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PÉREZ ART MUSEUM MIAMI GALA RAISES MORE THAN \$1 MILLION FOR ART EDUCATION, SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

More than 800 Attendees Turn Out in Honor of Artist Chuck Close

MIAMI – March 8, 2016 – More than 800 cultural philanthropists, artists, civic leaders and arts supporters attended PAMM's third Annual PAMM Art of the Party gala on Friday, March 4, 2016. The event, which had its highest attendance to date, raised more than \$1 million for the museum's robust education program, the largest outside the Miami-Dade County school system.

The highly anticipated evening, conceptualized by **Lee Brian Schrager**, featured three exclusive experiences – Chef's Table seated dinner, Supper Club lounge and Remix after party – with delicious dishes created by chef, author and Food Network personality **Alex Guarnaschelli**.

Pérez Art Museum Miami Director **Franklin Sirmans** honored **Chuck Close**, one of the most celebrated and influential artists of our time, at the Chef's Table seated dinner. The museum holds three examples of Close's work in its permanent collection and in 2004, the museum presented the exhibition *Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration*, which explored the artist's innovative approach to printmaking.

Simultaneously in the museum's second-floor special exhibition galleries, Supper Club partygoers enjoyed a chic and provocative setting with live sets by DJ DZA and interactive art stations, including digital sketch artists and a wall to ceiling coloring book. As the party started winding down, guests were led to the Remix after party by a seven-piece band. Remix quickly came to life with dance throwbacks by DJ Jessica Who, keeping guests dancing under the stars until the early hours of the morning.

Notable attendees included: Artist **Michele Oka Doner**; Food Network *Simply Delicioso* host **Ingrid Hoffmann**; photographer **Iran Issa Khan**; **Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Giménez**; **Collector and PAMM Trustee Craig Robins** and **Jackie Soffer**; **Patricia and Phillip Frost**; **Barbara Becker**; politician **Manny Díaz**; notable producer **David Saltz**; and reality show TV personality **Lisa Hochstein**.

Art of the Party chairs were: **Elle Macpherson** and **Jeffrey Soffer**, **Constance and Miguel "Mike" B. Fernandez**, **Darlene and Jorge M. Pérez**, and **Kara and Stephen Ross**.

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Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) promotes artistic expression and the exchange of ideas, advancing public knowledge and appreciation of art, architecture and design, and reflecting the diverse community of its pivotal geographic location at the crossroads of the Americas. A 29-year-old South Florida institution formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), Pérez Art Museum Miami opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, in Downtown Miami's Museum





Park on December 4, 2013. The facility and is a state-of-the-art model for sustainable museum design and progressive programming and features 200,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor program space with flexible galleries; shaded outdoor verandas; a waterfront restaurant and bar; a museum shop; and an education center with a library, media lab and classroom spaces. For more information, please visit www.pamm.org, find us on Facebook (facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami), or follow us on Twitter (@pamm).

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