

GALA★AWARD

WINNERS



Winners, nominees and attendees enjoyed a night of Hollywood glamour at this year's The Special Event Gala Awards ceremony, held in Los Angeles on Jan. 12. The *Special Events Magazine* Advisory Board pored over a record number of entries to select the trophy recipients for outstanding work in 35 categories. Read on to discover this year's special-event standouts. — *The Editors*

Note: Our 2007 Gala Awards competition, which is open for events taking place between Sept. 1, 2006, and Aug. 31, 2007, will begin this June. You will find entry forms in our June, July and August issues, as well as on our Web site beginning June 1. The entries will be due in early September. We look forward to seeing your work.

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ALISON SILCOFF EVENTS, MONTREAL

The opera "Un Ballo in Maschera"—or "A Masked Ball"—provided the thematic Venice carnival background for 650 guests attending the Daffodil Ball in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. Decor and entertainment featured a massive Pulchinella daffodil mask, dramatic scarlet velvet walls, crystal chandeliers, a scarlet dance floor, gold-framed video screens and 55,000 daffodils. Strolling jesters, magicians and gifts from Chanel added to the entertaining evening.

