

## ANDRES AGUILAR WILL PROVIDE CREATIVE TOUCH TO WINE FESTIVAL

The Miami Sound Machine's Gloria Estafan has brought more than her Costa D'Este Hotel to Vero Beach. Andres Aguilar, owner and decorator *extraordinaire* of Miami's Mystique Flowers, is the event and floral designer for her Vero Beach Ocean Drive Hotel. He will also be the designer for the 2009 Treasure Coast Wine Festival.

As the host hotel for the eighth Treasure Coast Wine Festival, it was a natural for their flower designer to dovetail his talents for the wine festival in decorating the Oriente Restaurant for the Friday evening, January 23rd wine and food pairing dinner, as well as presenting his one-of-a-kind decor for the black tie gala and auction, on Saturday evening, January 24.

"I like to think out of the 'vase' when I create my designs," commented Aguilar who recently visited Costa D'Este to plan the holiday decor for the hotel. "My decor plans utilize nothing less than highest of quality, and I look to South Africa, Holland and South America for the rarest flowers I can find. Every detail of the arrangement, coordinating linens, chairs, lighting and room decor is important. Once I complete my creation, no one will see it again, as the theme I use for that particular event is reflected in my one-of-a-kind design. I call it the 'wow' factor."

When attendees enter the grand tent for the wine auction, they will quickly discover Aguilar's amazing talent by transforming the tented venue, located on the grounds of Riverside Park, into a feast for the eyes.

Aguilar plans to strive for a modern design highlighted by exquisite greenery, botanicals, ceiling lighting, drapery and mirrors, all arranged to set the ambiance for the gala. His trio of centerpieces will include the use of bamboo and driftwood along with exotic flowers to achieve a tropi-

cal yet elegant feel on the tables.

Tickets for the Treasure Coast Wine Festival are now available and reservations can be made through the Wine Festival office. As plans continue to unfold, visit [www.TreasureCoastWineFestival.com](http://www.TreasureCoastWineFestival.com) for more information.

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