

# LES MISÉRABLES

## DINNER RECEPTION



**T**he Kravis Center for the Performing Arts transported their supporters and guests to 19th-Century France with a special dinner reception at the home of Palm Beach resident **Chip DiPaula**. **Dr. Robert Watson**, award-winning author, professor and historian was the guest speaker who shared insights into the Broadway musical *Les Misérables*, which hosted sold-out crowds at the Kravis Center in April.

Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while listening to Dr. Watson discuss the harsh realities of the French Revolution, the real Paris uprising, brutal life in Paris for the peasantry and how the Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon fits into the history. Kravis Center supporters then enjoyed a sit-down dinner concluding with a chocolate cake recipe inspired by Marie Antoinette herself.

"It was an honor to host a special group of supporters and friends for the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts," said DiPaula. "And what a treat to listen to Dr. Watson's unique historical perspective on my favorite musical, *Les Misérables*. The show is just one way the Kravis Center continues to inspire through the arts. Tonight was a beautiful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together in support of culture and creativity."

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is one of South Florida's premier performing arts centers, located in downtown West Palm Beach. Since 1992 the Kravis Center has hosted the very best in live entertainment featuring world-class artists in music, comedy, dance, Broadway and more. Since opening its doors, the Kravis Center has welcomed millions of students to its comprehensive arts education programs. Students of all ages can participate in a variety of workshops, classes and special events, as well as free and reduced-price tickets to those who might not otherwise have the chance to experience live performances. For more information visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org).

**FIRST ROW:** Chip DiPaula, Diane Quinn and Dr. Robert Watson; Sherry and Tom Barrat; **SECOND ROW:** Gary and Linda Lachman; Greg and Francine Purcell; **THIRD ROW:** Julie Geier and Herbert Wertheim; Kristin Synder and Katherine Parr; **FOURTH ROW:** Joanna and Steven Sanders; Denise and Gil Rivas. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

