



Diedra Fontaine, Gala Dinner Chair, set the evening off when she walked into the Houston Intercontinental Hotel ballroom attending The Ensemble Theatre's 35th Anniversary, 2011 Annual Black Tie Gala, "The Stars Come Home to Celebrate", this past Saturday. She absolutely flowed in a gorgeous cranberry fitted Tadashi gown with sheer ruffles accenting the lower train of the gown.

Argentina James, Board Chair, followed in hot pursuit rocking a maroon Carmen Marc Valvo beautiful gown with matching wrap, tastefully tied behind her back, girl, you know you rocked it! Next, strolls in Karen Carter Richards, in a jaw dropping Navy Blue St. John Couture gown accented with black rhinestones and a long 2 foot train to boot, ouch! Don't hurt em Boss lady! This year's gala honorary chairs were HEB's Scott McClelland and his lovely wife, Soraya. This year's gala presented Stephanie Mills with the Lifetime Achievement Award, with Ntozake Shange being named Playwright of the Year, Wayne DeHart received the George Hawkins Award and Vernon Landers was presented with the President's Award. Congrats to all. Actor TC Carson and Anthony Hall served as the night's emcees, and kept the crowd in laughter throughout the evening. Mayor Annise Parker even came through for a brief appearance and opening remarks. Divas spotted throughout the evening in spectacular gowns included Jackie Phillips, Janette Cosley, Eileen J. Morris, and Winell Herron, to name a few. The gents were dapper as well, with Terance Fontaine, Gala Dinner Chair, standing out in a white/black tux combo, such a pleasure to see good looking men looking good!

WHISPERS IN THE WIND - (A Little Dirt For The Day)

Sir, what are you doing? And why are you doing it in Third Ward? Trying to operate a niteclub on Southmore, without a liquor license, and just lying as much as you breathe, and that's about 20 breaths per minute. They say you have gone through about 50 bar maids in as many days. Them boys, with the alphabets on their jackets, gonna come back and arrest you again. I'm trying to help you out. Get out of town with all that foolishness!!