

Mississauga Society Attends Vienna Ball

Fundraising and Attendance Records Set by The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Mississauga, Ontario) The night belonged to Vienna...but it was hosted right here in Mississauga! The Credit Valley Hospital's annual Valentine's Gala recreated the world-renowned Austrian aristocrat's social event of the year complete with the symphonic swells, ballroom dancing and the shimmering elegance of the Imperial palace.

A record breaking 760 patrons were in attendance...many wearing the traditional embroidered gowns and formal dinner jackets of the period. It was a magnificent recreation of opulence and elegance at The Toronto Congress Centre. The classical sweep and style of Vienna was celebrated as the guests entered the glittering ballroom. A ceiling treatment of delicate swagged white sheer and sparkling gold lame was punctuated with a series of four crystal chandeliers that were six feet long. The sparkling strands of crystal beads were matched with gorgeous baroque styled columns that were finished in ivory and gold and arranged in pairs around the ballroom. Large hanging mirror reminiscent of the Hall of Mirrors were hung between the columns. A stunning curved stairway flanked with heavily carved balustrades and finished in gold was a superb backdrop for the ladies as they modeled their gowns.

The event was hosted by Foundation Chairman, John Dunn, Vice President and Branch Manager of Nesbitt Burns Incorporated and his beautiful wife, Patti Dunn, three-time chairman of the gala event.

The event raised \$200,000. The money will support the Foundation's capital campaign to fund the hospital's ongoing expansion projects including the Peel Regional Cancer Centre at The Credit Valley Hospital site.

Die Presse writes: "The Opera Ball no longer belongs to Vienna alone but is an integral part of all Europe. It is a night which the entire world envies." It was a night not to be missed by Mississauga society.

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