

★ SCENE ★



T-Boz shows off an item from her kids clothing store, Chase's Closet.

"MY BABY ONLY WEARS D&G."

TIONNE "T-BOZ" WATKINS, REFERRING TO HER DAUGHTER CHASE (THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CHASE'S CLOSET)



Chuck Dowdle and the Carlos Museum's Gail Habib at Veneralia

MISTRESS: "I KNOW TAE KWON DO."
MADEA: "I KNOW WHOOP YOUR ASS!"

SCENE FROM TYLER PERRY'S
DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN



Dallas Austin, J.C. Chasez and John Corbett at the *Diary* after-party

COOL DIGS

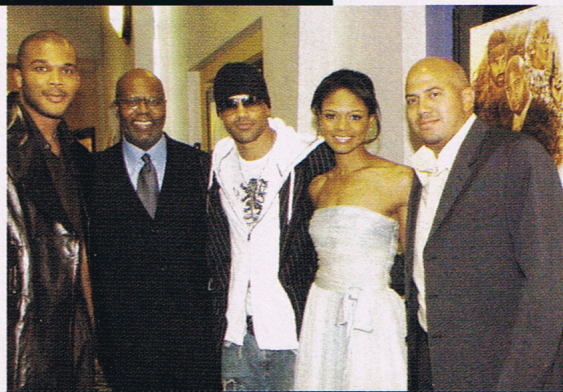
It was Hollywood in Atlanta at the Southeast premiere of Tyler Perry's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*. Perry, best known for his cross-dressing antics as "Madea" in the film, hosted a SRO crowd at Phipps as his mother and aunts (who inspired "Madea") and the film's stars, Shemar Moore (of *The Young & the Restless* fame), Dallas Austin (who produced the film's soundtrack) and Kimberly Elise—best known for her role in Oprah Winfrey's *Beloved*—strolled the red carpet. Afterward, VIPs—including *Soul Food*'s Boris Kodjoe, John Corbett and Tamyra Gray—partied until the wee hours at the Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. ★ **Veneralia**, The Art of the Dig, had patrons digging deep into their pockets at the annual Michael C. Carlos Museum benefit. Mrs. Michael C. Carlos donated a surprise gift of \$100,000 while guests ponied up during the auction, emceed by WSB's Chuck Dowdle. Patrons mingled in the museum's permanent collection area, transformed into the lobby of a grand hotel, then enjoyed a seated dinner, served by waiters in pith helmets. ★ TLC's Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins hosted a trunk show in the basement of her Duluth home, featuring clothing from her Houston-based children's store, Chase's Closet. Falcons players and other pals browsed racks of D&G Junior onesies—set up alongside platinum record displays—while others mingled at the open bar. Watkins and her business partner, celebrity stylist Tara Brivic-Rowntree, plan to open an Atlanta location soon, carrying lines such as Von Dutch Baby and Rocky T. —C.T., V.P. & J.S.



One of 24 table centerpieces at Veneralia, conceived by artist Annette Joseph

"IS IT DECOR OR ART? I CAN'T TELL."

GUEST AT VENERALIA, LOOKING CURIOUSLY AT A TABLE CENTERPIECE



Tyler Perry, Reuben Cannon, Shemar Moore, Kimberly Elise and Darren Grant at the *Diary* premiere

"MY WIFE IS ON THE FRONT ROW BIDDING ON THINGS. I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE."

PANICKED GUEST AT VENERALIA, RUSHING TO RESCUE HIS WALLET



T-Boz and business partner Tara Brivic-Rowntree

DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN: RICK DIAMOND