



**EVENING HOURS**

Bill Cunningham

**Wild at Heart**

No black ties here.

July 28: The Byrd Hoffman Watermill Foundation held its annual benefit for the Watermill Center, attended by 900 guests and raising more than \$2 million. This art school, founded by the artist Robert Wilson, has one of the most interesting benefits in the Hamptons. Many guests follow the dress theme, which this year was "Wild Chic," to reflect Mr. Wilson's recent video portraits of animals. The center, in Water Mill, N.Y., is surrounded by six acres of woodland, where performance installations greeted guests along the paths. There was an art auction during dinner, with the works presented by costumed students, as well as a burlesque performance by Dita Von Teese.

1. CAMPION and TATIANA PLATT.

2. Collaboration Town dancers.

3. STÉPHANE DELCROIX.

4. OLYA and CHARLES THOMPSON.

5. Students showing the art.

6. ROBERT THURMAN, CHRISTOPHE DE MENIL, center, and ADELAIDE DE MENIL.

7. NINA and SERGE VON ARX and baby.

8. Another costumed student.

9. LISA DE KOONING and ANDREY BARTENEV.

10. BLAKE LINDSLEY next to a painting on the wall of the auction tent.

11. From left, NIKITAS KAVALLIERATOS, ROBERT WILSON, DITA VON TEESE and WILLIAM POPE.L.

12. DEBORAH SCHOENEMAN.

13. A group of students.

14. The mural on the back wall of the center as seen from the piazza.

15. LOUISE NERI.

16. Waiters wore teacups.

17. Drummers from U-Theater of Taipei, Taiwan.

18. Mr. Bartenev.

19. BETH RUDIN DE WOODY.

20. ZOE MACKLER and CARLOS SOTO.

21. DIANNE BENSON.

22. JILL STUART.

23. MARYBETH SCHMITT.

24. JOY MARKS and SHAIL UPADHYA.

25. ALEXANDRA POSEN.

