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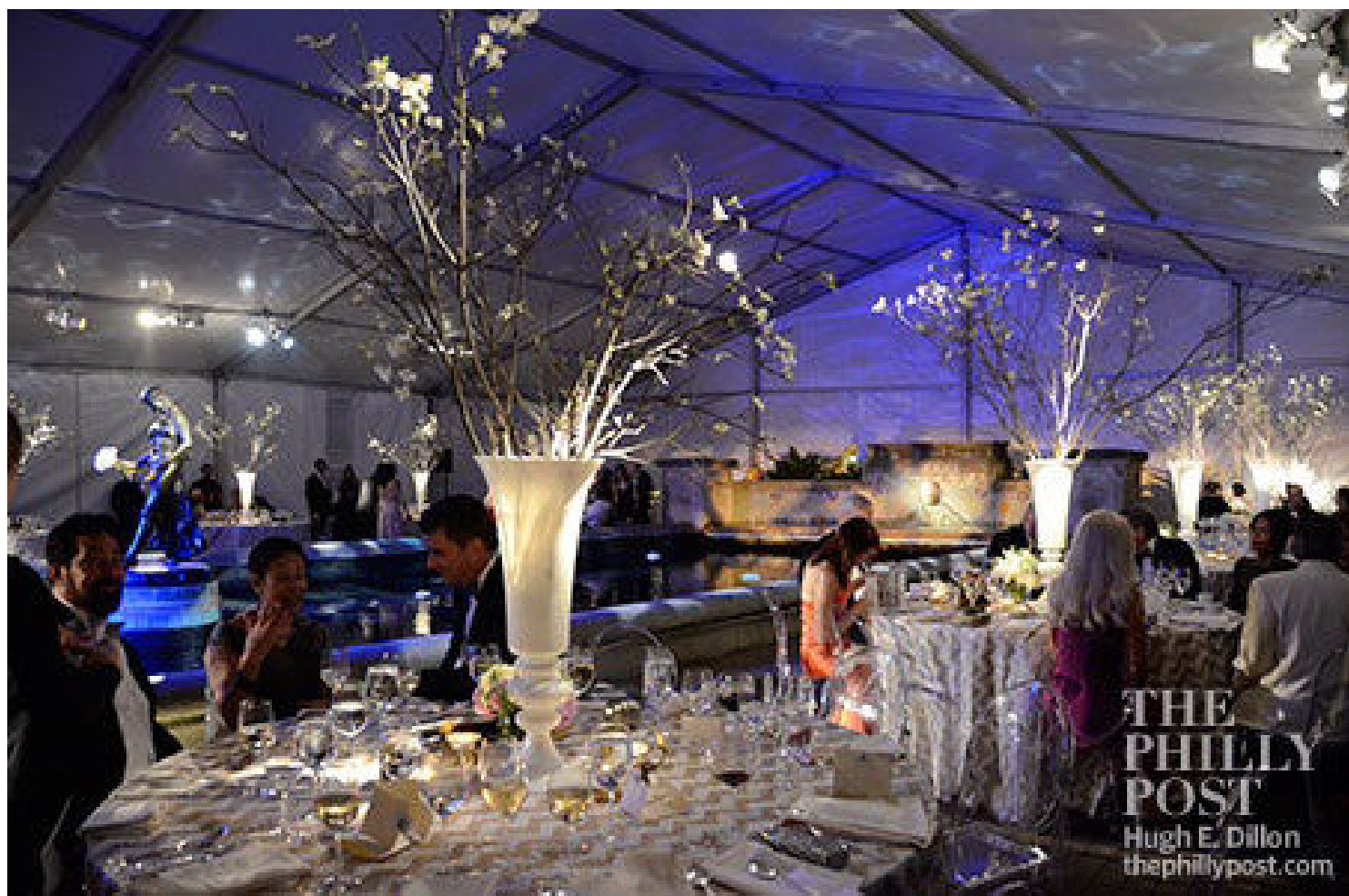
## Rittenhouse's Ball on the Square 2013

It was a perfect night for the gala's double anniversary year. Plus: Young Friends pics.

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Last night the Friends of Rittenhouse Square held their 30th annual event in the center of the park — a gala celebration benefiting the upkeep and restoration of one of Philadelphia's gems. This year's event was extra special: Not only was it the 30th ball, but it also marked the 100th anniversary of Paul Cret's elegant design. And this year's ball — hosted by **Mary Parenti and Rich Castor** and **Lynn and Howard Shecter**, who did a magnificent job — was the first in which the tent extended eastward to cover the famed Duck Lady fountain.



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Below: Before heading to the Ball, I attended a pre-party at the home of Erin Elmore and Craig Spitzer, which overlooks the Square. Here, **Nicole Cashman, Lauren Colabelli, Sabrina Tamburino Thorne, Tempa Berrish, Erin Elmore with son Royce Spitzer, Carol Tamburino, and Kristin Foote.**



Below: As I entered the reception area, I spotted a very glamorous **Sharon Pinkenson** greeting **Babs Synder** with “Welcome to the party of the season!” And she’s right — this is the party that caps off our very active and glamorous social season. After the Rittenhouse Ball, the social set traditionally heads to the Shore with their garden attire, white pants, and seersucker suits, until it starts all over again in September.

