



Clockwise from left: LeBron Wade and Guess model Serinda Swan at Quente; Steve Nash and Martin Stein, senior vice-president of Steve Nash Sports Club at the club's opening; Glowbal Group's Emad Yacoub and Jack Lamont with Immedia PR's Laura Serena at Champagne & Shoes at Sanafir; RVCA's Ryan Taron with Jennilee Marigomen at the RVCA art show at AntiSocial (photo by Jennilee Marigomen); Opus Hotel's Leonard Nakonechny with Hed Kandi DJ Andy Daniels and Trust promoter Savio at Opus; Battle of the Bartenders winner Jay Jones of Donnelly Bars with runner-up Waldo Villeda of Bardot at the Yaletown Street Party. Photos by Raj Taneja

ROUGE BRINGS OUT INDUSTRY PLAYERS, MODELS INVADE SHAUGHNESSY MANSION

BY RAJ TANEJA

06.23.07 JET SET CREW HAMPTONS POLO PARTY

On June 23, a beautiful, sun-kissed crowd donned their white summer linens, tennis skirts and Polo shirts for the Hamptons Polo Party at the Gabriola Mansion in the West End. DJ Erick Decks from Germany headlined the event's entertainment with Vancouver DJ Tyson.

06.28.07 THE ROSSA AFFAIR AT CLUTCH

June 28, Senator Larry Campbell and CTV's Kerri Adams hosted The Rossa Affair, the YWCA's fundraiser for families led by single moms. Held at Vancouver's only car dealership designed for women, Clutch by auto/ONE, the all-inclusive event was centred around building awareness for the Ferrari Testarossa Lottery, which is set to raise over \$100,000 for the cause and will award one of 1,998 entrants with a 1998 Testarossa. Throughout the night, drinks flowed as attendees including Nicola Fairweather of Naikun Wind Development, mega-publicist Pamela Groberman, the YWCA's CEO Janet Austin and Sotheby's International Realty VP Dana Volrich, wore red and snacked on canapés by Quince. Generous donations in the amount of \$5,000 were made by Mike Wood, auto/ONE's owner and lead supporter of the cause, as well as mystery man Michael Murphy. Tickets for this one-of-a-kind lottery are available for purchase until Aug. 10 at www.ywcavan.org/lottery.

07.04.07 HED KANDI DJ AT OPUS

Hed Kandi's DJ Andrew Daniels made a surprise appearance at OPUS Bar the evening of July 4 for the second in a series of exclusive invite-only events at the Yaletown hotel. The personable DJ joked about his recent trip to Costa Rica, where upon entering the venue and introducing himself, the manager, not being able to place him, asked if he was there to complete the décor for the evening. Andy, whose casual dress style and laid-back demeanor has him continually pegged as one of the custodial service staff, recounted how he enjoys the prospect of being able to blend in with the crowd despite having the

Hed Kandi DJ title. Attendees Tiffany Soper, Kerry Hittinger and OPUS's Tina Lee discussed the upcoming opening of OPUS Hotel Montréal, while promoter Savio talked about the recent expansion of his Trust brand abroad, promoting a Hed Kandi DJ series throughout India.

"STEVE NASH WAS ON SITE TO OPEN HIS SPORTS CLUB AND TO PROMOTE A WEEKEND OF CHARITY EVENTS"

07.07.07 THE 2007 CANADA CUP OF BEER

The Canadian beer industry, which accounts for 1.3 per cent of the country's gross national product, has been on the decline in recent years. As a response to this, beer enthusiasts Colin Jack and Rick Mohabir have set up an annual 35-vendor, 150-beer tasting event at UBC's Thunderbird Stadium. The event, the 2007 Canada Cup of Beer, took place on the sunny July 7th afternoon and hosted members of Vancouver's service industry as well as beer enthusiasts and supporters of Canada's liquid economy. The event not only benefited the beer industry but also directed proceeds from ticket sales tickets to the Vancouver TheatreSports League.

