DC Magazine’s Birthday Bash
October 7 | PNC Place

THE PARTY: DC Magazine celebrated five years of covering the city's hottest happenings, coolest players, brightest venues, boldest moments, chicest looks and most innovative ideas—from all things under the radar to over the top! Party goers turned out to the new PNC Place downtown for a double-decker soirée with sunset views of the National Mall.

THE PLAYERS: White House VIPs, art stars, super chefs, business moguls and local heroes from past and present issues came to toast the mag's future.

BEST IN SHOW: RidgeWells' dessert bars were a block with chocolate-covered creations reigned while cocktail jaws supplied by Kababji, Kettle One, Ambhairi Tequila and Johnnie Walker, flourished throughout the two-story venue 650 Belway bigwigs strong.

—Jessica Stringer

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THE PARTY: Washington women used glue guns, glitter and sequins to bedazzle bras for the first-ever Cups Full of Hope benefiting breast cancer survivors, hosted by Success in the City. The result was a thought-provoking art exhibit and auction with wearable works of art that brought together survivors, supporters and local celebrities.

THE PEOPLE: Sharon Ritchey, Lizette Andreyko and Judith HeartSong all designed bodacious prize-winning bras.

BEST IN SHOW: The sored raised much-needed funds for the Tigerlilys Foundation, an organization that supports young women confronting breast cancer. -J.S.

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THE PARTY: Architecture Week came to a close in swinging style after three successful weeks of events showcasing design in the District. A chic cocktail reception honored the winners of the AIA DC Chapter’s annual awards.

THE PLAYERS: The guest list, including Stephen Penhoet, Christiane De Jong and Mark McInturff, represented the best and brightest architectural minds in the Beltway. Leave it to an organization of architects to party at a well-designed work of art — 300 New Jersey Ave., a new addition to DC designed by Richard Rogers Partnership housed the bash.

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THE PARTY: Roche Bobois, known for its cutting-edge home furnishings, may have just turned 50, but it can still throw a party like a rock star. Friends and fans assembled at the Friendship Heights store to toast to 50 more years, with part of the proceeds going to Imagination Stage.

THE PEOPLE: Roche Bobois’ David Zein welcomed local socials into the newly mod showroom, while DJ Heather Femia rocked downstairs and a jazz trio crooned upstairs.

BEST IN SHOW: DC pals weren’t the only ones observing the occasion: Jean Paul Gaultier designed a collection—think sofas with sex appeal—for the celebration. —J.S.

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THE PARTY: Our neighbor to the north was the focus of the town at Wolf Trap’s Annual Ball. The Filene Center stage was transformed to capture Canadian culture and guests were served classic cuisine including oysters, elk and Quebec’s famous ‘sugar pie’ among other festive foods.

THE PEOPLE: Gary Doer, Canadian ambassador to the U.S., served as the honorary host and welcomed guests such as Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Senator Pat Roberts.

BEST IN SHOW: Hundreds of attendees helped raise funds that will benefit Wolf Trap Foundation’s renowned arts and education programs.

J.S.

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THE PARTY: Ralph Rucci nixed a spring 2011 runway show, but New York’s Fashion Week’s loss was DC’s gain. Instead the designer made a house call to Neiman Marcus at Mazza Gallerie, giving longtime fans an up-close-and-personal look at his latest line for Chado Ralph Rucci.

THE PEOPLE: Devoted clients such as Arlene Kogod, Evelyn Brandt and Wanda Pedas admired the attention to detail of Rucci’s silk dresses and sleeveless shifts.

BEST IN SHOW: After lunch from Design Cuisine, Rucci spoke about his evolution as a designer during a Q&A with DC Magazine’s Karen Sommer Shalett.

–J.S.

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ITALIAN MASTERPIECE

THE PARTY: DC’s diplomatic elite spent an elegant evening with the Washington National Opera. The night opened with a rousing performance of Verdi’s “Un Ballo in Maschera” to kick off the WNO’s 55th season. After, at the Italian Embassy, guests donned glamorous disguises for a masquerade ball.

THE PEOPLE: General Director of the WNO Plácido Domingo rubbed shoulders with Adrienne Arsht and Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan.

BEST IN SHOW: Guests enjoyed a meal nothing short of classic Italian fare including imported mozzarella and roast veal.

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THE PARTY: Saks Fifth Avenue and DC Magazine got together a fleet of elite fashionistas at Policy on U Street. A grand fashion show among graffiti and glittering chandeliers was the main draw of the evening. THE PEOPLE: Local starlets such as Katherine Kennedy, Natasha Barrett and Nicholas Devolites served as models and strut the runway in slinky styles and sexy dresses. BEST DRESSED: Even the men got in on the fashion action — Erwin Gomez, Steve Cheney and Chief Brian Murphy showed off suits and donned to the chic crowd. 

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THE PLAYERS: Georgina Gerstein, Michelle Schramm and Tricia Messerschmit were just a few who watched a runway show, produced by stylist Lydia Santangelo of TES stylists, featuring fall’s trendsetting styles.

BEST IN SHOW: A donation to Washington Humane Society’s Fashion for Paws or Hope for Henry scored guests a swag bag and plenty of sweet treats.

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