



Carolina's Madison Avenue Fiesta
Herrera hosts Casita Maria's gala committee

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(NEW YORK) Madison Avenue was abuzz last night as Carolina Herrera opened the doors of her Upper East Side boutique for a cocktail party saluting the gala committees of Casita Maria's Fiesta 2006. The organization, which aids the Latino communities of the South Bronx and East Harlem, got a hearty reception, as **Hunt Slonem**, Carolina Herrera creative director **Hervé Pierre**, **Mark Gilbertson**, **Somers Farkas**, **Marina Rust Connor**, **Bob Colacello**, and **Dennis Basso** all passed by. Even **Debbie Bancroft**, **Douglas Hannant**, and **Frederick Anderson** made a quick stop on their way to the London Symphony Orchestra.

Herrera herself has had a first-hand experience with the charity—she was the recipient of their Gold Medal of Honor nearly 15 years ago, and said hosting the event was the least she could do. “It’s a very glam group,” noted **Beth Rudin DeWoody** of the organization’s principals. “Those Latinos with their big jewels.” Speaking of noteworthy eye candy, Herrera found herself on the receiving end of countless compliments over her own pieces. Complementing her black-on-black ensemble, she sported a pair of Van Cleef & Arpels earrings and pendant, the latter of which was originally part of a necklace given to her by her husband, **Reinaldo**. “I don’t buy my own jewels,” Herrera said, bursting into laughter. “I don’t now how to.”

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