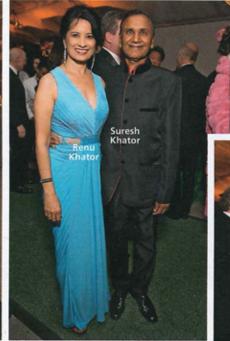


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The always graceful Tiger Ball — this year saluting contemporary Korea — unfolded in three acts at the gleaming Asia Society Texas Center. Black-tie, sari- and kimono-clad guests filled the grand tent on the lawn, where a lavish spread from Sushic Asian Fusion Cuisine impressed. Taiko drummers — boisterous Japanese drums courtesy of Memorial Jumbo Group — performed as guests took in ceramicist Yeesookyung'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.



· Chairs Lou Ann and Alexander Chae and Susan and Michael K. Jhin

· Honorees Chinhui 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.











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.

