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## Video artist is on MOCA party list

In announcing its next annual gala, set for Nov. 13, L.A.'s Museum of Contemporary Art asserted in a news release Thursday that last year's bash in a tent in the middle of Grand Avenue had set "a new standard for museum galas" while raising \$4 million.

Which, of course, raises the question: So what do they do for an encore? The answer begins with Doug Aitken, the L.A. video artist MOCA says it has commissioned "to create an expansive, experiential work for the event."

"He's just been brought onto the project," so Aitken's plans are far from fleshed out, MOCA spokeswoman Lyn Winter said Thursday, but ideas being kicked around include a three-part work that would encompass not only the environs in and around the party tent, but something "elsewhere in Los Angeles," plus a piece for the exhibition "The Artist's Museum" that opens at MOCA in the fall.

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