

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Bursting with Spring



Audra McDonald and Andy Einhorn take a bow with the New York Philharmonic at its annual Spring Gala, *An Evening with Audra McDonald* and a salute to Daisy Soros, *Crazy for Daisy!*

American Friends of the Louvre's Young Patrons Circle hosted their annual spring gala on May 1st at the Prince George Ballroom in Manhattan and celebrated the opening of Louvre Abu Dhabi. This new museum is housed in a critically acclaimed building designed by Jean Nouvel and is the result of an innovative collaboration between the governments of Abu Dhabi and France, together with the Louvre and 16 other museums and partners in France. Louvre Abu Dhabi is creating a new center of cultural gravity and offering the Arab world a global museum supported by French expertise.

Approximately 150 guests attended, including: **His Excellency Majid Al Suwaidi of the United Arab Emirates, Consul General Anne-Claire Legendre of France**, and Influencers and young philanthropists including **Katya Kokoreva, Dmitri Sholokhov, Cole Harell, Liddy Berman, David Chines, Daniel Colón, Miranda Guo, Christopher Laconi, Bridget Little, Arielle Patrick, Caroline McCarthy** and **Bill Radin**.



Consul General Anne-Claire Legendre, Sue Devine, and His Excellency Majid Al-Suwaidi

The evening included a delectable spread of Middle Eastern cuisine, champagne courtesy of **Perrier-Jouët**, specialty cocktails by **Marie Brizard**, rosé from **Regal Wine Imports**, **Peroni** beer and **Alacran** tequila. French and Middle Eastern music filled the air thanks to DJ Robi D Light, interrupted only by a thrilling performance of live Arabic drumming from RamiTabla. The evening also included an exquisite silent auction of luxury items and experiences including a trip to Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Guests departed with a tote from Louvre Abu Dhabi and phone holders from the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi who AFL was delighted to have as a primary partner on the event.



Caroline McCarthy, Della Folk, Andrew Frazier, and Lynnette Lyzwinski



Andres Perea-Garzon, Carrie Engerrand, and Blake Funston



Arielle Patrick, Christina Eberill, and Lilli Donahue



Emily Clementine and Michael Gasparino Jr.



David Arquilla, Bill Radin, Dmitri Sholokhov, Katia Kokoreva, and Alex Rodriguez



Zachary Zimmerman, David Chines, and Daniel Colon



Natia Kyachadze, Soraya Aiolama, Salma Heri, Paola Carreiro, and Zena Jawad



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