

**Pérez Art Museum Miami Honors Longtime Arts Supporters Susana and Alberto Iburgüen at Sixth Annual Art of the Party, Presented by Valentino**

**— Tickets Available Now —  
Saturday, March 7, 2020**



2019 Art of the Party. Photo by World Red Eye.

(MIAMI, FL — February 13, 2020) — **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** is pleased to present the sixth annual **Art of the Party Presented by Valentino**, the museum's largest fundraiser of the year, on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**. The event will honor John S. & James L. Knight Foundation Chairman and CEO **Alberto Iburgüen** and museum Trustee **Susana Iburgüen** for their long-time support of the museum. The awardee of the second annual **Pérez Prize**, which honors an artist for artistic achievement, will also be announced at Art of the Party. The evening will be co-chaired by PAMM supporters **Darlene and Jorge Pérez** and **Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst**.

The evening will feature two special Art of the Party experiences created by **Lee Brian Schrager** and culinary collaborations by **Chef Gregory Pugin**, **Christopher Bellanca**, and **Constellation Culinary Group** on the museum's picturesque waterfront terrace. Supporting sponsor **De Beers Jewellers** joins four-time Presenting sponsor Valentino at Art of the Party, which will showcase the world-class museum's unique architecture, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron, and celebrate

Miami's flagship art museum, bringing together cultural philanthropists, artists, civic leaders, and arts supporters from around Miami and beyond. Funds from Art of the Party directly support the museum's robust arts education program, the largest of its kind outside the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system with over 215,000 children served since opening in December 2013, while also funding PAMM's broader mission as Miami's flagship art institution.

"This annual gala is a moment to celebrate Miami's philanthropists who have made art and culture cornerstones of our community, while awarding an artist whose present work fits the museum's vision — that all art can be a sign and symbol of a humanist future that embraces the potential for art to help us better understand each other," said **PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans**.

Art of the Party Honorees Susana and Alberto Ibargüen have been vital figures in growing and supporting the cultural landscape in Miami for more than two decades. Together, the Ibargüens are among those visionary leaders whose generosity and unwavering commitment have helped both PAMM and Miami grow into world-class cultural destinations.

"Susana Ibargüen has always been the unofficial leader of the Board of Trustees of Pérez Art Museum Miami. When Susana speaks, everybody listens. The museum would not be where it is if it weren't for the 20 plus years of devotion of Susana. We are truly indebted to her," said **Co-Chair Aaron Podhurst**. "As to Alberto Ibargüen, anyone who has lived in this community knows that both Alberto and the Knight Foundation have profoundly changed it for the better, making South Florida a leader in culture, diversity, and innovation. While the Knight Foundation has always been a remarkable resource for South Florida, the tenure of Alberto as Chief Executive Officer has been without parallel. All of us who live in Miami-Dade and South Florida are indebted to him."

Susana has been a PAMM Trustee for over twenty years, and is a former President of the Board. She continues to participate in numerous PAMM committees and is a past chair of the museum's Nominating Committee. Her passionate advocacy for the arts has led her to support multiple organizations in the Miami community and beyond.

The former publisher of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald, Alberto has been President and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation since 2005. Under his leadership, the foundation has become the leading philanthropic funder of the arts in Miami and around the nation, using arts and culture to bind people to their communities and to each other. Thanks to multi-million dollar grants from the Knight Foundation, PAMM is able to bring more than 40,000 schoolchildren to the museum each year to engage with the visual arts, free of charge. In addition, Ibargüen recently stepped down from the Board of Directors at American Airlines, and in appreciation of his dedicated service, American donated \$100,000 in Ibargüen's name to the institution of his choice, Pérez Art Museum Miami.

Susana and Alberto have given tirelessly of their time, talent and resources to ensure PAMM's prominence and longevity, and to make the museum accessible to children of all ages from across the Miami community. It is PAMM's privilege to honor them at the sixth annual Art of the Party.

## **2020 ART OF THE PARTY CO-CHAIRS**

Darlene and Jorge M. Pérez  
Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst

Art of the Party will offer guests two unique experiences from which to choose:

### **CHEF'S TABLE COCKTAILS AND SEATED DINNER | 6:30PM**

Chef Gregory Pugin, Christopher Bellanca, and Constellation Culinary Group will craft an unforgettable dining experience on the East Portico. Dinner guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and seated dinner featuring the evening's program in celebration of honorees Susana and Alberto Ibarguen. Includes admission to the Remix after party. Purchase of a table includes seating for Remix.

#### **Chef's Table Host Committee**

Arlene and Wayne Chaplin  
Leslie and Greg Ferrero  
Maria Bechily and Scott Hodes  
Camille and W. Patrick McDowell  
Diane and Robert Moss  
Nedra and Mark Oren  
Patricia Papper  
Terry Schechter  
Alexa and Adam Wolman

### **REMIX AFTER PARTY | 9:30PM**

As the evening culminates, Chef's Table and Remix guests will join together for a late night dance party under the stars on the waterfront promenade, enjoying cocktails, hors d' oeuvres, and decadent desserts.

#### **Remix Committee**

Christopher Adeleke  
Gregory Boan  
Sarah Cambell Smith  
Jennifer Chaplin  
Daniela Cimo  
Elizabeth Coppolecchia  
Monica Defortuna  
Wendy Francois  
Maile Gamez  
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Michele Hanash  
Shana Kaufman  
Kinga Konsorska  
Richard Lalane  
Edward Luckmann  
Genna Mark  
Charmel Maynard  
Kevin Michael  
Jordyn Newsome  
Christopher Pastor  
Bibi Pestana  
Amanda Piguillem  
Karina Quiroga  
Cristina Scarano

Christopher DiSchino  
Ashley Sebok Boehne  
Claudia Talamas

**TICKETS ([Purchase Here](#))**

**Chef's Table Cocktails and Seated Dinner**

Tables of 10 are available for \$25,000. Individual tickets are also available for \$2,500.

**Remix After Party**

Individual tickets are available for \$150 per guest.

**ABOUT PAMM**

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), led by Director Franklin Sirmans, 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. The 36-year-old South Florida institution, formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, on December 4, 2013 in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré Park. The facility 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.

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**ABOUT VALENTINO**

The house of Valentino is nested in the heart of Rome, the Eternal City, and expresses a point of view on the contemporary world using history as a playground and the Atelier as a place that produces both beauty and thought. The story began in 1959. 2016 marks a new beginning, under the Creative Direction of Pierpaolo Piccioli. A new set of values, that are both of the moment and faithful to its heritage, are created: grace and delicacy, both as an attitude and as a silhouette; a celebration of individuality; emotional beauty; the blending and merging of different languages. Style is essential and impalpable. The idea of contemporary humanism leads a creative quest that revolves around the personality of the wearer. Vision, products, retail spaces share the same traits: from the one-of-a-kind Haute Couture creations to women's and men's ready-to-wear and accessories, from eyewear to fragrances to the boutiques, Valentino is synonymous of elegance, pureness, craftsmanship, uniqueness.

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