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Fisher Weisman's Russian River Paradise

PHOTOGRAPHY GRAY SCOTT AT VERITAS MANAGEMENT. ART DIRECTION AND STYLING: FASHION EDITOR KATE ALLEN. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: JOSEPH KOWAN AND VERISS HOUSTON. PUPPETEER WEARS BIHR HOMME BY HEDI SLIMANE WOOL VEST \$1,195, COTTON TUX SHIRT \$410, WOOL CIGARETTE TROUSERS \$735, SATIN TRIPLE-LOOP BOW TIE \$315, AND SATIN CUMMERBUND \$289, ALL AT BIHR HOMME NYC. PUPPETS: SHE WEARS OSCAR DE LA RENTA FLORAL CHINE ROUGE TAFFETA DRESS \$7,500 AT NEIMAN MARCUS, SAKS FIFTH AVENUE. JIMMY CHOO AQUINA STILETTOS \$560, AT NORDSTROM, SAKS FIFTH AVENUE. SUSAN, WILKES BATHFORD, HE WEARS THOM BROWNE NEW YORK WOOL HARRIS TWEED SUIT WITH SHORTS \$4,500, COTTON OXFORD SHIRT WITH BUTTON CUFFS \$240, AND STRIPE SILK BOW TIE \$185, ALL AT NEIMAN MARCUS. HUGO BOSS SHOES \$275, AT MACY'S, NORDSTROM, SAKS FIFTH AVENUE. MAKEUP VANESSA EVELYN USING TARTE COSMETICS FOR VERITAS WITH ASSISTANTS YUKI NAKAMURA, EMIKO AYABE, AND YUKIKO SEKINE. HAIR WESLEY O'NEARA FOR PUBLIC SALON. MODEL JONATHAN KROPPMANN AT VISION NY. LUCY HOAN WITH MARILYN AGENCY, NY. PHOTO ASSISTANT DAVID GONZALEZ. FASHION ASSISTANT SARA DUBBOYS.



Co-chairmen Cathy MacNaughton, Robert Fountain, Esty Lawrie Landy, Ely Linder



Ken Fulk, Nelson Blomcourt



Rob Delamater



Randy Staehl, Charly Zibrow



Diana Harrison, Ely Greer



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Gaetan Caron



Tim Treadway



Lisa Boquiren, Sarah Reich



Cathy Post



Jack Stearns



Taylor Tanimoto, Melanie Coddington



Karen Caldwell, Betsy Linder



Gardner Robinson & Kendall Wilkinson Robinson



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Mushrooms and Mondrian

Table-hopping at *Elle Decor's* Amazing Dining by Design Gala

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What

Elle Decor's sixth annual Dining by Design, presented by GE, a fund-raising dinner produced by Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, one of the largest fund-raisers for HIV/AIDS programs in the United States. Gala proceeds benefit the Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital, an affiliate of UCSF's AIDS Research Institute.

Where

The San Francisco Design Center's Galleria, bedecked with 51 tables spread across four floors, with one table perched elegantly inside the McRae & Company showroom.

Who

The evening's co-chairmen **Robert Fountain** in a Dolce & Gabbana tux jacket, **Esty Lawrie Landy**, **Cathy MacNaughton**, and *Elle Decor's* **Margaret Russell** in "Prada, Prada, all Prada" joined honorary chair **Helen Hilton Raiser** in Missoni and more than 530 guests, including **Clarellen Adams**, **Gardner Robinson** and **Kendall Wilkinson Robinson**, **Karen Caldwell**, **Betsy Linder**, **Ken Fulk**, **Nelson**

Blomcourt, **Cathy Post**, **Sallie Huntington**, **Jay Jeffers**, **Lisa Boquiren**, and **Tim Treadway**, for an elegant dinner amid chic and inventive table settings.

The Scene

Set in a new space, just steps away from some of the city's best interior-design showrooms, this year's Dining by Design impressed new guests and veterans alike. "I think we've found a home for a while," said co-chairman **Fountain**, who added that his table design for **Robert Fountain** and **Bloomington's** with green chandeliers and touches of old Hollywood glamour "is what my house in Palm Springs will look like if and when I get one."

Each designer or team was assigned a space to convert into a dining room, picnic spot, forest clearing, plastic palazzo, rare book-reading room or any one of a seemingly endless array of imaginative dinner settings. **Lost Art Salon's Gaetan Caron** and **Rob Delamater** worked with designer **Steven Miller** to cover the entire wall behind their Miller-designed acrylic-and-Lucite table with modern-era artworks and objects,

creating what **Delamater** called "a neo-bohemian salon atmosphere, an updated Bloomsbury."

Gardner Robinson, who was slated to sit at the table his wife **Kendall** designed, applauded the inventive sofabooth seats at **Summer Hill Ltd.'s** table, designed by **Fisher Weisman**. "I dig the mushroom table," he said. "Very Alice in Wonderland." **Taylor Tanimoto** and **Melanie Coddington** of **Coddington Design** created an elegant table for **Randolph & Hen** that was spread with blue alpaca from the **Sandra Jordan Collection**, as well as her flatware designs in silver plate.

"Some of the chargers are Sandra's, and they're silver, not silver plate; we're keeping an eye on them," said **Coddington**. Interior designer **Jay Jeffers** made the rounds before joining the **Summer Hill** table for dinner. He was inspired by the fanciful **Fisher Weisman** design and by the **Academy of Art University's** entry, a table in muted tones, surrounded by apothecary jars. "I've got to see everything before I take a seat," he said, on his way around the fourth floor pointing to his table on the first floor. Luckily, table-hopping is the parlor game du jour at Dining by Design.