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SAN FRANCISCO DEBUTS JAMES GALANOS' PHOTOGRAPHY

Tatiana and **Serge Sorokko** hosted an opening night reception for legendary fashion designer **James Galanos** (aka Jimmy) at the Serge Sorokko Gallery on Grant Avenue in downtown San Francisco.

Of course, couture collector and former Russian model **Tatiana** wore a 1960's Galanos gown, fitting for a contributing editor at *Harper's Bazaar*.

The idea for the exhibition was conceived in Russia last May when Serge presented British artist **Stephen Sumner's** work at Moscow's Museum of Modern Art. By the way, Sumner's wife is *Harper's BAZAAR* Editor-in-Chief **Glenda Bailey**. She and the Moscow entourage included **Paul Litvak, David Nash, Larry Block, Denise Hale** and **Jimmy Galanos**, of course.

Among those at the reception were Los Angelinos **Wolfgang Puck** with designer **Gelila Assefa**; actress **Dixie Carter** wearing a low-cut black Galanos cocktail dress; **Rosemarie Stack**, the widow of actor **Robert Stack**; furniture designers **Mollie** and **Richard Mulligan**; and interior designer **David Phoenix**.

Dixie Carter lead everyone in "Happy Birthday" to a modest Galanos who turned eighty-two the day before. Then, SF Fine Arts Museum Curator-in-Charge, **Robert Johnson** announced that one of Galanos's images would be added to the museum's permanent collection. Immortality, now that's a nice birthday gift.

LA society florist **David Jones** delivered a hand-written note from former first lady **Nancy Reagan**, Galanos' dear friend and favorite client who wore a white Galanos to President **Ronald Reagan's** Inaugural Ball.

San Franciscans abounded, of course: **Denise Hale**; actor **Peter Coyote** with wife **Stefanie**; **Christine Suppes**, fashionlines.com editor; habberdasher **Wilkes Bashford**; **Lynne Zydowsky**; author **Diane Dorrans Saeks**; stylish **Sally Debenham**, and **Stanley** and **Helen Cheng**, owners of Hestan Vineyards and Kitchen Aid.



The group on Russia trip for Stephen Sumner Art exhibit



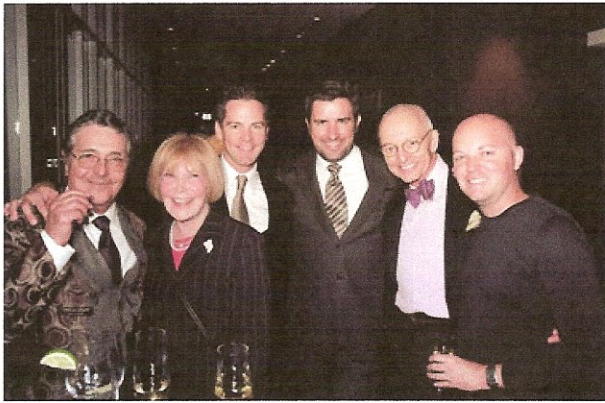
Legendary fashion designer James Galanos and Ralph Rucci



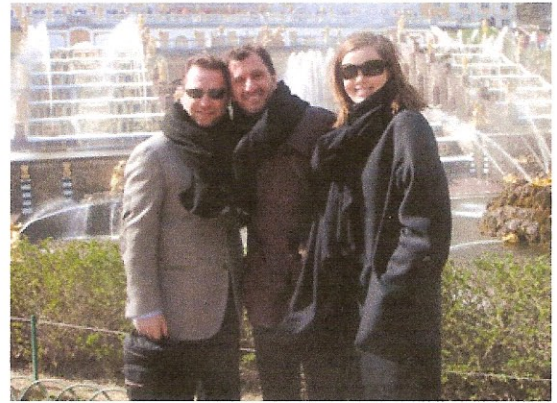
Gelila Assefa and Wolfgang Puck



James Galanos and Jane Yamamoto (Galanos' assistant for 40 years)



