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Who's Your PAPI?

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Hold on! Wait just a minute! There's more to that phrase than what may readily come to mind. PAPI, the acronym for Performing Arts Programs Inc., under the direction of Mr. Chip Becker, President and Publisher publishes programs for such Austin arts organizations as: Ballet Austin, The Long Center, Austin Symphony Orchestra, Zachary Scott, Austin Lyric Opera, Paramount & State Theaters and Texas Performing Arts Center.

We had the pleasure of accepting the exclusive invite from Mr. Becker to attend the 1st Annual PAPI Party at Ballet Austin's Austin Ventures Studio Theater to get a sneak peek at Austin's 2010 / 11 Season and mix and mingle with artists and patrons alike. Let me tell you mix and mingle we did! This was one of the most well organized, well attended and most exciting parties of the year and not a stone was left unturned by event designer/planner, Brooke Rogers of Ruby Rogers Events, Mr. Becker and his team to ensure guests had a memorable evening.

The theatre was transformed into a regal setting in rich colors of black and gold. Even the crystal accented chandeliers dangling from the ceilings aptly contributed by adding a shimmering glow of soft lighting. Beautiful floral arrangements of Hydrangeas designed by the amazing team headed by award winning Victoria and Sofia Avila of Austin favorite Mandarin Flower Co., adorned black lacquered cocktail tables. Accenting the floral arrangements were gold twine formed to spell the acronym PAPI. Exquisite, the team at Mandarin Flower Co. out did themselves here!

The beverages and culinary delights more than pleased and courteous assistants made sure are palates were never disappointed. Our friend Mr. Marcelo Nascimento, Founder and Chief Bar Chef of Lucky 13 Cocktail Catering and Bar Manager at the new Enzo Restaurant / Lounge to be located in the Austin360 building, orchestrated artistically inspired cocktails featuring a selection of Marker's Mark, Dulce Vida Tequila and a selection of Wines. The mixologists put on a rousing display of techniques as they made drinks; bottles were juggled, napkins were spun and glasses were slid. What a Show! Word of Mouth Catering

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tickled our appetites with a delicious array of appetizers. A personal favorite was the Crabbed Stuffed Cucumbers. Musical entertainment was provided by The Songbird, Ava Arenella who is new to the Austin Music scene, but is certainly making an impact. Her lovely voice complemented carefully chosen easy listening standards and added a sense of "Hollywood" to the evening.

Now of course, the very important ingredient to a successful Event is the people. And people there were. Much thought had obviously gone into the exclusive guest list and it certainly made for an enriching experience. We enjoyed the company of those in the arts, media and entertainment industries as well several well known restaurateurs. It was a special treat to chat with Ms. Stacy Saxon, Marketing Manager at One World Theatre as we chatted about one of our favorite Austin musical treasures, Ms. Pamela Hart, Austin's First Lady of Jazz.

Chip's heartfelt and humble welcome address was certainly timely has he thanked all in attendance was their consistent support. He values what he does and how it contributes to the higher quality of life for those who savor the arts in Austin. As a lover of the arts, we certainly appreciate their contributions.

As this was the first of what we hope to be many PAPI Parties, it will be a challenge to top this one! We're more than certain Chip and his team will rise to the challenge and we'll certainly make sure we're on the guest list to write all about the wonderful experiences!



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