



Wine, Women, and... COSTUMES from the Movies!

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Romance on the Road

'Twas the night after Valentine's Day—and what a great night it was! On Thursday, February 15th, *Women & Wine* (www.womenwine.com) sponsored a fantastic event at the [Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Museum](#).

Guests enjoyed five wonderful wines along with hors d'oeuvres and a tour of the FIDM Museum's "Art of Costume Design" exhibit, featuring costumes from 20 top movies of 2006, including *The Queen*, *Marie Antoinette*, and *Dreamgirls*. My personal faves were a dress that Naomi Watts wore in *The Painted Veil* and the magnificent costumes from *The Curse of the Golden Flower*.

What made it even more special were the "**Quick Culture**" guides in front of each exhibit, giving guests the info, gossip, and dish on all the costumes we were viewing. Hmm... the only disappointment? None of the divine outfits from *The Devil Wears Prada* were on display. It seems they were all auctioned off previously. Too bad I didn't know about it—I would have looked "mahvelous" in them, of course!

This exhibit at the 11,000 square-foot FIDM Museum and Galleries is the 15th annual "Art of Motion Picture Costume Design Exhibition," which runs through April 5th. The Los Angeles campus also houses a Permanent and Study collection of over 10,000 costumes, accessories, and textiles from the 18th Century through the present day, including film and theater costume. Top designer holdings include Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Dior, and Lacroix. And get a whiff of this! The Annette Green Perfume Museum, America's only museum dedicated to the historical and cultural roles of fragrance around the world, is housed at the FIDM Museum and Galleries. So come on, ladies, who *wouldn't* want to visit this fabulous place!

And the fun of the gala didn't end there. Guests received swag bags filled with all kinds of goodies to keep them happy long after the night ended. We each got a complimentary copy, hot off the presses, of "[The 2007 Academy Awards Preview](#)," the guide that predicts Oscar winners. Not to mention a CD of the original score of *The Queen* and a DVD of the wonderfully funny Academy Award nominated comedy, *Little Miss Sunshine*. No question—*Women & Wine* really knows how to throw a party!

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So let's meet up at their next event to sip some wine and have some fun. See you there!