

DESTINATION LUXURY: *Shanghai 1930*

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On August 8, luxury travel website Destination Luxury threw an extravagant 1930's Shanghai themed gala to celebrate the birthdays of Destination Luxury Editor-in-Chief David Christopher Lee and Destination Luxury TV Show Host Celeste Thorson. The grand event also announced Lee's new position as Contributing Editor-at-large for Phoenix International Magazine.



The red carpet private event was held at the W Hotel Hollywood. Guests danced to beats by DJ Christian B and sipped on drinks provided by alcohol sponsors Tequila 88 ultra premium, Sacacuento Mezcal, and Vina Sympatica. The focal point of the evening was an art-deco 5-tiered cake by Bea's Baby Bake-shop.



1. Cake by Bea's Baby Bakshop
2. Celeste Thorson, Jacqueline DePaul, Makaha Sugita, Nicolette Holman, David Christopher Lee, Olga Aleksa & Judy Ly

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4. David Christopher Lee & Celeste Thorson
5. Lauren Elaine
6. Setorli Pond



Midway into the evening the SGVCCA performed traditional Dragon and Lion Dance. Sue Wong graced the crowd with beautiful models dressed in her latest collection in a fashion presentation featuring Jazz Singer Nicolette Holman. The event was produced by Charis Events & Design. Sponsors included Glow Concepts, Jin & Quinn and Butterfly Floral Design. Donations from the night benefited the UNICEF Chinese Children's Initiative.



Special guests in attendance included actress Bai Ling, fashion designer Sue Wong, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of Phoenix International Magazine Lynn Liou, Managing Editor Fiona Chan, President of Boss Litho Jean Paul Nataf, Destination Luxury Creative Director Setorii Pond, stylist Johnny Anastacio, actor Jonathan Chase, Beverly Hills Realtor Christophe Choo, Duchess von Schoeneberg, and designer Taryn Rose.



- 1. Sue Wong model at the W Hollywood
- 2. David Christopher Lee, Lynn Liou & Jean-Paul Nataf
- 3. Themed party goes at the W Hollywood
- 4. Bai Ling
- 5. Taryn Rose
- 6. Johnny Anastacio
- 7. Jonathan Chase
- 8. Karen Lily, David Christopher Lee, Sue Wong, Kayd Currier & Katty Wong