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NEWS FLASH : NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS - SOLD OUT

COCO LACHINE TO BE CROWNED EMPRESS VII OF NEW YORK
AT THE NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS
JEFF HARNAR, MAC MALE VOCALIST AWARDEE TO PERFORM

New York (March 8th) - Reigning Empress VI Saleen and the Imperial Court of New York are pleased to announce that the 7th Annual NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS will be held March 27, 1993 at the grand ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel. Crown Princess Royale Coco LaChine will be crowned the new Empress VII of New York. Royalties from out-of-town courts from all over the country and Canada are expected to attend this glittering event, possibly the most fabulous drag event of the year.

The beneficiaries of the Ball will be the PWA Health Group and Gay Games IV. Last year's ball was a huge success with over five hundred in attendance and raised over \$15,000 for Body Positive and the NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. *"This year, we expect to surpass last year's record attendance and we have planned even more fun things for the evening".* says Empress Saleen.

Coco LaChine, is known for her active involvement in the gay & lesbian community. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center and of Gay Games IV. Coco and the Imperial Court have made countless appearances at community fundraising events, most recently at the Town Hall for the Joan Rivers and Her Funny Friends benefit for the Community Center. Coco has also met President Bill Clinton in drag, when he came to New York just before the primaries in 1992. Possibly a first for the President.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Imperial Diamond Award to AIDS activist Michael Callen, for his vision, inspiration and courage on behalf of all people living with AIDS. Entertainment will be provided by MAC awardee for best Male Vocalist - Jeff Harnar - with Alex Rybeck. There will be dancing all night to the music of the Hot Lavender Swing Band and DJ Chuck The Jock Davis.

Limited general admission tickets are available at the Gay Games IV and PWA Health Group offices. For ticket information regarding the Night Of A Thousand Gowns, please call [REDACTED].