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The Brazil Foundation's Annual Gala



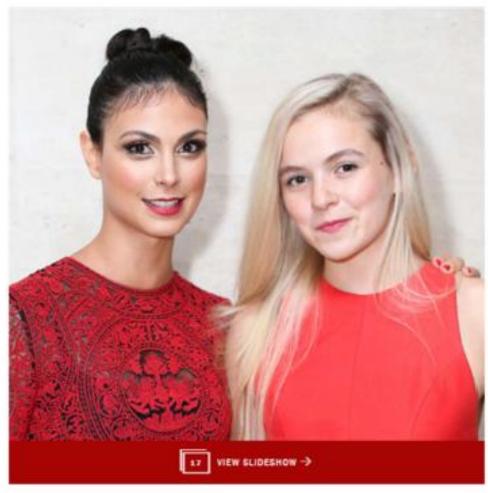
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Sofia Sanchez Barrenechea



Morena Baccarin and Morgan Saylor



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"Tonight we are celebrating women!" announced Morena Baccarin, better known to Homeland junkies as Jessica Brody. It was only fitting that the Rio de Janeiro-born actress emceed Thursday evening's Brazil Foundation Gala, which was held on the Philip Johnson-designed promenade of the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center. For the black-tie event, many guests, including Sofia Sanchez Barrenechea, Lisa Marie Fernandez, and Zani Gugelmann, donned long Valentino gowns that grazed the travertine marble floors.

Of course, being the Brazil Foundation, the gala was not lacking in the gorgeous Brazilian model department: Ana Beatriz Barros, Aline Weber, and Barbara Fialho flitted around the cocktail hour like statuesque nymphs before moving upstairs to dinner where a troup of Capoeira dancers greeted guests with a spirited performance. Morgan Saylor, who plays Baccarin's daughter on Homeland, attended with her fictional mom and sat attentively at a stage-side table during the awards ceremony, which honored three impressive Brazilian women who run various nonprofits in their country. They accepted their awards with grace and confidence, proving that Brazil's first female president, Dilma Rousseff, is not the only woman capable of change in Brazil.

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