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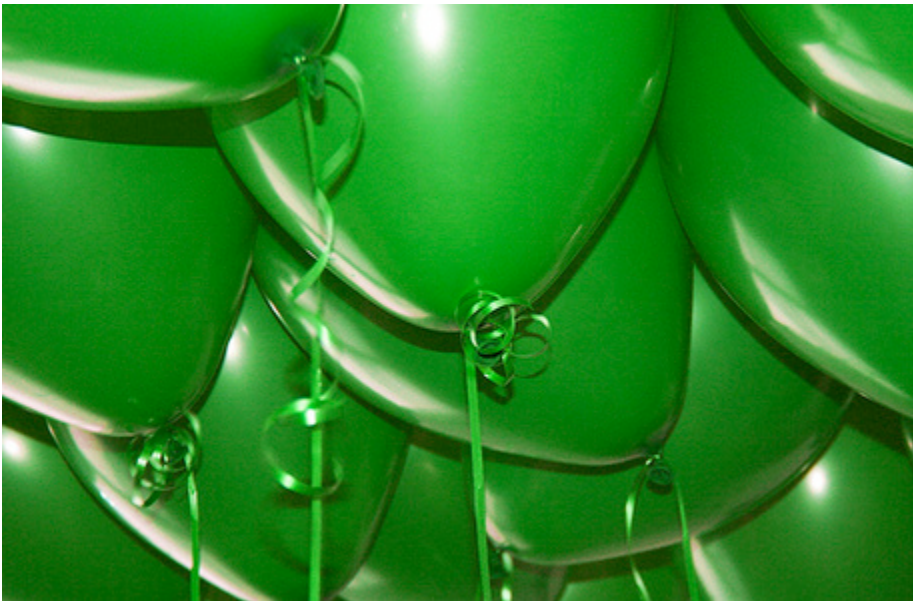
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The Greening Of Inaugural Partying

Written by Marsha Johnston

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President Obama's inauguration marked another historic moment: the first "Green" inaugural ball. And not just one, but two, a fact that caused some not-insignificant confusion for partygoers.

The invitation-only [2009 Green Inaugural Ball](#), at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, sold out online in 15 minutes about 3 weeks before. The \$250-ticket event was billed to "celebrate the strength and diversity of the network of organizations, corporations, and individuals committed to creating the new energy economy that will repower, rebuild, refuel and restore America." Standing in line to get in, we discovered that the invite list included national security defense contractors. Whatever.

As we entered the open-air courtyard of the center, John Legend was playing "Save Room for My Love." Later, we met a gentleman from [Native Energy](#) (who first spoke to us in Lakota), which had provided the carbon offsets for the event, as it did it for the Democratic National Convention. The organic, locally sourced food was pretty good, if a bit salty. We can attest that the event appeared to use the LED lighting it advertised, as well as minimal signage. We cannot, however, vouch for whether its waste was, in fact, recycled, reused and composted. But Al was there, along with the heads of the [National Wildlife Federation](#), the [Solar Energy Industries Association](#) and the [American Wind Energy Association](#), who all had their say. Not to be outdone by the star power at all of the week's events, revelers also enjoyed will.i.am, Maroon 5 and Melissa Etheridge.

But a number of inaugural celebrants who did not know the AI event had sold out often found themselves with tickets to [The GREEN Inaugural Ball: Maximum Celebration, Minimal Impact](#). This event, held two days prior, was presented by Event Emissary, which bills itself as the first green event planning company, Environment America and One Degree Less. Tickets cost twice as much, with 5 percent going to one of the [event's 15 partners](#). It featured hip-hop music from Wyclef Jean and the presentation of the Campaign for Change Couture Collection that featured a 1950s vintage mens coat adorned with countless 1.5-inch-long strips of Obama campaign door hangers. Environmental artist and educator Nancy Judd, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, said the suit took 200 hours to make.

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