**The Marilyn Horne Foundation just completed a big week** with a festival of seven events at Carnegie Hal, launched Sunday, January 18 in a star-studded gala in Stern Auditorium to celebrate both Marilyn's Diamond Birthday and the 15th Anniversary of the Foundation.

The gala, hosted by **Frederica von Stade and Samuel Ramey,** presented songs and arias from Marilyn's 50+ year career, performed by contralto **Meredith Arwady,** sopranos **Nicole Cabell** and **Karita Mattila,** counter tenor **David Daniels**; mezzo sopranos **Joyce DiDonato, Susan Graham,** and **Dolora Zajick**; vocalist **Isabel Leonard**; tenors **Piotr Beczala** and **Bruce Sledge**; baritones **Thomas Hampson, Dmitri Hvorostovsky,** and **Lester Lynch**; bass-baritones **James Morris** and **Thomas Quasthoff**; and pianist **William Bolcom, Warren Jones, Martin Katz, Carrie Ann Matheson** and **Brian Zeger.** For the occasion, the Marilyn Horne Foundation commissioned a vocal



A toast for the Birthday Girl — Marilyn Horne Guare.

quintet by composer **William Bolcom** and lyricist **Sheldon Harnick.**

The Sunday celebration continued with a benefit dinner and birthday party at the Plaza's Grand Ballroom, co-chaired by **Mr. and Mrs. Sid R. Bass, Nadine Bognar, Van Cliburn, Rita and Gustave Hauser, Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest, Marie Nugent-Head and James Marias, Dame Jillian Sackler, George and Jeri Sape, Robert Simon** and **Gilles DeVoe,** and **Ann Ziff.** Honorary chair was Sir Howard Stringer.

The festival continued through Thursday night, January 22d, culminating with a master class with Maestro **James Levine,** open to the public. Additional festival events included master classes with **Martin Katz** and **Marilyn Horne,** two duo-recitals presenting mezzo-soprano **Jamie Barton** with pianist **Kathleen Kelly,** tenor **Russell Thomas** with **Ken Noda,** soprano **Susanna Phillips** with pianist **Myra Huang,** and tenor **Alek Shrader** with pianist **Jerome Tan,** and *Marilyn and Friends* hosted by Carnegie Hall's **Jeremy Geffen** featuring a chat fest with Marilyn Horne, **Warren Jones, Benita Valente,** and Marilyn Horne Foundation director, **Barbara Hocher.**