

Hot House

Rex Cumming Opens His Mod Manse for the Two by Two for AIDS and Art Announcement

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Two by Two for AIDS and Art co-chairman **Brian Bolke** passed along a detailed guest request to Harry Winston: For Patti Crews' party frock, something in pink to match her darling Moschino dress from Forty Five Ten. The result? At the Two by Two for AIDS and Art announcement event at noted art collector **Rex Cumming's** magnificent mid-century home, **Jim Huang**, director of Harry Winston in New York, ushered in \$30 million in precious gems—including a pair of earrings with six carats of white diamonds clustered in a dainty flower shape surrounded by two carats of pink diamonds, brought especially for Ms. Crews. (Most were inquiring about the gleaming rock on her right hand, though. "This is my own Harry Winston," she said. Oh, we see.) Just when we thought **Cumming's** Edward Durrell Stone-designed masterpiece (he was the architect of MoMA and the General Motors Building near Central Park in New York, as well as the Kennedy Center in Washington) on Park Lane—formerly home to Robert Crandall and built by oilman Bruno Graf in the '50s—couldn't shine any brighter, the vision of Two by Two committee members bejeweled

in Harry Winston charms simply blinded us. "I love it \$350,000 worth!" exclaimed a Valentino-clad **Brooke Davenport** of her loaned diamond cuff as she peeked around the displayed Aston Martin from John Eagle parked in front. Inside, co-chair **Naomi Aberly**, seat in a Narciso Rodriguez, was swooned over her watch, and **Natalie Chu** had separation anxiety when parting with her diamond-embellished timepiece as well. "It is part of my arm already," she said, winking at her husband, **Wilson**. "I guess I am writing out a check, aren't I?" he so generously responded.

Fabulous fashion is inevitable at these Two by Two events. We spotted **Nancy Dobbins** in Yves Saint Laurent and a sparkling **Larisa Barrera** handbag and the blue-eyed **Brooke Aldridge** sporting Prada with a chunky belt and bangles to match. Co-chairman **Bolke** dressed not only in Gucci, but also in Two by Two's official colors: brown and lavender. That **Bolke** thinks of everything, doesn't he? He trotted midway up the circular staircase in the great room, and here's what he had to pronounce: Saks Fifth Avenue has committed to underwriting "First Look," chaired by **Natalie Chu** and **Kim Schlegel** (store manager **Gary Guthrie** looked on, beaming during the news), and five percent of Harry Winston's sales through the end of

2004 will go to the Two by Two fund (make sure you whisper "Two by Two" when procuring your purchase). "I know: It's like the Academy Awards," joked **Bolke** of his lengthy announcement—but we didn't mind, as the Grey Goose lavender cosmopolitans were still being passed and tasty hors d'oeuvres from **George Catering** were making the rounds. Thoughtful **Todd Fiscus** of **Todd Events** brought in many a chaise longue and cool cube for us to relax on. **Anne Livet**, **Scott Campbell**, and **Robin Silverman**—from amfAR in New York—were pleased to hear the October 16 Two by Two gala at **The Racheofsky House** is a sell-out, with handsome **Sorby's** auctioneer **Jamie Niven** holding the gavel. After the announcement, socialite-turned-DJ **Larry Wuebel** put the headphones back on and turned it up for the likes of **Harry Winston Dallas** rep **Rozalyn St. Pe Colombo**, **John and Susan Rutledge**, **Lisa Krause**, **Phyllis Walker**, **Kari Walker**, **Jan Showers**, **Rob Dailey**, **Claire and Dwight Emmanuelson**. Two by Two event hosts **Howard and Cindy Racheofsky**, **Michelle Shelman**, **Shelly Musselman** and many more.



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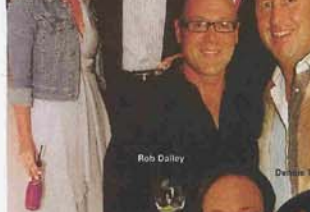
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