

The Idea(l) Décor: Bringing Bella Notte to Life

Marie Hurabiell Trader, chair of San Francisco Ballet's 2012 Opening Night Gala, is certain that *Bella Notte*, this year's Romeo and Juliet inspired gala, will be an elegantly romantic and memorable affair. Ms. Hurabiell Trader has entrusted the decor for this year's gala in the talented hands of a dream-team: **Mr. J. Riccardo Benavides** of Ideas, a tour de force in sumptuous event staging and design, and décor chair, plastic surgeon **Dr. Carolyn Chang**, known for impeccable taste and precise aesthetics. Inspired by the richness of the Italian Renaissance, Dr. Chang and Mr. Benavides are merging their distinct styles of minimalism and maximalism to create a 16th century palazzo that will evoke the essence of this splendid and passionate era.



PICTURED: (left to right) gala designer J. Riccardo Benavides in Armani (with special thanks to Louise Chen at Saks Fifth Avenue), décor chair Dr. Carolyn Chang in Chanel, gala chair Marie Hurabiell Trader in Calvin Klein
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