07.07.07 BMW'S 7.7.7 PARTY

Brian Jessel transformed his Boundary Road BMW dealership into a hopping nightclub and invited only his closest friends, dressed in what the owner's marketing labelled "über Monte Carlo style," to celebrate the luckiest day of the year, 7.7.7. Throughout the evening, Mr. Jessel was seen being a notable host, mingling with friends and staff including the Ciprianos, Christina and Frank, of their restaurant of same name and equal fame. The VIP bash included complimentary valet parking, free-flowing martinis, an international DJ set from DJ Evonne Spencer and a roast beef midnight snack.

07.07.14 RVCA ART SHOW

July 14 Antisocial hosted the "Five Humans Share Thoughts, People Respond" RVCA photo and art show featuring Ashley Macomber, Ed Templeton, Jo Jackson, Deanna Templeton and Chris Johanson. Over 400 people came through to see the works and watch the RVCA pro skateboard team (Leo Romero, Josh Harmony, Austin Stephans, Ed Templeton, Keegan Sauder and Cairo Foster were all in attendance) skate alongside local heads. The party flowed from the shop and gallery into the alley which created an amazing yet shady back alley vibe.

— Garrett Louie

07.15.07 SALT ONE-YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

July 15, Sean Heather, proprietor of Salt Tasting Room, Fetch, the Shebeen, the Salty Tongue and the Irish Heather, invited friends, family and press to their Blood Alley location for a cava-filled evening of celebration in the name of Salt's first-year anniversary. Investors Scott Hawthorn and John Coughlan were on site as well as architect Gair Williamson, who designed the newly announced Salt Cellar that should open in late August.

07.19.07 STEVE NASH SPORTS CLUB OPENING

Steve Nash was on site July 19 to open his large two-level sports facility, and to promote a weekend filled with charity events: the \$5,000-a-head Carats & Diamonds at Sunset, the Coast Capital Good Karma Block Party, the MVP Fast Break and the Steve Nash Charity Classic. The sports club opening was well attended by notables such as Andy Chu from Arc 2 Entertainment, Arthur Griffiths, city councillor Peter Ladner and Jenny Miller of the Steve Nash Foundation. The event started with a ribbon-cutting ceremony then on to a press conference where Nash answered questions relating to his foundation, the upcoming charity event and the sports club. Afterwards, Nash greeted the kids – fans of his who had lined up since 9:30 am to get a glimpse of him and to take a photo with the sports superstar.

07.19.07 CHAMPAGNE & SHOES AT SANAFIR

Flame Rodriguez, responsible for promoting Moët & Chandon Champagnes as well as Hennessy over the years in B.C., recently announced that her company's time working with the high-end brand would come to an end in October. As a result of this change in focus, Rodriguez, who loves nothing more than champagne and shoes, held a benefit for the BC Cancer Foundation at Sanafir on Thursday, July 19, featuring both. The event's models, who sported over \$100,000 in shoes from B2 throughout the evening, were led by event emcee **Fiona Forbes** of *Urban Rush*. Attendees — the usual suspects from the Glowbal Group, including new Italian Kitchen general manager **Robert Byford**, **Jennifer Harper** from the BC Cancer Foundation, **Jay Jones** from DHM Bars and others — sipped complimentary glasses of Moët's Brut Imperial and Imperial Nectar in quantities aimed at spending the entirety of Moët's promotional budget for the year.

07.19.07 JAVIER MARÍN AT BUSCHLEN MOWATT

On Thursday, July 19, the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery held an opening reception and summer party featuring the sculpture of Mexican artist **Javier Marín**. Marín's work has been featured in more than 100 solo and group exhibitions, most recently at the Guggenheim Bilbao in Spain. His work also appeared at the 50th Venice Biennale in 2003 — the most prestigious art event in the world. The event had attendees **Lauren Arnold**, **Heidi Carton-Rahn** and **Andrea Murphy** in awe at the beauty and detail Marín brings to his work. **Jane McFadden**, of Fine Finds Boutique and the Yaletown Business Improvement Association, pointed out some of the gallery's other highlights and chatted with **Teresa Findlay** of Dirty Laundry.

