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Veneralia's a gala fit for King Tut

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How fab is King Tut? More than 3,000 years after his death, the young pharaoh is generating all sorts of social scene buzz.

First, Emory's Michael C. Carlos Museum has announced that its annual Veneralia gala will be April 4 in the "Pharaoh's Palace" at the Boisfeuillet Atlanta Civic Center. "Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs" is on display at the Civic Center through May 25.

Chairing Veneralia are Bill Torres, Jack Sawyer, Sacha Taylor and Monica Dioda. Chairing the host committee are Todd Tautfest and Louise Sams. Honorees are Joanne and Charles Ackerman. Charles Ackerman is board co-chairman of the Carlos Museum and was instrumental in bringing the Tutankhamun exhibit to Atlanta. Veneralia will feature dinner by Tony Conway of A Legendary Event and decor by Robert Long. Information: carlos.emory.edu.

In other Tut news, starting today, more than 260 participating McDonald's stores will give out coupons for \$5 off regular-priced adult tickets to King Tut. For each coupon redeemed, organizers will donate \$5 to Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities, which provides housing for needy families whose critically ill or injured children are being treated by hospitals here. The promotion runs through April 1. Information: www.kingtut.org.

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