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Carla and Thea Bassi at Che Bella

After several decades away from Hollywood, Little Italy shopkeeper Carla Bassi is making her showbiz comeback. Bassi's Che Bella floral, plant and gift shop is the inspiration for a flower shop called Bloom in *The Ex-List*, a new show CBS is rolling out for the fall TV season. On a visit to San Diego, the show's set designer fell in love with the natural and romantic décor that Bassi created in Che Bella. With Bassi's help, he re-created much of it for the new series, which is set in the fictional shop.

Bassi and daughter Thea have even become de facto members of the crew. Besides arranging flowers for the set and prop departments, they are technical advisers on the show.

Despite the glamour, Bassi isn't losing her head. She'd basked in the glow of Hollywood before: Her shop (then in Los Angeles) supplied all the flowers used for *The Love Boat* TV series, which ran from 1977 to 1986. Bassi just hopes *The Ex-List* stays afloat for as long.