07.21.07 YALETOWN STREET PARTY

The Yaletown Street Party took place throughout Yaletown July 21 featuring a full day of activities. Among the highlights were a Celebrity Chili Cook-off with chefs **Themis Velgis** of Chcoatl Inc., **John Crook** of Glowbal Grill & Satay Bar, **William Tse** of Goldfish Pacific Kitchen and **Neil Wyles** of Hamilton Street Grill, and an Epic Battle of the Bartenders that came in a blurry onslaught of drinks. The victory for the Chili Cook-off was handed to Tse of Goldfish Pacific, while the most original chili was definitely Velgis's chocolate chili creation. The Street Party's four-round bartender battle had contestants **Mack Benz** from Capones, Coast Restaurant's **Jim Shelton**, Blue

“GUESTS DOWNED ENOUGH COMPLIMENTARY GLASSES OF MOËT TO USE UP THEIR ENTIRE PROMOTIONAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR.”

Water Café & Raw Bar's **Simon Kaulback**, OPUS Bar's **Tristan Jensen**, Donnelly Bars' **Jay Jones**, **Mike Mete** of George, **Mike Moore** of Glowbal Grill & Satay Bar, **Dave Truscott** of Section Three, **Waldo Villeda** of Bardot Waterfront Bar & Grill, **Chelsie Gunderson** of Goldfish Pacific Kitchen and **Ryan Cheverie** of Hamilton Street Grill go head-to-head in a competition to crown the top bartender in Yaletown. The victor of the competition was Jones of Donnelly Bars, who created the pink, virgin-olive-oil-topped Klejnot — the Polish word for Jewel.

07.21.07 QUENTE

Supermodel **Noot Seear** and Guess Watches model **Serinda Swan** joined forces at the Shaughnessy residence of leading TD Waterhouse broker **Paul Pigeon** for a benefit called Quente on the evening of July 21. Rose Charities, the beneficiary of the event, used the funds raised at the event to aid Tsunami-devastated Sri Lanka. The \$125-a-head, 150-guest event had attendees like **Lyndi Jane Barrett**, brilliantly dressed in Jason Matlo Couture, and business partner **Claudia da Ponte** enjoying amazing canapés provided by **Donald Haddad's** DMH Catering, while **DJ Rhiannon** and **Kokoma African Drum and Dance** got everyone's groove on. The evening's ever-popular silent auction, with its collection of jewelry, art and gift certificates, was snapped up by partygoers and media alike, while all enjoyed the tennis court fire spinning and pool-deck fashion show.

07.21.07 ROUGE

July 21, **Rory Richards** of the PR firm Richards and Chan hosted Vancouver's largest film-industry networking event and gala, Rouge, at Robson Square. The 1000+ attendee soirée, which benefited the local Women in Film and Video chapter, touted 40 of the local film and TV industry's top movers and shakers, and definitely held the title for the evening's yummiest crowd. Attendees, dressed to the nines in full Rouge form, included filmsters **Scott McGrath**, **Fleur Jacobs**, **Jane Purcell** and **Katie Chapman**. Keatley Entertainment's **Selena Paskalidis** discussed the finer points of the event with *Godiva's* lead **Rick Tae**, while **Laurent Variyot** pitched his new psychological thriller known as *Anna's Birthday* to local producer **John Lambert**. Hotties **Olivia Cheng** and **Eugenia Sparks** created sparks of their own when they lit up the dance floor, while local director **Milan Dmitrovic** enjoyed shots with friends at the bar.



Clockwise from top left: Nick Darcy with Brian Jessel PR manager Rhoda Rizkalla at the Jessel 07.07.07 party; Chelsie Gunderson of Goldfish Pacific Kitchen at the Yaletown Street Party; Cheetal Sthankiya and Amanda Tirschman at the Jet Set Crew's Hamptons Polo Party; Rouge producer Rory Richards with Nina Sohi at Rouge; Ed Templeton at the RVCA art show (photo by Jennilee Marigomen); Raymond Law and William Urrea at The Rossa Affair; Kevin Lorage and Heidi Carton-Rahn at the Javier Marin opening. Photos by Raj Taneja