

# Christmas Gala Dinner (8<sup>th</sup> December 2004)



*The wonderful Ocean Room was our venue for the Maserati Club 2004 Gala Christmas Dinner*

The Maserati 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Gala Dinner was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2004 with over 200 guests in attendance. The evening was organised by Committee members John Hutchings and Tony Perri, who worked tirelessly for three months to make the evening one of elegance and entertainment.

Twenty-one Maserati motor vehicles were on display including the Gransport, Quattroporte and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spyder. Special guests included Tara Moss and Maria Venuti and an impressive array of sponsors supported the event – among them, Versace, Bvlgari and American Express.



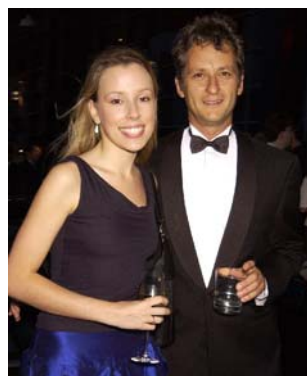
*Tara and John's lovely wife Melinda*

Evening Auction items included a \$3,000 Versace shopping spree, \$2,500 Bvlgari handbag, a trip for two flying Business Class to Milan to experience a 1 day GT drive course and Factory tour at Maserati in Modena and a one of a kind Maserati Race History portrait by renowned artist to the stars Nafisa Naomi, signed by Sir Stirling Moss. The auction was a rip roaring success, raising over \$40,000 for children's charity Barnardos. The evening was held in hip new venue the Ocean Room at the Rocks, directly across from the Opera House. The food and wine were truly outstanding as was the entertainment for the evening. Vince Sorrenti brought the house down with his quick witted comedy and The Three Waiters had

the audience mesmerised with their rendition of classics from the Three Tenors. It was a magnificent evening and we are extremely proud to have raised such a substantial amount for charity.



*Sam, Amanda, Angie and Maggie*



*Maryanne from Maserati and Hilton*



*Angie and Tony Perri*

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## Auction Results

*A trip for two flying Business Class to Milan (American Express Platinum Travel) where you will attend a 2 day GT Drive Course & Factory Tour at Maserati in Modena whilst staying at the 6 Star luxury Bvulgari Hotel for 3 nights.*

This fabulous holiday was purchased by **Peter Burger** for **\$23,000** outbidding Club President Kai Mysliwicz at \$22,500...enjoy the trip Peter bring back some photos for the rest of us...

*One of a kind Maserati Race History portrait by world renowned portrait artist Nafisa Naomi featuring Stirling Moss and Fangio. Three specifically 1955 Vintage race photos of Stirling Moss in his Maserati 250 will also be provided for this special occasion.*

This rare one-off portrait was purchased for **\$17,000.00** by **Iyad Rafidi** outbidding several contenders...thanks for your support Iyad...

*One pair of special occasion underpants last known to be worn by Tony Graziani. Delivered in a presentation case behind glass these are a must have for any serious Maserati Owner and must be worth at least \$10,000 next trade-up time...*

This little gem was purchased for **\$2,000** by **Herbert Appleroth** outbidding Tony Graziani...Thanks for your support Herbert...but now what...

*Rare Pirelli Calendar and Teddy Bear last cuddled by Tara Moss*

This was purchased for **\$6,000** by **Tony Graziani**...Thanks Tony...



After deduction of associated costs we were able to hand over to Barnardos a cheque for a staggering **\$40,265**

Thanks to Club Committee members John Hutchings and Tony Perri for making this happen.

Special thanks to the Sponsors including American Express, Bvulgari, Versace and Pirelli and of course to all the Club members who made this a success.

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