



# Bianca Rossini

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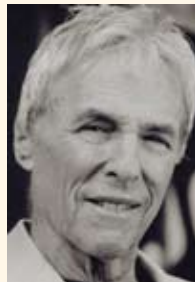
**“A Swell Party! – RSVP Cole Porter,”** was a bash at the **Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel’s** famous **Cinegrill** to honor Cole Porter’s anniversary. It starred celebrated cabaret artists **KT Sullivan and Mark Nadler** - who together contributed delightful, sexual, deep and humorous nuances to Porter’s songs. **Don Heckman** introduced me to **Jerry R. Sharell** (President, Society of Singers). I also spoke to **Anne Jeffreys, Richard Sherman** and **Mr. Blackwell**.

**Lenny Andrade** at **Jazz Bakery** sang with intimacy and depth as if she were telling her own story in each of the songs she performed. She made it personal. Even in her scat singing, her signature was present. It is evident why she has been one of Brazil’s great jazz vocalists.

At **Disney Hall**, **Garrick Ohlsson** entered the stage and carried an energy of a being who’s firmly connected with the earth. As he started to play, his hands floated, glided and sang the most delicate, refined sounds. He performed Beethoven, Liszt, Smymanowski and my favorite, Prokofiev. For a total of four encores, he played pieces by Chopin.

“This is the best Music Hall I’ve played in the world - perfect acoustics!” said the internationally acclaimed organist, **Simon Preston**, as he punctuated his performance with his sardonic

British humor. Preston’s feet moved across the pedals with the elegance and lightness of a dancer - it was fascinating and hypnotizing. My favorite was a work by Maurice Duruflé.



**Burt Bacharach’s** concert was a thrill. Pure joy! A 20-piece orchestra and 3 singers accompanied him for a medley of his greatest songs. Like Preston, he rejoiced being at the WDH saying, “Anything after performing here is downhill.”

At the **Music Center’s LA Opera** event, **Placido Domingo** was phenomenal as he sang about love, revenge and sorrow in **Torroba’s Luisa Fernanda**, with a superb performance by **Maria Jose Montiel** in the title role.



**Media City Ballet’s** Black Tie Tribute Performance and Gala at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre honored legendary **Ballet Russe male dancers: George Zoritch, Marc Platt, Victor Moreno, Paul Maure and Andrei Tremaine**. It was produced and choreographed by Artistic Director, **Natasha Middleton**. A principal dancer for MCB is the very graceful **Brazilian Tatiana A’Vermond**. Sitting next to me were actress **Neile Adams**, dance coach **Joe Tremaine** and actress **Julie Newmar**.

The atmosphere at the **Hollywood Bowl Play-boy Jazz Festival** made me feel as if I were in Brazil. People were dancing, singing, eating, talking, drinking - basically, having a blast under the summer L.A. skies! **Angeliqe Kidjo** brought the house down with her vibrant performance. The powerful **Arturo Sandoval** and his A-List music ensemble was a show of talent, versatility and genius. Blues legend **Etta James** was ageless as she poured all of herself in her songs. The concert felt complete after she sang “At Last.” Afterwards, I rushed to The **Ford Amphitheater** where Brazilian Nights Productions presented one of the most exciting L.A. summer concerts, starring the traditional Brazilian samba group, **Fundo de Quintal**, directly from Brazil. The musicians invited some of us on stage to join the fun. I danced, sang and never sat down. Most of the audience did the same. A few days later, headlining the first **concert in the Bowl’s** summer World Music Series, **Carlinhos Brown**, always ready to give more



with his exciting, polyrhythmic style, got the audience off their seats and into the aisles.

Recent guests on **The Bianca Rossini Show** have been: Grammy winner **Ray Parker Jr.**, **UCLA-LIVE** artistic director **David Sefton**, and entertainer **Mario**



**Marchiaro**. Also the world premiere of **Bianca in Paraty** - a two part TV show in the beautiful historical city of Paraty, Brazil, filmed by **Gisele Feth**, edited by **Gustavo Dias**. ■

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