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Event aids new ballet group

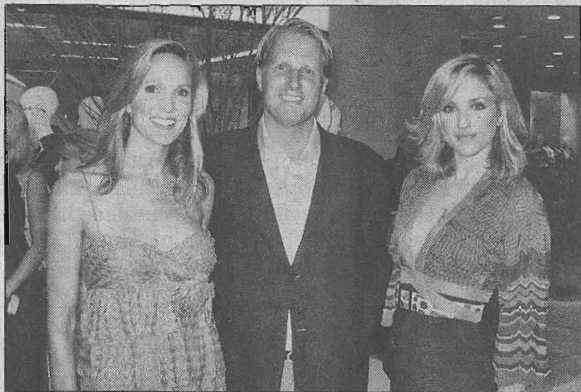
Fashion, food and a few bottles of wine helped garner support Monday for the new Indianapolis City Ballet's quickly approaching performance and gala on Sept. 12.

At the invitation of **Max** and **Jacqueline Buckingham Anderson** and **Mary** and **Mark Smith**, about 25 attended a soiree on Saks Fifth Avenue's posh second floor.

While socializing, guests were asked to help support the new ballet by buying tickets to its first performance. Organizers say they have philanthropic backing for their event next month, but want to sell enough tickets to fill the Murat Theatre.

Party attendees also met the couple behind the ballet effort: ballet board Chairman **Bob Hesse** and Vice Chairwoman **Jane Fortune**.

"We have this concept of excellence," Hesse said to the group. "It can't be anything else."



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BALLET FUNDRAISERS: Hosts Mary Elliott Smith (left), Mark Smith and Jacqueline Buckingham Anderson. Anderson got her shorter haircut recently in London.