LA furniture designer Richard Mulligan, Mollie Mulligan, Aaron Micu, LA Interior Designer David Phoenix, David Jones, and David Nash



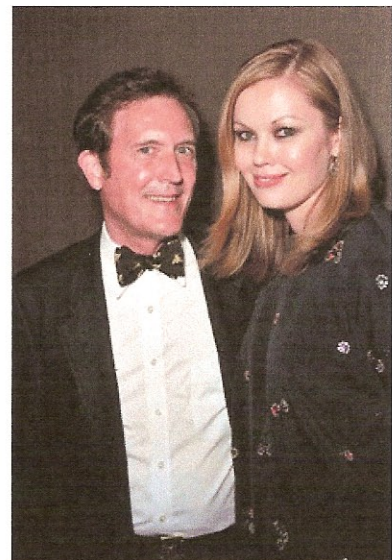
Serge, Ralph and Tatiana beside the fountain at Peterhof



James Galanos and Denise Hale



NYers Ralph Rucci and celebrity hair stylist Paul Podlucky



Robert Johnson and Tatiana Sorokko



Late Night Dinner after opening



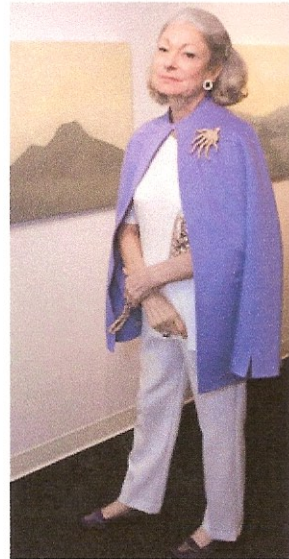
Serge Sorokko, Tatiana Sorokko, James Galanos, Gelila Assefa, and Wolfgang Puck



Actress Dixie Carter in Galanos cocktail dress



Tatiana and Galanos



Denise Hale



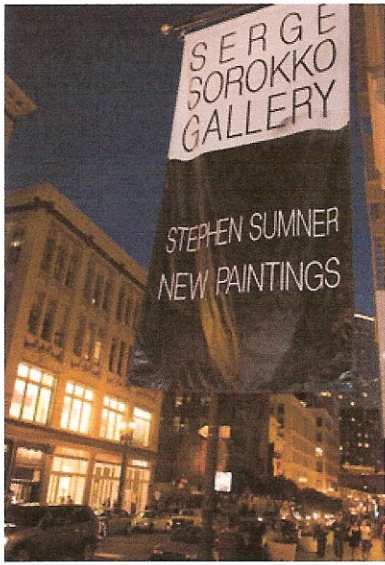
Harper's Bazaar editor Glenda Bailey with husband Stephen Sumner



Serge Sorokko and Ghislain d'Humieres



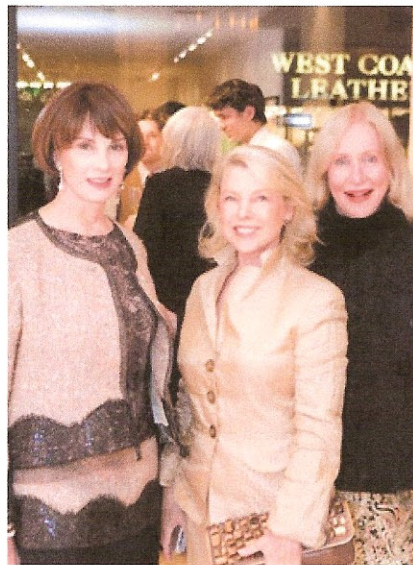
Katya Sorokko and Jason Arnoldy



L. to r.: Stephen Sumner exhibit at Sorokko Gallery; Brunno Ristow and actor Peter Coyote; Fashion designers Mark Badgley and James Mischka.



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Laila and John Easum



The church at Peterhof, St Petersburg



Serge Sorokko Gallery