

Monica Lewinsky, the 1990's presidential scandal icon, recently resurfaced in a very public appearance. Just weeks after appearing in an essay for *Vanity Fair* in which she talked at great length about her impeachment-triggering affair with then President Bill Clinton, Lewinsky appeared on the red carpet on May 22 at a benefit honoring New York artist Robert Longo.

The previous White House intern arrived at the popular NYC club Cipriani Wall Street accompanied by David Friend, *Vanity Fair's* Editor of Creative Development. A follower of Longo, Lewinsky overshadowed some of the biggest names of the New York art scene with her appearance at the Kitchen Spring Gala Benefit.

Lewinsky, the "Girl in the Beret", made headlines in the late 90's when it was discovered that she was having an affair with President Bill Clinton, with many trysts taking place in the Oval Office. The Lewinsky scandal, coupled with other minor scandals that were bringing unwanted negative attention to the Clinton presidency, finally led Congress to act and, on January 7, 1999, Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, only the third in presidential history, commenced in the Senate. House prosecutors, in a closed-door gathering, would eventually question the former intern about the affair. The videotape produced during the session was used to determine whether Lewinsky would testify at the actual impeachment hearings, an appearance the Senate would ultimately vote against. In an anti-climactic resolution to the scandal that rocked Clinton's presidency, the Senate acquitted the 42nd president of both impeachment charges. Lewinsky would disappear from public life for over twenty years.

According to Us Magazine, Lewinsky would end her public hibernation dressed in "a strapless coral dress with a black sheer sleeve overlay." At the event, the former intern made no mention of how much more this re-emergence into the public eye would entail.

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