

PRELUDE2CINEMA FUND-RAISER



1. Charisse Wilcox of Shaker Heights and Gwen Riase of South Euclid.
2. Actor Greg Tatnall of Olmsted Falls.
3. Aspiring actress Liz Bauer of Cleveland's West Side.
4. Massimo da Milano owner Tony Dilorio and filmmaker Alex Michaels of Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood.

Film story: Digital-media company Prelude2Cinema hosted a casual get-together at Massimo da Milano on May 4 with a few dozen fans, crew, actors and potential investors in hopes of gaining support for the fledgling company's mission of making Cleveland part of the motion-picture industry. Prelude2Cinema is the brain-child of Cleveland film guy Alex Michaels. Michaels, 39, has won a regional Emmy, as well as regional writing awards.

Craft service: Massimo da Milano owner Tony Dilorio threw the bash for Michaels and his crew. Dilorio and his Ohio City restaurant have appeared in Prelude2Cinema's television show, "Out of Darkness." The show airs on the company's Web site, www.prelude2cinema.com, and on Google Video.

All business: The mellow affair drew a diverse group of talent, including Lakewood actor Lou Capri, film editor Tim Franke and writer/director Bill Alexander.