

The Museum of Modern Art

THE VIENNA BALL

- WHEN** Tuesday, October 21, 1986
- WHERE** The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53 Street, New York City
- WHAT** Recreating the splendor of fin-de-siècle Vienna, the Museum is presenting an elegant Vienna Ball to celebrate the landmark exhibition, VIENNA 1900: ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN. This is the first time that a fabulous dinner with dancing has been held in one of the Museum's most spectacular spaces overlooking the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden. Proceeds from the evening benefit The Museum of Modern Art.
- HONORARY CHAIRMEN** Ambassador and Mrs. Ronald S. Lauder
- BENEFIT CHAIRMAN** Mrs. Joseph H. Lauder
- BENEFIT CO-CHAIRMEN** Mrs. William F. Buckley, Jr., Evelyn and Leonard Lauder, and James G. Niven
- DESCRIPTION** Greeted by liveried footmen and serenaded by gypsy violinists, guests begin the evening's festivities with cocktails in the Garden Hall, where they can also fill in their dance cards. They are free to wander through the magnificent VIENNA 1900 exhibition, where they can admire works by such artists as Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, and Oskar Kokoschka. The sound of the trumpet calls guests to dinner on the third floor where they enter galleries transformed with diaphanous white gauze into a dreamlike setting. Tables covered with fabric in the Wiener Werkstätte style--white with black diamonds--are made festive with mounds of enormous, luscious, black grapes accentuated by clusters of full-blown, crimson French roses. Over each table hang illusionary light fixtures draped with white fabric, evocative of the grand gambling rooms of the period. Individual place settings hold red fans and specially designed black-and-white porcelain boxes. During dinner, Pierre Dulaine and Yvonne Marceau perform an exhibition of waltzes to to the Emperor's Waltz and other Viennese music. According to Ira Howard Levy, who set the tone and atmosphere for the evening, "The ball was designed as a metaphor for one that could have taken place at the turn of the century."

WINES Wines from Moët-Hennessey (Cocktails: Domaine Chandon Brut Sparkling Wine and Simi Chenin Blanc 1984. Dinner: Simi Chardonnay 1984 followed by Simi Cabernet 1981. After dinner: Hennessy X.O Cognac and Marie Brizard Anisette)

FOOD Glorious Food (menu attached)

FLOWERS Michael Fenner

DECOR The Museum of Modern Art in collaboration with Ira Howard Levy

MUSIC Peter Duchin and his Orchestra

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE OF SPECIAL EVENTS Mrs. John D. Rockefeller 3rd, chairman; Mrs. Ronald S. Lauder and Mrs. Donald B. Straus, vice chairmen; Lily Auchincloss, Mrs. Henry Ives Cobb, Mrs. John L. Eastman, Mrs. Gianluigi Gabetti, Mrs. David Granger, Mrs. Melville Wakeman Hall, Mrs. Deane F. Johnson, Mrs. Donald B. Marron, Mrs. Donald Newhouse, Patricia Patterson, Mrs. Alfred R. Stern, and Mrs. Walter N. Thayer.

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TICKETS Patron tickets at \$1,000 each; benefactors at \$10,000 per table of ten.

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Menu

Dinner
9:00 p.m.

Artichoke Heart with Poached Quail Egg,
North American Cristalle Caviar and Creme Fraîche

Breast of Baby Pheasant
Lingonberry Sauce
Puree of Carrot and Potato

Green Salad
Stilton Cheese on Toasted Bread

Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Mousse
Fresh Raspberries and Strawberries
Schlag Rahm
Chocolate Sauce

Coffee