

Charity & fun

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DINE AND WINE: Charity and art came together at this charity dinner organised by Action for Autism (AFA), headed by Merry Barua, social activist and director, AFA. The event was gleaming with people from across the world, who came together to support this cause.

SENSITISE THEM: Merry Barua said, "We believe that the special children are gifted wonders and it is our endeavour to train them and help shape their future."

SOCHA NA THA: The dress code for the



HAI O RABBA: Indrani with Jatin Das

and golden and most of them did follow it. Perhaps this year, the men didn't know what to wear," said Reeta Sabharwal, member, AFA.

AUTISTIC AND ARTISTIC: A few magnificent paintings were unveiled on the stage and received applause from the audience. Saba said, "I will buy one of the paintings." And Jatin Das, who has been travelling to San Francisco and London, and returned only recently, smiled, "Well, I rather want people to buy mine."

SHAKE IT DADDY: Frankie Cardozo's peppy music numbers set the mood for couples to jig and have fun. Amongst them we spotted Shovana dancing excitedly and Jatin shaking a leg with Indrani, one of the members of AFA. And we saw Kenneth Thompson sitting alone, while his wife, Sole Thompson was on the dance floor. Why is she not dancing with you, we asked, "Well, maybe she found someone better to dance with!" he smiled.

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ALL SMILES: Merry Barua with Kenneth Thompson

evening was black and golden. While many were dressed according to the theme, quite a few were not even aware of it. We turned to cricketer Saba Karim, who was dressed in a black suit, and quizzed him on it and he said, "Is that so? I had no idea of the dress code. I just saw the invite in a hurry and dropped in." Shovana Narayan was spotted in a golden-orange saree and even a black *bindi*. What an unconscious effort... *Badhiya hai*. "Last year, our theme was red



MAKING A POINT:
Saba Karim



THAT'S OUR COUPLE POSE:
Herbert Traxl with wife Shovana