

Bruno Jamais Restaurant Kicked Off Fifth Year Anniversary

The very posh elegant Bruno Jamais Restaurant kicked off their fifth year anniversary party Tuesday evening November 6, 2007. Hundreds of media, CEO's and other distinguished dignitaries celebrated the night away on expensive caviar, hors D'oeuvres and champagne. All had a chance at winning a \$25,000 necklace from Suz Andreasen Couture in addition to other costly prizes worth thousands of dollars. The evening was a huge success raising funds through raffle donations and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the charity www.riverKeeper.org.



Riverkeeper is a member-supported, nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to defending the Hudson River and New York City's water supply.



Upon arriving at this fabulous eatery I was greeted by my good friend and proprietor Bruno Jamais himself, a very tall dark and sexy Frenchman with a heavy French accent. Bruno an expert at fine dining received his education in some of Manhattan's finest dining establishments such as Daniel and Alain Ducasse before opening Bruno's in 2002.

If you haven't dined at Bruno Jamais already, this Upper East Side townhouse, nestled between Madison and Fifth Avenue on 81st Street is a delightful treat. The majestic foyer is fully stocked with priceless rare wines which leads to a narrow corridor into the main dining room, a cozy inner sanctum of this quintessential Upper East Side secret spot serving the most delicious French cuisine.

At the event I had a chance to interview Michael J. McCurdy founder, publisher and CEO of HealthNewsDigest.com. HND was conceived and launched on July 1, 1999 with just ten significant stories under its belt. Today Heath News Digest publishes 40 stories weekly, has its own Health News channel on AvantGo and is syndicated on the internet to health industry websites including daily feeds to Europe, Asia and Latin America. Mr. McCurdy, a very handsome motivated and highly experienced TV producer in the health industry, has produced over 700 productions for television including 30 second commercials, a syndicated television series, one-hour TV specials and continues to be a significant force in media for the Health and Wellness Industry.

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Mr. McCurdy also founded Healthy Television Productions, Inc. and was president of a wholly-owned broadcast/electronic media subsidiary of a major international advertising/public relations agency establishing the first news and information service transmitted by satellite.

Mr. McCurdy is a member of the New York Press Club, the Association of Health Care Journalists, and the Online News Association and serves on the March of Dimes National Communications Advisory Council.

As the night progressed I was introduced to Trinia Albus, President and CEO of www.ripeevents.com and Bess Devenow, Director of Special Events & Marketing. These two ladies shared their passion for creating the perfect event.

From concept to completion, ripeevents.com capitalizes on their expertise skills in negotiating preferred rates, creating innovative themes, fresh venue selection and unique entertainment options. The company goes to great lengths to listen to their clients needs and provides innovative ideas that support their vision.

Ripe's business model is unique for many reasons, one being that they understand how quickly venues change over, trends become passé and nightclubs lose their VIP followings. Only those who are connected are introduced to the new and unusual before they are available to the masses. Their mission is to service their clients by navigating the city, giving advice on where to go, negotiating deals on their behalf, creating memorable events and providing access to exclusive parties and venues. Each experience is coordinated based on their client's preferences and budgets. All lifestyle concierge, event planning and strategic marketing services are customized, well thought-out and thorough.

I also had a chance to catch up with my very glamorous friend, Model Anna Kulinova. I met Anna years ago at Joe Franklin's Restaurant and since then this beautiful blonde has created a very lucrative modeling and acting career. Anna was born in Rousse situated on the Danube River in Bulgaria. European director Mikail Getsov discovered the blue eyed blonde beauty crossing a busy street and later cast her in Dan Koloff Getsov's three hour biopic about the World War 1 era entitled "Emigre". The role launched her career as a famous model and actress in her native country Bulgaria. By 2002 Anna was ready to embark on becoming an international star. Eager to pursue opportunities in modeling and acting in mainstream films in the United States, Anna arrived in Manhattan with very little money and no local fashion industry contacts. Within a very short time she landed major modeling assignments working with such noted photographers as Rob Epstein, Patrick McMullan and Rob Wilkenson traveling to major United States cities as well as shoots in France, Italy and Malta. Her fabulous image has been captured in Vogue, Glamour, In-Style Magazine, international publications, lingerie catalogs, swim wear catalogs, billboards and on the cover of Contours (The top intimate apparel trade book) seven times.

Recently Anna was seen last winter all around the streets of Manhattan scantily clad wearing a black tailored cami and bikini bottoms in a Vogue Poster on sides of New York City Buses and on a larger than life billboard on a jumbotron ad in Times Square in Manhattan and on Sunset Blvd in Los Angeles. Currently Anna is the spokes model for Le Mystere which is launching a skincare line and she will be acting in a soon to be released film "Sharks In Venice" starring Stephen Baldwin directed by Danny Lerner shot in Bulgaria about the Italian mafia. For more information about Anna Kulinova please visit www.annakulinova.com

Other notable celebrities that attended Bruno's Anniversary Party were Grey's Anatomy Actor James Pickens, actress Francesca Cecil, Restaurateur Francois Payard, BLT Restaurant's Laurent Tourondel, Webster Hall's Baird Jones, Arthur Backal of Backal Hospitality Group, Court TV Hollywood Heat Reporter Lynne White, Czech Republic Trade Commissioner Thomas Hart, Fox Five Meteorologist Nick Gregory, Le Cirque Restaurant's Mauro Maccioni, Russian Consulate Chief of Protocol Philip Rybin and socialite Shawn Modell.



Model and Actress Anna Kulinova and Cognac Wellerlane - Photography by Mauro