


SOCIAL NOTES

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GALAS GALORE

Hi Notes. Welcome to 2007! Hope yours is off to a winning start and hope you initiated it with a good party (or six). Speaking of which, we have several of the season's wildest and woolliest on tap for today, because quite frankly, why stop the party?!

Ya Gotta Love BOB (Beauty of Bengala): Just when your social gal thought she'd seen it all (sotree speaking, that is) boom! I happen upon one of the most dynamic and outrageously innovative dos this side of the Atlantic - Bengala. Indeed, the 600 high profile patrons at Vieux-Montréal's sublime Auberge le Saint-Gabriel (spanning the social gamut from major political forces like Mayor Gérald Tremblay with wife Suzanne Tailleux to corporate crème like Lise Watier and hub Serge Rocheleau) would be quick to agree; the team had sensory stimulation down.

Among the hottest touches - an enchanting medieval-esque souper and wildly entertaining live digital light painting by master Mateo Meunier. And the BOB didn't end there; Bengala's biggest beauty lay in its raison d'être. Representing the first of a series of fundraising events planned by Jasmine Legault's new not-for-profit organization MAAT (named for an entity in Egyptian mythology symbolizing order, equilibrium, equity, peace and justice on earth), the pioneering party raised \$50,000 for the Adélante Project, a joint collaboration with Oxfam, providing young mothers in Nicaragua with basic education, professional training and financial autonomy. Yup, ya gotta love BOB.

Party With A Purpose on Ice: The Strachan Hartley Legacy

NEVER A DULL MOMENT ON THE MONTREAL PARTY SCENE



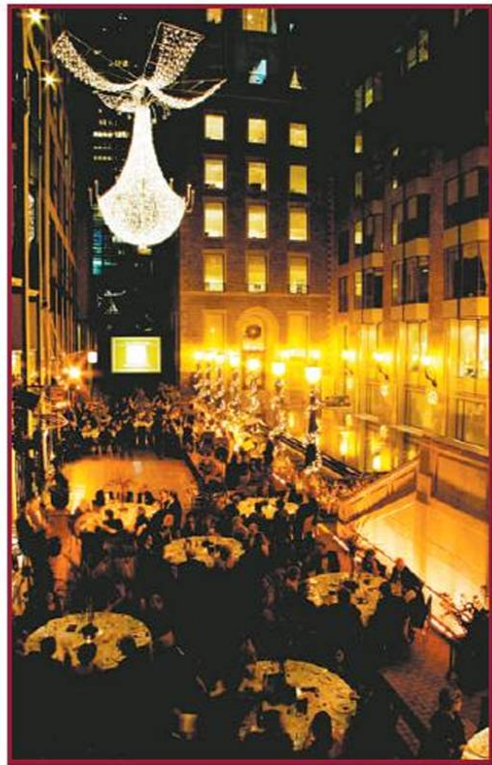
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LOOKING BENGALA COOL: Gino Rosato (of Team Ferrari), MAAT founder and Bengala organizer Jasmine Legault, singer Garou and Madeleine Morin.



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A LIGHT TOUCH: Mateo Meunier uses guests Cathy Krcevinac and Vanessa Morcom as human canvases at



THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CANADA

PIAZZA PERFECT: The World Trade Centre's ruelle des Fortifications was transformed for the year end ball of the Italian Chamber of Com-