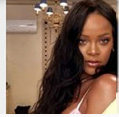


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American Friends of the Louvre Hosts Its Annual Spring Gala Celebrating the Louvre Abu Dhabi

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Anne-Claire Legendre, Sue Devine, and His Excellency Majid Al-Suwaidi
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On Tuesday night, the American Friends of the Louvre's Young Patrons Circle hosted its annual spring gala at the grand Prince George Ballroom in New York. The gathering feted the November 2017 opening of the Louvre Abu Dhabi, which offers the Arab world a global museum supported by French expertise. The evening drew a mix of special guests from the French and UAE consulates including His Excellency Majid Al-Suwaidi, Consul General of the United Arab Emirates, and Consul General Anne-Claire Legendre of France.

Naturally, the gala was a sensorial feast of Franco-Middle Eastern culture. Think: delicious Middle Eastern cuisine, courtesy of Neuman's Kitchen, paired with the finest Perrier-Jouët Champagne. Marie Brizard also served up specialty cocktails while DJ Robi D Light spun French and Middle Eastern music that came to a brief pause during a surprise performance of Arabic drumming by the hands of Rami El-Aasser. Afterward, many took a beat to place their bids in the luxury silent auction, which included items from Louis Vuitton and Cire Trudon. What felt like the grandest prize, though, was no doubt a trip to Abu Dhabi to visit the Louvre museum, plus a stay in the luxurious five-star hotel Emirates Palace. Highest bidder or not, all went home with a gift bag from the Louvre filled with goodies from the Department of Culture and Tourism in Abu Dhabi, but of course.

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