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Opera star Renée Fleming feted by the Concert Association of Florida



Renée Fleming & Adrienne Arsht

It was a glorious night in Miami on January 16, 2006 when the world-renowned soprano Renée Fleming was feted by the Concert Association of Florida with an intimate dinner party at the stunning waterfront home of Adrienne Arsht of TotalBank, as a prelude to Ms. Fleming's appearance the next evening with pianist Richard Bado, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

There is no more exquisite setting than that of Adrienne Arsht's sprawling Spanish-style patio with its breathtaking view of Biscayne Bay, on which happy guests were treated to an epicurean array of delicious hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sumptuous meal of grilled salmon, pan-roasted breast of capon with grilled Mediterranean vegetables and a chocolate fondant dessert with home-made ice cream one wished would never end.

The evening was dedicated to great artists who have made an "outstanding contribution to the arts," and the festivities culminated with the presentation to Ms. Fleming of the CAF Distinguished Achievement Award for 2005. In her presentation, Judy Drucker, President of CAF, called Ms. Fleming "a dear friend who set the music world on fire with her magnificent voice." A former recipient of this prestigious award was the great violinist Isaac Stern.

Honored guests at the party were legendary opera stars Evelyn Lear and Thomas Stewart, as well as Joan and Vincent Carosella, Gala (Mrs. Stanley) Cohen, Maureen and George Collins, Carolyn and John Kapioltas, Mrs. Heidi Loeb, Barbara and Robert Pinkert, Linda and Irwin Potash, all of Fisher Island; Nancy Jean Davis, Donald Ewing, Robert and Edith Hudson, Dr. Shulamit Katzman (Mrs. Chaim), Ariella Moskovitz (Mrs. Daniel) Mrs. Cherylle Reed, Hilda Romagosa and Julio Velas of Fidelity Investments, sponsors of the Renée Fleming concert on January 17, 2006; Jacqueline Simkin, Howard Slotnick, Shelly Spivack of Blue Cross Blue Shield, also sponsors of the Renee Fleming concert on January 17, 2006, and Dr. Sanford and Dolores Ziff.

Renée Fleming is not only one of the most outstanding artists of her generation, but her performance at the beginning of the CAF 2005-2006 season set the pace for a sensational series that included Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Julio Bocca, Emanuel Ax, Lang Lang, Valery Gergiev, the Philadelphia Orchestra and many others.

The Concert Association is extremely grateful to Ms. Arsht for opening her beautiful home to us and for her warm and gracious hospitality.



Maureen Collins, Adrienne Arsht & Gala Cohen



Carolyn & John Kapioltas, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin (Linda) Potash



Vincent Carosella, Renée Fleming & Joan Carosella



Thomas Stewart, Renée Fleming & Adrienne Arsht



Evelyn Lear, Thomas Stewart & Renée Fleming



Adrienne Arsht & HRH Princess Thi-Nga



Thomas Stewart & Renée Fleming



Edith Hudson, Adrienne Arsht & Robert F. Hudson, Jr.



Judy Drucker & Adrienne Arsht



Thomas Stewart & Evelyn Lear



Diane Star Heller, Thomas Stewart & Daniel Neal Heller



Pianist Richard Bado, Renée Fleming, Judy Drucker, Robert F. Hudson Jr. & Adrienne Arsht



Ariella Moskovitz, Renée Fleming, Dr. Shulamit Katman



Julio Velas (Fidelity Investments), Renée Fleming, Hilda Romagosa (Fidelity Investments)



Dolores Ziff, Dr. Sanford L. Ziff, Thomas Stewart, HRH Princess Thi-Nga



Dr. Irwin Potash & Linda Potash, Gala Cohen, Maureen Collins, George Collins



Judy Drucker & Renée Fleming

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