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Flying High

By Jean Horne FOR THE TRIBUNE-REVIEW Monday, March 5, 2007

"He came just for the event," Pittsburgh Dance Council director Paul Organisak announced. "The Joffrey Ballet hasn't been here for 15 years, and Gerald Arpino wanted to add his personal support to their return."

Of course, Arpino, the legendary co-founder of one of the world's leading dance companies, was the star attraction of the Cultural Trust's chi-chi dinner party for 150 guests on Saturday that was heavy on patrons and dance aficionados.

Themed The Green Table as a nod to Joffrey's anti-war masterpiece and designed by Thommy Conroy in the Benedum Center's Studio A, it began with cocktails and continued at (what else?) green tables, where we wined and dined on caterer Michael Lench's blissful menu that began with boursin cheese truffles and terrines on melba and continued through to the perfectly seared halibut and a Granny Smith apple sorbet. While the Craig Zinger trio delighted with soft, lilting music.

If you were lucky enough to score a ticket, then you were in the capacity crowds this weekend at the Benedum Center who thrilled to the Joffrey's magnificent performances. The company's brilliant dancers displayed quicksilver skills and stunning choreography that explain why they perform to the sort of rave notices dancers dream about. Receiving Saturday's greatest applause was the hauntingly exquisite "Ruth: Ricordi Per Due," a duet with Maia Wilkins and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's former Willy Shives, as well as "Sometimes It Snows in April," set to Prince's pounding rhythms that brought down the house.

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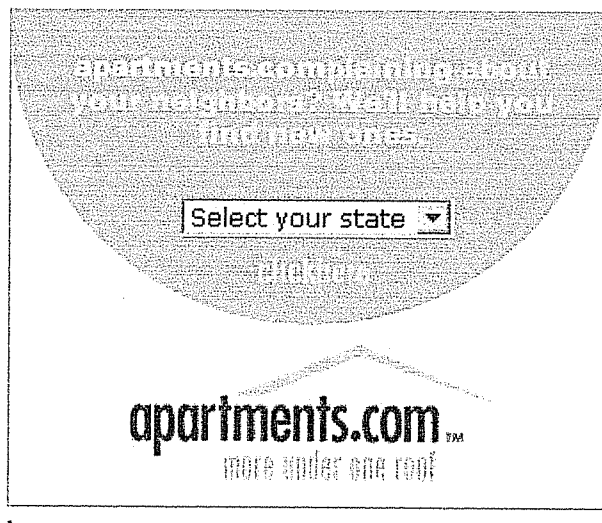
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abfab, "Gods and Goddesses" cast party for 350 of the cocktail nation. Inspired by Joffrey's "Apollo," **Richard Parsakian** of Eons Fashion Antique had transformed the raw, sprawling office, space a block away, into a Greek mythological heaven of gossamer sheers, blue lights and floating clouds. By Zeus, even the

elevator proclaimed, "Press 6 for Heaven!" There was an Olympus Lounge and draped mannequins of Athena, Apollo and Venus, as well as their images on huge posters in the white surround for dancing to the spins of DJ Edgar Um. But mingling with those gorgeous young dancers was the eve's biggest hit.

Some of the heavenly guests: PDC prexy **Selma Sherman** with **Leon** and daughter **Alyssa**; **Ann** and **Leroy Metz**; **Hilary Tyson** and **Chuck Porter**; Cultural Trust prexy **Kevin McMahon** and **Kristen**; **Harris Ferris**; First Commonwealth (presenting sponsor!) prez **John Dolan** and **Kim**; **Richard Rauh**; **Ruth Westerman** and **Bob Myers**; **Donna** and **David D'Anza**, in from Cleveland; **Barbara** and **Mac Prine**; **Jill** and **Chuck Brodbeck**; **Suzie McIntosh**; **Debbie Dodds**; **Lara Washington Thomas** and **Ken Spruill**; **Pam** and **Ken McCrory**; **Diane** and **Hal Waldman**; Dr. **Beverly Roberts Atwater**; **Pilar Tanning** and **David Hillman**; **Diana Reed**; and **Joanne Watterson** and **Andy Wolfinger**.

Plus **Mariana Tcherkassky** and **Terrence Orr**; **Ed Harrell** and **Jim Hageder**; Dr. **Susan Obagi**; **Larry Leahy**; **Yvonne Campos**; **Jan** and **Ernie Meade**; **Nicolas Petrov**; **Karen Peter** and **Tim McVay**; **Thad Clements**; **Beverly** and **Joyce Fairman**; **Charlotte** and **Brad Bellas**; **Manny Reich**; **Becky Mingo** and **Dutch MacDonald**; **Lynn** and **Jay Rayvid**; **Renee Weimer** and **Rich Stimel**; **Alyce Fiedler**; and **Tina Jennings**.

The Grand Tour

All aboard! First stop on Saturday's luxe **Passport on the Orient Express** was at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel, where 425 young socials were transported to a night of glamour and fun.

The Union Jack fluttered above Big Ben at cocktails in London, which segued to the Eiffel Tower and Paris for a shopping spree of silent auction goodies that was one of the best in ages. From a layover at Monte Carlo's gambling casino to journey's end in Venice for dining and dancing, the lovelies in this perfumed pack traveled in looks to thrill.

