



# Bianca Rossini

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My friend and UCLA LIVE's Director **David Sefton** with unprecedented taste and vision has selected the finest performances for this season's programming. He opened with the very best jazz legend **Ornette Coleman**, whose quiet and unassuming demeanor was a perfect contrast to his genius and not-at-all-minimalist music style that riveted the mind. Other great performances: Astonishing play **Black Watch** (**National Theater of Scotland**) and the exquisite and elegant **Erik Sanko's The Fortune Teller**.

**Joe Strumer: The Future is Unwritten** is one of the best documentaries I've seen. Director **Julien Temple's** creativity, genius and passion for his subject makes him shine as bright as the star of the film.



**LALIFF 2007** included several Brazilian films and documentaries. I had the pleasure of meeting with **Chico Teixeira, Marcelo Cesena, Silvia Da Rin** and **Ricardo Van Steen**. Some of my favorite films: **Not By Chance** by **Philippe Barcinski**, **Adrift in Manhattan** by **Alfredo de Villa** with brilliant scoring by **Michael A. Levine** and **Ladrones** by **Jaime Marques**. I had a chance to speak with **Edward James Olmos** and **Marlene Dermer**, who have once again created one of the best film festivals in town.

The **Karen Lynne Gallery** opened in Beverly Hills, the only gallery in the US to be selected to exhibit at the **Louvre Museum** this year.

Piano Coach to the Stars **Margie Balter's** new CD **Music From My Heart** is up for GRAMMY nomination consideration. Her release party at the Jazz Bakery was a success. Margie's anecdotes of her career added a special touch to her beautiful music performance.



One of my favorite designers **Galina Sobolev's** line **SINGLE** party/fashion show at 944 was a terrific success. Lots of my friends joined me, including **Julie** and **Francesco Quinn (The Shield)**. Chatted with charming Brazilian **Bettina Duncan**, owner of **Fred Segal** in Santa Monica. Galina's **Single** line has a touch of Brazil, it makes me feel happy, sexy and feminine.



Her fabrics are seductive, silky, and colorful, with a fun energy that brings out the sensual in the female form.

If you are a Brazilian film lover you can't miss the new **Brazilian Film series** at UCLA. Launched by the director of **UCLA Latin American Institute Randal Johnson** with the support of Brazilian consul **Thereza Quintella** and the **Consulate General of Brazil**, features a free, open to the public screening every first Wednesday of every month.

I enjoyed gorgeous perfect weather in all the European cities I visited recently, here's some highlights: **London:** The rose garden in **Holland Park**, the charm of **Saint James Park**, cocktails and conversation with my friend Michael at his very elegant private club **Home House**. The **Victoria & Albert Museum's** new deli-

cious restaurant. **Dali's** exhibition at the **Tate Modern Museum**, lunch at **Tate's Restaurant** overlooking the **Millennium Bridge** surrounded



by gorgeous blue skies on a sunny luminous day. **Marbella:** Swimming in the Mediterranean Sea, dancing till dawn at **Don Carlos Hotel's** nightclub, eating Langostino and the best fresh fish at **Azul Marino** restaurant. **Paris:** VIP treatment at the **Moulin Rouge** with my friend owner of **Montmartre's Promotrain Brigitte Hondiniere**. Singing and dancing in the streets and parks of Paris, **Place de Vosges**. Sipping champagne with my friend, one of my favorite film composers, Oscar winner **Gabriel Yared**. **Switzerland:** Biking around the city and lake in **Zurich** with my friend Brugg's music school director **Hanspeter Reimann**. Visiting mountains, rivers and castles in **Lucerne** and **Brugg**, also shared delicious time with singer/voice coach **Mark B. Lay**. **Stockholm:** Beautiful parks, streets, museums, **Gamla Stan** (old town), **Drottningholm Palace...** Crying from laughing so hard while having the greatest time with my friend **Magdalena Wyszotzky** in Stockholm and in her lake house at **Mariefred**. Best desert at **Taxinge Slott:** Merengue & Banana/fruit pie. Stockholm is a feast to all the senses... you can find the best in design, architecture, nature, the old food market... It's all at your fingertips and a pleasure to discover, add the friendliness of the Swedish people, it's an enchanting city that makes you want to visit again and again. ■

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