Corbett and Bo Derek (photo by Hotel Californian)

was the performance by 40-year-old, Grammy-winning singer **John Mayer**, former beau of local warbler **Katy Perry**, who has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide.

Among the tony throng were Oscar winner **Michael Keaton**, actress **Bo Derek** and longtime beau **John Corbett**, **Doug and Marni Margerum**, **Merryl Brown**, **Bob Murphy**, **Andrew and Ivana Firestone**, **Helene Schneider**, mayor **Cathy Murillo**, **Barry and Matthew DeVorzon**, **Jeff Jacobs**, **Ursula Nesbitt**, **Arlene Montesano**, **Allen and Anne Sides**, **Bilo Zarif**, **Eric and Nina Phillips**, **David Sigman**, **Paul Orfalea**, **Bruce Heavin**, **Diana Starr Langley**, **Kim Hughes**, **Thomas Rollerson**, and **Karen Earp**.

Clam Jam

Popular Santa Barbara charity The Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation threw its first ever California Clam Bake at Stearns Wharf.

The maritime masticatory moment, which was expected to raise \$50,000, kicked off at the Natural History Museum's Sea Center, with canapés by Miso Hungry, before moving to the Harbor Restaurant, a tiara's toss away for a traditional clam bake and lobster dinner for the 111 guests.

A silent auction included a ring by Montecito bling king **Daniel Gibbins**, VIP tickets to a **Katy Perry** concert at the Santa Barbara Bowl, and a girls' night out for 10 at the Painted Cabernet.

Among those feeling the pier pressure at the fun fête, co-chaired by **Sheela Hunt** and **Maria Wilson**,

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SBMA Women's Board president Fran Morrow with Helene Segal, SBMA WB PP; and Dee Jones, SBMA WB secretary; perched beside the artwork of Victoria Imperioli and Starr Siegele's "Relief of Three Dancing Nymphs" (photo by Priscilla)



Steve Puailloa of Traveling Hurtados, event co-chairs Maria Wilson and Sheela Hunt with Robert Montanes singing "Listen to your Heart" (photo by Priscilla)

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Mark Hunt, healer bear; Nina Johnson, Clambake committee; Bruce Heavin, visionary bear sponsor; Jim Crook and Chris Belanger (photo by Priscilla)



Clambake attendees Igor and Adriana Mezx, board member, with Dan and Caroline Encell (photo by Priscilla)

with Drew Lakefield as emcee, were Lindsey Leonard, Charles Ward, David Edelman, Bruce Heavin, KEYT-TV anchors C.J. Ward and

Beth Farnsworth, Ginni Dreier, John Palminteri, Leslie Von Wiesenberger, Monte Wilson, Bibi Moezzi, and Mark Hunt.

Oh, Koh

St. Anthony's Seminary Chapel was the perfect venue for international violinist **Jennifer Koh** and the debut of the locale for a UCSB Arts & Lectures event.

The Chicago-born musician, who has been a frequent visitor to our Eden by the Beach with projects Beyond Bach and Bridge to Beethoven at the Music Academy of the West's Hahn Hall, this time was in decidedly contemporary mode with *Sheer Madness*, an inventive response to her quest for patronage when she needed to acquire a multi-million-dollar new instrument.

A patron she met in the Windy City offered to subsidize the purchase providing she convince composers to write short pieces for her, *gratis*. Now, there are 30 pieces from some of the most important young composers on the scene and Koh, dazzling in a gold and organza gown, played 14 of them in quick succession in the West Coast premiere.

The chapel, which I have attended many times over the years for concerts by the *a capella* group Quire of Voyces under **Nathan Kreitzer**, is a delightful setting and it is to be hoped the popular program uses it again.

Fond Farewell

On a personal note, I remember **Mike Walker**, National Enquirer gos-

sip columnist, who has died aged 72.

Mike and I, with *New York Post* gossip columnist **Cindy Adams**, were regulars on the **Geraldo Rivera** show's weekly hour-long celebrity news segment for a number of years.

He worked for the Florida-based scandal tabloid for almost 50 years and went on to host the MGM-produced newsmagazine *National Enquirer TV*, when I would fly out from New York to appear on regularly, bunking at the oh-so trendy Santa Monica hostelry Shutters.

Mike also had his own Westwood One radio show broadcast and appeared on shock jock **Howard Stern's** program for 16 years.

A most colorful character.

Sightings: Soap opera actress **Finola Hughes** picking up her Java jolt at Pierre Lafond...Rocker **Kenny Loggins** at the Sacred Space in Summerland... Author **Fannie Flagg** at the Montecito Village Grocery

Pip! Pip!

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