

Carlsbad Masquerade supports city's art scene

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CARLSBAD -- All hail Carnivale! Art in all its forms was the theme of the evening at the glamorous Carlsbad Masquerade, held Feb. 25 at the historic Ocean House (formerly Neiman's).

The fundraiser for the Carlsbad Outdoor Art Foundation, in association with the Carlsbad Village Business Association and the Museum Artists Foundation, was a modern celebration of Venetian carnivale, resplendent with costumed guests, works of art and performances by some of San Diego's finest musicians. The Outdoor Art Foundation was founded to promote the installation of outdoor art for the purpose of making Carlsbad Village a premier outdoor art scene for tourists and locals alike. Foundation member (and executive director for the Carlsbad Village Business Association) **Mikki Royce** was joined by Carlsbad City Councilwoman **Ann Kulchin** her husband, **David Kulchin**, **Maureen Simons**, **Gary** and **Denise Hill**, **Paul** and **Konny Thompson**, **Katie Taylor**, and the creator of Royce's splendid Venetian robes, her mother, **Chichi Rosenstein**.

Other guests included **Kathy** and **Mark Winkler**, **Sandra Chanis**, **Maria Rubinstein**, **John Simons**, **Evo** and **Bill Ostrie**, **Richard Duquette**, **Andrea Schoof**, **David Brahms**, **Dennis Paul Batt**, **Karon Cook** and Carlsbad Magazine's **Tim Wrisley**. The evening also featured outstanding entertainment by guitarist **Jimmy Patton**, pianist **Yrsan Daro**, the Small Opera of San Diego, and San Diego Cajun favorites, the Bayou Brothers.

Featured artists included **James Hubbell**, **Mark Nordquist**, **Becky Guttin**, **Nasser Pirasteh**, **Peter Mitten**, **Maher Morcos**, **Christopher Lee**, **Roy Madsen**, **Mary Buckman**, and **Madelynne Engle**.



From left, Mikki Royce, David Kulchin, Ann Kulchin and Maureen Simons attend the Carlsbad Masquerade on Feb. 25.

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