



PROSCENIUM

A WEEKEND WITH TACA

Presented by ALON USA and
Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek

PROSCENIUM, A WEEKEND WITH TACA, CONCLUDES 3rd ANNUAL EVENT BENEFITING NORTH TEXAS ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

On September 10, 11 and 12, guests wined and dined at Proscenium, A Weekend with TACA, presented by ALON USA and Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, the highly successful three-pronged extravaganza benefiting the performing arts in North Texas.

TACA's Proscenium Weekend consisted of two major events, the TACA RBC Wealth Management Custom Auction Gala and the TACA Party on the Green, and one educational event, the TACA Mega Capital Culinary Master Class.

TACA RBC Wealth Management Custom Auction Gala

More than 200 guests attended Thursday evening's black tie gala and custom live auction. The TACA RBC Wealth Management Custom Auction Gala was chaired by Dee and Glenn Simmons.

The Mansion culinary team began the evening with plated appetizers including poached quail egg with American caviar, goat cheese and fig tart, and house-made rabbit sausage with huckleberries. The salad course featured a watermelon and heirloom tomato terrine, and the entrée course showcased beef two ways – braised short ribs and pepper-crusted tenderloin. Wines were provided by Beringer and Greg Norman.

After dinner, guests convened in the ballroom for champagne and miniature desserts including frozen passion fruit soufflé, late summer melons with citrus panna cotta, The Bellini – Champagne mousse with a peach center, and Black Forest – cherry-chocolate mousse with cherry gelee and cocoa nib dacquoise.

The exclusive, one-of-a-kind live auction, sponsored by Christie's, was held immediately after the dessert reception. Tash Perrin, auctioneer for Christie's, coerced and kept the bidding high.

Auction highlights:

- Tincy Miller took home the luscious Tahitian pearl necklace – big and bold, pure richness – with sumptuous white gold and diamond clasp.
- Scott Kimple nabbed two auction items – an Argentinean fly fishing adventure at Alicura in the heart of Patagonia and an all-healthy, all-inclusive seven-day stay at Canyon Ranch.
- Arts supporters Diane and Hal Brierley won the bidding for an intimate dinner for 10 in

The Mansion Wine Cellar with Dallas Symphony Orchestra maestro Jaap van Zweden – truly a priceless item!

Guests lingered in The Mansion Bar to listen to the Loston Harris Trio's blend of traditional jazz riffs, gospel and blues. For the first time, the Gala featured a private post-party with the Dallas premiere performance of Loston Harris, direct from the legendary Bemelmans Bar at The Carlyle, a Rosewood Hotel, in Manhattan.

TACA Party on the Green

Chaired by D'Andra Simmons, TACA Party on the Green was held on Friday night. Fifteen acclaimed chefs from around the country prepared gourmet dishes for more than 450 people who turned out for a glorious evening – despite the rain – to sample delicacies such as mint-crusted lamb with eggplant and goat cheese ravioli and preserved tomatoes. Participants tried their luck at a wine cork pull for chances to receive some rare wines.

The celebrity chefs:

- Chef Eric Brandt - Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek - Dallas
- Chef Nicolas Cantrel - Bagatelle - New York City
- Chef David Collier - Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek - Dallas
- Chef Carl Hawkinson - Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge - Pierre, SD
- Chef Juan Pablo Loza - Las Ventanas al Paraiso, a Rosewood Resort - Los Cabos
- Chef John McClung - Hasty-Bake - Tulsa, OK
- Chef Roland Mesnier - former White House Pastry Chef - Washington, DC
- Chef Oliver Ridgeway - Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi - Santa Fe
- Chef Juan Rosado - Rosewood Crescent Hotel - Dallas
- Chef Peter Rudolph - Madera Restaurant at Rosewood Sand Hill - Menlo Park, CA
- Chef Luca Rutigliano - Cordevalle, A Rosewood Resort - San Martin, CA
- Chef Daniel Bausa Peris - Rosewood Mayakoba - Riviera Maya, Mexico
- Chef John Schenk - Strip House - New York City
- Chef Chris Svalesen - Central Market - Dallas
- Chef Martin Yan - Yan Can Cook - Santa Clara, CA

For the most money raised during the silent auction created by the chefs, Chef Eric Brandt received the Golden Skillet Award for his Cocktails and Canapés auction package. The winner will entertain 20 on The Mansion's breezy, lantern-lit terrace, enjoying champagne, beer, wine, and specialty cocktails paired with a canapé menu.

Local radio personalities Gene and Julie Gates kept the silent auction bidding spirited and interviewed the celebrity chefs on stage, including a demonstration of Chef Martin Yan deboning a whole chicken in 18 seconds.

TACA Mega Capital Culinary Master Class

Hosted by Jennifer and Doug Houser, TACA Mega Capital Culinary Master Class was held on Saturday during lunchtime. Chef Eric Brandt, Chef David Collier and Chef Luca Rutigliano demonstrated cooking techniques and shared cooking secrets. Then participants dined on the sumptuous delicacies complete with wine pairings.

“TACA’s Proscenium Weekend continues to be an overwhelming success thanks to our wonderful supporters,” said Lynn McBee, TACA Board Chairman. “We appreciate all our generous sponsors including ALON USA, The Mansion on Turtle Creek, RBC Wealth Management and Mega Capital.”

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Founded in 1966, TACA’s (The Arts Community Alliance) mission is to provide financial support and services and to increase public awareness and participation in the performing arts of North Texas, which improve the quality of life for citizens of all economic, social and ethnic backgrounds. Since its inception, TACA has distributed more than \$17.3 million to emerging and established performing arts organizations with budgets as small as \$18,000 to as large as \$28 million. Funds are raised from the TACA Silver Cup Award Luncheon, which honors one woman and one man each year for outstanding volunteer support of the arts, and the Proscenium: A Weekend with TACA. In addition, TACA receives strong support from its Board of Governors, Founders Circle and Corporate Council. More information can be found at www.taca-arts.org or by calling 214-520-3930.

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