

White Tie and a Waltz in New York City: Viennese Opera Ball Honors the Bicentenary of the Birth of Johann Strauss II

69th Year of the Iconic Celebration Celebrated Tradition the Enduring Works of Johann Strauss II

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, May 22, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In a celebration of culture, tradition, and timeless music, the 69th Annual Viennese Opera Ball returned to Cipriani 42nd Street, for one of the most spectacular evenings in New York's social calendar. This year's gala held resonance, commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Johann Strauss II, the "Waltz King".

Co-Chaired by Jean Shafiroff and Denise Rich, this year's Ball benefited Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research, and the music therapy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, continuing the event's legacy of supporting charitable causes through the arts.

The evening opened with the presentation of debutantes and their escorts choreographed by Sandra Stockmayer from Svabek Dance School Vienna, followed by a ballet performance featuring Christine Shevchenko, Principal Dancer with the American Ballet Theatre, joined by young dancers from the Rock School of Dance and members of the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP), with the support of the Ballet Support Foundation. A highlight of the evening were the breathtaking performances by opera stars María Barakova, two-time Grammy Award winner J'Nai Bridges, Adam Smith, Mikayla Sager, Daniel Berryman, Aigul Akhmetshina, Maritina Tampakopoulos, and Johanna Will. Guests enjoyed a Viennese-inspired dinner and fine Austrian wines, followed by dancing to Waltzer by the Viennese Opera Ball Orchestra led by Maestro Rainer Sulzgruber, the traditional midnight Quadrille and an after party with DJ and Austrian

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Jean Shafiroff, Denise Rich, Silvia Frieser (Photo Credit: BFA / Jiraurd Key)

snacks.

Notable attendees included: Denise Rich, Jean Shafiroff, Silvia Frieser, Sabine Riglos (Honoree and Board member), Stefan Ottrubay (Chairman of the Board, Esterhazy Foundation), Petra Schneebeauer (Austrian Ambassador to the United States), Thomas Schlesinger (Austrian Consul-General) and spouse Susanne Keppler-Schlesinger (Austrian Cultural Forum NY), Ernst Woller (President of the Vienna Provincial Parliament), Peter Hanke (Federal Minister for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure of the Republic of Austria), Dominik Nepp (Member of the City Council of Vienna), Klaus Panholzer (Schloss Schonbrunn), Austrian painter Pablo Meier-Schomburg and Camillo Stepanek, Austrian fashion designer Carolin Sinemus (Madl, Salzburg), Julia Haart, Michael Spinks, Maribel Lieberman, TV personality Star Jones, Elizabeth Segerstrom, William Cavendish and Liliana Cavendish, Rebecca Seawright, David Hochberg, Mario-Max Schaumburg-Lippe, Lulu Sezercan Dalkanat and Lola Abigail Koch.

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Star Jones (Photo Credit: BFA / Jiraurd Key)



Maribel Lieberman (Photo Credit: BFA / Jiraurd Key)

artist Fer Da Silva, and delicious Austrian wine makers Christ, Schloss Gobelsburg, Esterházy, and TAT2 Bourbon. Partners included the American Ballet Theatre, Ballet Support Foundation, Imperial Ballroom Dance Center, IMZ, Operabase, Tanzschule Roman E. Svabek and Youth America Grand Prix.

About the Viennese Opera Ball:

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