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Diva Brunch



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"Share" tables, which started in cool and trendy night clubs across the country prior to becoming a hot and hip trend for parties, will likely remain a hot trend in 2004. Long tables that seat 30 or 40 guests provide the perfect ice-breaker/networking opportunity. Enhance the mood with fabulous floral, linen, candles and suspended chandeliers. In addition, consider using rounds of various sizes to complement the "share" table. In February 2002, Steve Kemble of Steve Kemble Event Design, along with Fun Factory Decorations and Special Events, both of Dallas, designed the long "share" table shown here. Starwood Hotels and Events hosted the event, themed "Diva Brunch," at the Gypsy Tea Room during the NBTA show in Dallas. For more information, call Steve Kemble Event Design at (214) 943-5949.

1 Multiple Suspended Chandeliers from Harold Hand Creative, Dallas, provided both glimmering light and decor.

2 Large Projection Screens from Presentation Services in Dallas were placed around the room, showing (with permission) concert clips of Cher, Barbra Streisand, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Ethel Merman, Bette Midler and other fabulous divas. Kemble muted the sound to provide only visuals. Los Angeles-based diva Morganne, provided live entertainment during the event.

3 Tall Silver Chiavari Chairs/Bar Stools, with Pads from RSVP Soiree Event Rentals in Dallas seated the guests in chairs with unique elegance. Although not readily available globally, the demand for these tall chairs has increased and they can be found in a growing number of markets. In most areas, they cost about double the price of standard Chiavari chairs.

4 Tall "Share" Tables were created by Kemble's team. Using 8-foot by 30-inch tables from Ducky Bob's Party Rentals in Dallas, the designers extended the table height with PVC pipe.

5 Merlot Bichon Linens from BBJ Linen, Skokie, Ill., extended vibrant color to the floor at both the "share" table and the complementary rounds.

6 Centerpieces, featuring black magic roses from Swan Petals in Dallas, complemented the ruby-hued linens. More than 700 black, burgundy and red candles from Star Wholesale in Dallas created a jewel-like glow for everyone attending the fabulous Diva Brunch.

7 Tassels from Hofmann & Leavy, Deerfield Beach, Fla., accented each place setting.

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