



Event Scenario

WHAT: Houston SPCA Howl-O-Ween Ball

WHEN: Friday, October 29, 2021

WHERE: Houston SPCA

CO-CHAIRS: Zane and Brady Carruth
Ann and Leslie Doggett

HONOREES: Linda McIngvale, Community Honoree
Westbury Animal Hospital, Mission Honoree
Jennifer Schechter Rosen and Harris County Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen, Mission Honorees
KHOU TV-11, Media Honoree

BENEFITING: Houston SPCA

DETAILS: The Houston SPCA's annual Ball was a record-breaking evening to remember raising more than \$1 million for the organization! The Howl-O-Ween-themed event was co-chaired by longtime supporters Zane, who serves as a board member, and Brady Carruth along with Ann and Leslie Doggett and was attended by a sell-out crowd of more than 350.

Upon arrival, guests, who were clad in a mixture of Halloween costumes and cocktail attire, were wowed at the Houston SPCA's Equine Rescue Arena, which had been transformed into a haunted Howl-O-Ween ballroom. **Bergner and Johnson** filled the space with spook-tacular gauzy ghosts and ghouls, pumpkins, cobwebs, and candelabras.

During the cocktail hour, guests sipped on libations and noshed on hors d'oeuvres while perusing the silent auction. Sought after items included a \$2,000 Neiman Marcus shopping spree for two, a silkscreen "We Will Rise Again" print by George Rodrigue, and two tickets to see Earth Wind and Fire perform with Santana and a meet and greet with the legendary Earth Wind and Fire after the show!

As attendees made their way to their tables, they were treated to a surprise performance of "Thriller" by Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS) students. Following the show, KHOU TV-11 anchor and event emcee **Kimberly Davis** opened the program with an exclusive raffle opportunity! For \$100, guests could purchase a ticket to win an exquisite pair of custom drop earrings designed by **Franco Valobra of Valobra Master Jewelers** specifically for the Howl-O-Ween Ball.

Kimberly then acknowledged the Ball and committee chairs before turning it over to Zane and Brady Carruth, who welcomed guests and thanked them for their continued support. **Houston SPCA President and CEO Patti Mercer** concluded the program by recognizing their generous sponsors.

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Dinner, which **City Kitchen catered**, began with a Boston Bibb wedge salad with red and golden beets, pickled celery, cured olives, toasted pistachios and white vinaigrette dressing. For the main course, guests enjoyed an option of pan-seared chicken breast with chardonnay-thyme glaze, a smashed red bliss potato cake with scallions, rainbow baby carrots and broccolini, or grilled eggplant roulade stuffed with portobello mushrooms, heirloom cherry tomato confit, roasted rainbow cauliflower with saffron orzo pilaf with baby vegetables and a haricot vert bundle. Dessert was a choice between warm chocolate fondant with pistachio crème anglaise, toffee, vanilla ice cream and shortbread, or vegan chocolate, avocado and zucchini mousse with fresh berries.

During the meal, the Houston SPCA recognized this year's honorees through various short videos. Honorees included Community Honoree Linda McIngvale, Mission Honorees Westbury Animal Hospital and Jennifer Schechter Rosen and Harris County Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen, and Media Honoree KHOU TV-11

Halfway through the evening, the TUTS students dazzled with a performance of the Addams Family.

Franco Valobra then took the stage, announcing Lauren and Pat Sullivan as the winners of the coveted earrings.

As guests finished dessert, they were shown a short video highlighting the mission of the Houston SPCA and then the live auction began!

The evening concluded with a final TUTS performance of "Monster Mash," followed by dancing with entertainment by **DJ L-Boogie!** Partygoers could also opt to visit the Adoption Center for coffee and cocktails.

GUESTS:

Adam Adams, Linda and Les Allison, Connie Bergen, Kimberly Castros, Brittany and Adam Clark, Lisa and Douglas Clarke, Roz and Byron Cooley, Jeanne and Ed Daniels, Kimberly Davis, Helena and Laird Doran, Marsha Eckermann and Dr. L.D. Eckermann, Linda and Simon Eyles, Joann Fuller and Forest Cook, Carol and Mark Glasser, Evelyn H. Griffin, Carol and Tommy Harper, Janine K. Iannarelli, Cheryl Knape and Dr. Gregg Knape, Tracy LeRoy and Brandon Rottinghaus, Judge Roberta Lloyd and Don McWilliams, Dale Lockett, Kandace and Carlos Longoria, Linda McIngvale, Patricia Mercer and Tony Blewitt, Ellen and Rachael Negeli, Debbie and John Putman, Raevyn Rogers, Jennifer Schechter Rosen and Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen, Allison Tripp and Ross Plummer, Dancie and Jim Ware, Beth Wolff, Cynthia Wolff, and Bonnie and Mitch Zarsky.

HIGH RES IMAGES:

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