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DINING PLEASURES
Guests at OCMA's
fete enjoyed a meal
on South Coast Plaza's
Bridge of Gardens

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High-Flying Soiree

An alfresco architectural splendor suspended in the air and connecting South Coast Plaza's two sides formed an unforgettable backdrop for Orange County Museum of Art's annual **Art of Dining** affair, an ultraglam evening that always draws the creme de la creme of our coast to celebrate all things creative. Indeed, the Bridge of Gardens was where notables—think Elizabeth Segerstrom and Chief Curator Dan Cameron—noshed on concoctions from Master Chef Joachim Splichal, whose four-course menu of charred

Mediterranean octopus and prime tenderloin of beef was a display of culinary prowess. But there was plenty more—a rite at Louis Vuitton, a ceremony feting L.A. artist Diana Thater (a philanthropist Gerald Buck, and an Art After Dark post-part gala] took Orange County events to a new level of creative sophistication," says SCP's Debra Gunn Downing, a member of the museum's honorary executive committee. As a result: The fundraising total soared past the goal to \$460,000, allowing the museum's program to reach new imaginative heights. —Kristen Schott