



## L.A. Mart celebrates 50 years in style

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As a way to kick off their 50th year of existence in style, L.A. Mart and L.A. Mart Design Center held a gala celebration to christen the center's new, Christopher Gaona-designed main lobby on January 10. A plethora of Los Angeles' most influential figures made their way out to the Downtown L.A. event, which was organized for a good cause—proceeds from the evening benefited Inner-City Arts, an L.A.-based, non-profit arts education center founded to enrich the lives of inner-city children through the arts.



Big names on hand included Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmember Jan Perry, Staples Center Foundation's Jennifer Lynch, and numerous others. The highlight of the night? The exquisite collection of Andy Warhol prints on sale to raise money for the kids.

Photos: (Top, from left to right): Jeff Sampson, marketing director, L.A. Mart Design Center; Joan Ulrich, senior vice president, MMPI; Michael Kessler, vice president and general manager, L.A. Mart & L.A. Mart Design Center; Antonio Villaraigosa, mayor, City of Los Angeles; Christopher G. Kennedy, president, MMPI; Bert Adler, leasing director, L.A. Mart; Jim Nahin, leasing director, L.A. Mart Design Center; Tracy Stier, leasing manager, L.A. Mart. (Bottom): Mayor Villaraigosa, Joan Ulrich, and Christopher G. Kennedy.