

The Museum of Modern Art

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THE PARTY IN THE GARDEN... and all that jazz

WHEN Wednesday, June 1, 1988
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

WHERE The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53 Street, New York

WHAT THE PARTY IN THE GARDEN, a gala tradition at The Museum of Modern Art, opens the summer season in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden.

This year's jazz theme will celebrate the spirit that made the Roaring Twenties the standard for elegance, excitement, and extravagance. Greeted by jazz pianists and flappers, guests will be transported back in time to the Jazz Age. Tableaux vivants will feature an Auburn boat-tail roadster, providing the perfect backdrop for Polaroid snapshots; and Miss Vanity at a period settee dressed in a teddy and antique kimono, dispensing garters to gentlemen. Cigarette girls, bartenders, and waiters, attired in period dress, will pass twenties'-style food and such drinks as Manhattans, Highballs, and Bacardi cocktails. Dressed in tuxedos and fancy frocks, guests will dance the Charleston under the stars to the sound of the eighteen-piece Bethune Big Band.

Prior to the Museum party, benefactors will enjoy cocktails and canapes in the art deco splendor of Chemical Bank, where The Museum Tappettes will perform. Dinner will follow at The 21 Club, which will be returned to its speakeasy incarnation. The dinner will be an authentic re-creation of the meal served on June 1, 1928, when windows were blackened and libations were drunk out of teacups (menu attached). A raid--led by one cop and three feds--will compel diners to flee 21 and hoof it to the Museum to join the party in progress.

Proceeds from THE PARTY IN THE GARDEN benefit the Museum's Annual Fund.

BENEFIT CHAIRMAN Mrs. Ronald S. Lauder

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BENEFIT COMMITTEE Mikhail Baryshnikov, Leo Castelli, Ambassador and Mrs. Emmanuel de Margerie, Faye Dunaway, Jennifer Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Zubin Mehta, Kenny Ortega, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Picasso, Paul Simon, and Louise Eastman

and Howard Johnson, Jr., Co-chairmen Junior Benefit Committee (partial list)

FOOD Champagne will flow freely, along with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

FLOWERS Steve Rubin of Paper White will create a magnificent display of white gladiola for the Garden Hall.

MUSIC The Bethune Big Band, Michael Carney Music, and Masterwork Music

BENEFACTORS Lily Auchincloss, Jan Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Farkas, Richard L. Feigen, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Gamble, Jr., Mrs. Deane Johnson, Peter Kalikow, Mrs. Joseph Lauder, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Loeb, Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Marron, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Niven, Mr. David Rockefeller, Mr. David Rockefeller, Jr., Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Segal, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thayer, Mr. Robert L.B. Tobin, Mrs. John Hay Whitney (partial list)

TICKETS \$125 per person; individuals under thirty, \$75 per person; benefactors, \$500 per person, including cocktails at Chemical Bank and dinner at The 21 Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS The dinner at The 21 Club has been graciously underwritten by Knoll International Holdings, Inc., whose chairman, Marshall S. Cogan, is a member of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

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