

## NYSID HONORS MARIO BUATTA

One of the highlight events of the year was a benefit honoring legendary interior designer **Mario Buatta**, cohosted by NYSID and *Avenue* magazine. The event, which began with an invitation-only cocktail party at the opening night of the Avenue Antiques and Arts at the Armory show, followed by a gala dinner, netted more than \$200,000 for the college. Over 300 people from the design industry gathered, with friends and colleagues toasting Buatta with poems, songs, and speeches. Interior designer **Richard Mishaan** headed a committee of designers who created “tablescapes” for the dinner as a tribute to Buatta and his work (table designs shown on the following pages). The event was cochaired by **Hilary and Wilbur Ross, Anne Eisenhower, and Bunny Williams and John Rosselli**.

The School also recognized Buatta’s illustrious career and longtime association with NYSID (he has been an advisory board member since 1999), by renaming its materials library and primary student work space, the **Mario Buatta Materials Atelier**.



Top: The guest of honor, Mario Buatta. Bottom: Over 300 friends and colleagues from the design industry gathered to celebrate Mario Buatta.





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