Power women by day and trainmasters by night, the **Mt. Lebanon Junior Women's Club** whistle-stopped for Camp Success at The Children's Institute, a free summer camp for youngsters with special needs. Since 1968, these caring damsels have been making a profound difference in the

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Off the beaten track, we spotted co-chairs **Hilary Taylor, Heather Kaveny, Kathy Teresi and Amanda Beggy** with **Brian, Eric, Michael** and emcee **John; David Miles; Susan Baker Shipley; Susan Rooney Lewis and Ron Grove; Emily and Nick Hillebrand; Jen and Bruce Schoyer; Jen and Ralph Vendfedi; Andrea and Patrick Thompson; Colleen and Paul Frank; Jodi and Ed Kubit; Jenny and R.J. Gallo; Brenda and Chuck Smolky; and Tarpey and Bill O'Rourke.**

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The headiest rush of the **CLO Ambassadors'** swirling and sniffing of wines as cutting-edge as your e-mail provider was quaffing them in the Duquesne Club's sanctum sanctorum, La Cave ... a stellar cellar for its pedigreed wines and lockers for members with stashes to match.

One of the most popular pours on the circuit with a capacity crowd of 500 to prove it, Friday's tasting for top-shelf sponsors moved upstairs, where guests bid at the silent auction, applauded the CLO Academy students in performance and worked their way through Capital Wine & Spirits', er, dizzying collection. You should also know that none of these bottles had straw on it. And that the new leadership Ambassadors earmarked proceeds for the CLO's edu outreach programs in the community.

Cheers to **Christina O'Toole** of Carlson Wagonlit Travel, who chaired the do with **Jane Dixon Puchalsky** for such vinophiles as **Debbie and Mike Barbarita; Jeanete White; Carla Vrsans Germain; CLO's Van Kaplan; Robin Randall; Philip Rutledge; Aimee Toth and Bill Krzton; Walsh and daughter Allison; Joyce Bierman; Dee Bold; Arlene Sokolow; JoEllen and Fred Janine and Tony Rychalski; Carol and Doug MacPhail; Mary Beth and Dave Johnson; and Figgins.**

'Soup Nazi' storms Pittsburgh

"No Soup for You!" cried the curmudgeonly "Soup Nazi" in the heyday of the smash hit "Seinfeld" although he glowered briefly under the Broadway-style marquee that bore his television trademark catchphrase, actor **Larry Thomas** was all dimpled smiles as celebrity host of Saturday **Easter Seals Cotillion** at the Omni William Penn ballroom.

Dapper in a Ralph Lauren tux, Thomas made his appearance for the second straight year at the party partly because of his friendship with **Paul and Lynda Schneider**, event co-chairs along with **E Rosemary Smith.**

Among the 300 guests who helped to raise about \$140,000 for services to people with disabilities the "I'll Take Manhattan" event were honorary chairpersons **Brian and Jamie Jacob; as well as Conti; Deborah Brodine; Richard and Jan Peterson; Jim and Barbara Osborn; James and Lawson; Jeff and Kathy Kumer; Dennis White, Dr. Rory and Rosi Cooper; Deb and Rich; James Zeszutek; Lauren Rushak; Karen and Dr. Timothy Kavi; Dr. Richard and Charlynn Schollaert; Larry and Varyl Rager; James and Judy Bennet; David and Lori Kohle; Betsy Teti; Heather Chronis and Nancy and Allen Kukovich.**





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A Bid of All Right

North Catholic High grads seem to be taking over the world, or at least our part of it, what with as mayor of Pittsburgh (Luke Ravenstahl), another as Allegheny County CEO (Dan Onorato) and as Steelers officials. About 350 alums and boosters took over Heinz Field's West Club Lounge

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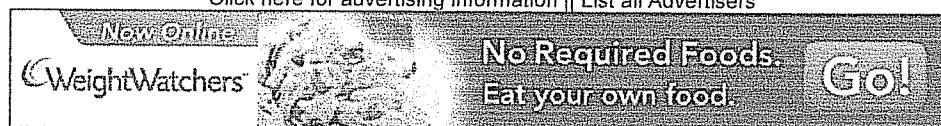


Saturday for the **North Catholic Trojan Triumph Auction**, part of a capital campaign to move campus from Troy Hill to Cranberry.

On hand to dine and bid on items such as a week on Hilton Head Island were event chairs **Pat Greg '61 Walkauskas**, parents of two alums; honorary chairs **Colbert '75** and architect **Jan B '80**, who will design the new high school building; Heritage Awardee **Walt Quinn '65**, an NC te 37 years, with wife **Sally** of the Trib; **Dr. Edward Schied**; **Frank Orga**; emcee **Bob Pompean and Terry Fedele**; **Joe Brimmeier '66**; **Angie Longo**; four-time Super Bowl Steelers player **Pat White**, who schmoozed with Steelers chair **Dan Rooney** with **Pat**; the Rev. **Larry DiNardo**; **D Graham Sr.** and **Don Graham Jr.**; **Jim Stalder**; **John Zemet**; **Mark Schmitt**; **Brian McGuire Domachowski '75**.

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