



a heart for charity

JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION CHARITY DINNER
12 APRIL 2002

A WHOPPING S\$273.833 WAS RAISED for the Community Chest at Grand Hyatt Singapore – this is definitely a much higher and heartening sum than last year. This wouldn't have been made a reality if not for a group of chefs, wineries and a cognac company. Christofle plates that had been painted on earlier in the week by the World Gourmet Summit masterchefs were auctioned off. Certain pieces displayed artistic talents. Chef Noriyuki Sugie's Japanese creation, which he painted with memories of his artist mother, fetched S\$1,888. "This is also similar to the French-Japanese cuisine style of Restaurant VII. The art is Japanese in style, painted on a French plate."

A stellar cast of wines and magnums also played a role in the silent auction, where the Mas La Plana 1995 by Bodegas Torres Winery was auctioned for S\$10,000.

Local chefs were also not to be outdone. Doing their part for charity, Sam Leong of Tung Lok Group, Brian Cleere of Grand Hyatt Singapore and Justin Quek of Les Amis pooled their talents together with overseas chefs Michael Ginor, Marcus Samuelsson and Patrick Martin, creating an exquisite menu that matched the equally elegant setting, making the night one of pure magic. What took the breaths away was the grand dessert extravaganza which was a surprise presentation to the crowd. Tucked away in the next ballroom, it was only at the end when the partitions were pulled aside that breaths were taken away. As one guest aptly concluded, "What else can you expect from the experts?"

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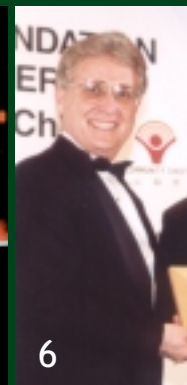
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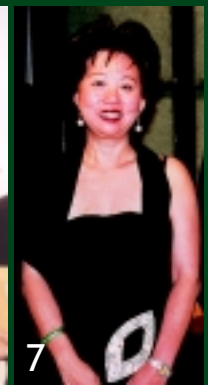
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For the guests present that night, it was not all about giving, giving and more giving. One lucky lady won the raffle draw, walking away with S\$40,000 worth of prizes – including a pair of first class air tickets by United Airlines to Chicago, free accomodation at Ritz-Carlton Chicago, a free dining experience at Arun's and Charlie Trotter's.

- 1 Jennie Chua presenting the S\$40,000 raffle prize to the lucky winner
- 2 the final amount raised - S\$273,833
- 3 the ones behind the scenes that made it possible
- 4 Mr and Mrs Peter Thewliss, Len Pickell
- 5 Minister Yeo Cheow Tong sampling delicacies
- 6 all smiles from John Delapa of United Airlines
- 7 Dr Jannie Tay looking absolutely stunning
- 8 congratulations for a job well done!
- 9 looking too good to be eaten
- 10 the Grand Hyatt's zen theme in captivating black and silver



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