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# The 62nd Viennese Opera Ball brought back white tie glamour: PHOTOS

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Since 1955, the Viennese Opera Ball in New York has been an opportunity for NYC society to don their rarely used white tie getups and twirl on the dance floor. This year was no exception.

Officially the ball operates “as a cultural platform and builds bridges to connect present day New York City with 19th Century Vienna, and people of varying heritages, continents and generations, to bring traditional glamour to the city that never sleeps.”

Unofficially, it's an opportunity to take that ballroom dance class you keep meaning to try.

The oh-so-formal affair was held at the Waldorf Astoria's Grand Ballroom under the auspices of the U.S. Austrian Chamber of Commerce and celebrated the 150th anniversary of Austria's unofficial national anthem, Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz. The charity event also benefitted 'Leonard Bernstein — A New Yorker in Vienna,' a project of the Jewish Museum in cooperation with the U.S. Friends of the Jewish Museum of Vienna.

Nearly 500 guests including the Austrian Ambassador to the United States Wolfgang Waldner and the Former U.S. Ambassador to Austria H.E. Alexa L. Wesner attended. Other notables included Kiera Chaplin (granddaughter of Charlie Chaplin), Former Today Show anchor Tamron Hall, Michelle Obama's Hairstylist Johnny Wright, Jean Shafiroff, Gary Keszler, Carl and Renee Landegger, Ursula Stenzl, Dr. Christine Frissora, Harald & Inge Serafin, Guenther Greiner, Albert & Judy Kurpis, Irena Holiat, [Jane Scher](#), and publicist R. Couri Hay.



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