

KOREA ON MY MIND

A ROARING GOOD TIGER BALL

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TIGER TALES

The always graceful Tiger Ball — this year saluting contemporary Korea — unfolded in three acts at the gleaming Asia Society Texas Center. Black-tie, sari- and kimono-clad guests filled the grand tent on the lawn, where a lavish spread from Sushic Asian Fusion Cuisine impressed. Taiko drummers — boisterous Japanese drums courtesy of Memorial Jumbo Group — performed as guests took in ceramicist Yeesoonyung's exhibition, while models in traditional-style Jasmine Shinhyo Park gowns circulated throughout the crowd. City Kitchen prepared an Eastern-inspired dinner, and Events in Bloom devised the dramatic decor, topped by auction bidding and late-night dancing to Commercial Art.



THE STATS

- Chairs **Lou Ann and Alexander Chae** and **Susan and Michael K. Jhin**
- Honorees **Chihui Juhn and Eddie Allen**, presented with the Tiger Ball award by Asia Society director **Bonna Kol** and Chevron's **Joni Baird**
- Reception hosts **Kathy and Glen Gondo**
- 700 guests, a record crowd.
- \$1.2 million raised.



WHO WAS THERE

Asia Society supporters including grand patron **Nancy Allen**, **Anne and Albert Chao**, **Andrea and Bill White**, **Isla and Thomas Reckling**, Rice University's **Y. Ping Sun** and **David Leebron**, **Jo and Jim Furr**, University of Houston's **Renu and Suresh Khator**, **Lily and Charles Foster**, **Divya and Chris Brown**, **Claudia and Roberto Contreras**, **Monjula and Ravi Chidambaram**, **Janae and Kenneth Tsai**, **Sue and Randy Sim**, and **Miya Shay and Gene Wu**.

