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Art galas flower in April

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It's art month in Dallas, and that means lavish fundraisers attended by fashionable collectors, and some pretty interesting art, too.

Benefit galas were held earlier this month by the **Nasher Sculpture Center** and **Dallas Contemporary**, and the **Dallas Art Fair** opened Thursday with a **Ruinart** champagne-fueled cocktail party benefiting the **Dallas Museum of Art**, the Nasher and Dallas Contemporary.

The DMA will also benefit from the black-tie Art Ball at the museum April 23. Chaired by home furnishing gurus **Ann** and **David Sutherland**, its theme is Art+Architecture. Last year the gala grossed \$2.4 million, and organizers have equal expectations this year.

Should the ball's \$4,500-for-two ticket induce sticker shock, the museum's s under-40 philanthropic club offers another option: Folly at the Art Ball. Presented by the **Junior Associates**, the semi-formal shindig will celebrate the debut of the pedestrian-friendly **Eagle Family Plaza** facing **Klyde Warren Park**.

Tickets start at \$200 for the folly, which is chaired by **Rachel** and **Michael Osburn**.

Nancy C. and **Richard R. Rogers** top the DMA donor list with a \$150,000 gift for the entertainment, which is being kept under wraps.

\$75,000: **Olya Sinitsyna** and **Andy Beal**.

\$55,000: **Allen** and **Kelli Questrom** and **Ann** and **David Sutherland**.

\$50,000: **Jennifer** and **John Eagle/John Eagle Dealerships** and **Forty Five Ten** with **The Joule**.

\$45,000: **Charlie** and **Moll Anderson Family Foundation**, **Georgina Hartland/Nasiba** and **Thomas Hartland Mackie**, **The Eugene McDermott Foundation**, **Cindy** and **Howard Rachofsky** and **Marguerite Hoffman**, **Catherine** and **Will Rose**, and **Deedie Rose**.

\$30,000: **Nancy** and **Clint Carlson**, **The Dedman Foundation**, **Laura** and **Walter Elcock**, **Ann** and **Lee Hobson**, and **Stanley Korshak**.

\$25,000: Christie's, Dallas Art Fair, Durham Family Foundation, JPMorgan, Neiman Marcus, Peggy and Carl Sewell/Sewell Automotive Cos., Goldman Sachs & Co. and Sidley Austin LLP.

\$20,000: Arthur J. Gallagher & Co./Cigna/One America, Lisa and Clay Cooley, Holly Hunt, Interceramic Inc., Mary Kay Inc., MDW Studio/Staffelbach, Lyn and John Muse/The Muse Educational Foundation, and Connie and Marc Sigel/Elements.

\$15,000: AT&T, Bank of America, Delivery Limited Inc. Claire Dewar, Melissa and Trevor Fetter, Scott Ginsburg, Julie and Ed Hawes, Cynthia and Forrest Miller, NorthPark Center, and Gayle and Paul Stoffel.

\$10,000: Ola and Randall Fojtasek, Fanchon and Howard Hallam, Jennifer and Tom Karol, Locke Lord LLP, Wendy and Bill Payne, Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation, Jan and Jim Showers, Tolleson Wealth Management, Merry and Chad Vose, and Sharon and Michael Young.