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PALM BEACH Jewelry, Art & Antique Show

The 15th Annual Palm Beach Show Continues its Reputation as the Most Prestigious Art, Antique and Jewelry Show in the Nation



(February 28, 2018 -- Palm Beach, FL) The 15th Annual Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show was held last week and closed with strong attendance and impressive sales. Many of the pieces were sold to established collectors, museum curators, cultural foundations, art advisors and designers. More than 40,000 attendees visited the Palm Beach Show throughout the extended weekend with more than 5,000 patrons attending the exclusive Opening Night Preview Party on Wednesday, February 14, which benefited the Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope.



The Palm Beach Jewelry Art & Antique Show kicked off on February 14, 2018 with the Second Annual Exclusive Vernissage Reception hosted by a Committee of Designers, including **Bruce Bierman, Lars Bolander, Lisa Erdmann, Lillian Fernandez, Jennifer Garrigues, Chad Hoeft, Margot Larkin, Mario Nieviera** and **Scott Snyder.** A festive champagne reception allowed the throng of guests to prepare for the dazzling tour of displays from all over the world, welcoming

hundreds of Palm Beach's most prominent collectors.



The evening continued with the traditional Opening Night Preview Party. Patrons were queued up in anticipation of the evening, anxious to view the collections of dealers from around the world. Guests were greeted with champagne and hors d'oeuvres, while they received a first look at the international collections of fine art, antiques and stunning jewels. The exquisite opening evening was only the beginning of what would be an incredible weekend.

Prominent collectors from around the globe were in attendance at the Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show. A committee of local social pillars, including Courtney Arnot, Nancy Auersperg, Jackie and Beau Breckinridge, Janet and John Cafaro, Ansley and Philip DiLeo, Jackie Weld Drake, Susan Dwinell, Suzanne Frank, Virginia Sheerin and John Gildea, Gloria Herman, Leslie Hindman, Susan Malloy, Blanche Napoleon and Gordon McCoun, Grace and Chris Meigher, Patty and Anthony Myura, Melissa Parker, Matt McCormick, David Ober, Polly Onet, Judi and Raymond Richards, Martin and Audrey Gruss, Brewer Shoeller, Terri and Gary Shottenstein, Cindy and John Sites, Jacqueline Michel and John Weisman, Barbara and Mark Zand and Felicia Taylor, greeted their friends at the Main Entrance of the Show in front of the BIOPHILIA Exhibition.

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One of the highlights of Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show was the Christopher Marley BIOPHILIA Exhibition. The Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show featured a dedicated exhibition of Christopher Marley's BIOPHILIA: A Dialogue of Art, Nature and Science hosted by Gallery of Amazing Things. The BIOPHILIA exhibit had transformed the entrance of the show into a beautiful representation of man's relationship with the natural world, as seen through Marley's eyes. The exhibit added a unique element and illuminated the beauty and complexity of the basic elements of nature that surround mankind.



Throughout the duration of the show exhibitors expressed a wide-range of admirable praise based on their experiences and interactions.

"I was very pleased with the Vernissage Reception and VIP Opening Night. Having Cancer Alliance as the benefitting charity brought in serious buyers and we had several sales including a pair of diamond earrings by Mariana B., a Van Cleef and Arpels necklace as well as a diamond ring by Cartier all on opening night," stated Gus Davis of **Camilla Dietz Bergeron**.

"This is the premier antiques, art and jewelry show in the country," said Carl David of **David Gallery**. "The Opening Night Premier Party was crawling with some of the biggest collectors in the world."

"It is always a pleasure to participate in shows produced by the Palm Beach Show Group, and the Fifteenth Annual Palm Beach Show was no exception. We enjoyed a great turnout and sold from a variety of categories, including jewelry, canes and objets d'art," stated Bill Rau, **M.S. Rau Antiques**. (New Orleans, LA)

"Guarisco Gallery in recent years has expanded its collection to include modern and contemporary works. It has been very well received as this year's success showcases," raved Ashley Templeton of **Guarisco Gallery.** "The Palm Beach Show only reconfirms how lucky we are to have such wonderful clients who continually come to visit and support our collection"

"Steidel Fine Art had some very high expectations for our debut Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show and they were all met exceedingly so! Our collector base in South Florida had been looking forward to this moment for quite some time and it is no wonder the Palm Beach Show Group continues to put on what is considered the best show of the Florida fair schedule with the amount of detail that goes into every aspect of the production and the wonderfully eclectic mix of exhibitors involved. We look forward to returning to the 2019 edition!" exclaimed Maxwell Chapman of **Steidel Fine Art.**

More than 175 participating national and international galleries exhibited a wide variety of works including American art, French sculpture, Asian antiquities, Majolica, Tiffany glass, contemporary art, estate jewelry, European silver and much more. Sales were particularly heavy on the Opening Night and continued at a substantial pace throughout the weekend with many important sales occurring on the last day of the show. Exhibitors noted that while guests were more thoughtful and conscious of quality versus price, they were still making sound purchases.

Sales Highlights Include:

 Washington D.C based Guarisco Gallery sold a number of important works of art including an important Henri Martin oil on canvas titled *le Port de Collioure* valued at over \$825,000 and a show stopping American Mixed Media piece titled *Liberty* by Doug Powell valued at over \$25,000.



• Exhibitor House of Whitley and Gallery of Amazing Things noted that they had a remarkable show. They sold many pieces from the BIOPHILIA Exhibit as well as their stand within the show. Some significant sales include a Fresh Water Crocodile (Borealosuchus Wilson) Fossil for over \$600,000 as well as a Jacobs 7 Cylinder Radial Engine valued at over \$45,000.



- London and New York based **Michael Goedhuis** sold a number of Chinese and Japanese pieces including a Bronze Poucel Gilt Flowers Vase originating from China, early Ming dynasty, 15th century.
- **Cavalier Gallery** sold a sculpture that had been on display outside of the Palm Beach County Convention Center throughout the duration of the show entitled Hippo Ballerina by Bjorn Skaarup measuring 96 x 60 x 60 inches.
- London based exhibitor **Cohen & Cohen** sold the Henry Eckford Punchbowl for a substantial six figure sum during the VIP Opening Night Preview Party of the Palm Beach Show.



- New exhibitor, **Cliff Lee Gallery and Studios** presented his work for the first time at this year's Palm Beach Show. Specializing in Contemporary Porcelain Vessels, Cliff Lee sold a pair of yellow prickly melons.
- **Daniels Antiques** transcends the traditional idea of antiques into functional decorative pieces. A notable sale at the Palm Beach Show was a Custom Rotating JT8D Turbine Table.

- Steidel Fine Art had a stand out debut show selling over half of their inventory including 8 pieces of their exclusive Debra Steidel collection of porcelain sculptures with glass ornamental lids.
- Exhibitor Lion Heart Autographs of New York showcased rare and fascinating historic "Purloined Letters" Jackie Kennedy wrote to Roswell Gilpatric: Confidante, Possible Lover, and President Kennedy's Deputy Secretary of Defense. These controversial letters were sold at this year's show.
- French based **Galerie Jacques Bailly** specializes in Jean Dufy paintings and noted a number of sales throughout the course of the show.
 - Modele dans l'atelier: Jean Dufy painted this work, a theme that collectors really appreciate. It has been sold to a private collector who lives in Florida.
 - Parade équestre: Jean Dufy watercolor gouache painting circa 1950-55 sold to a private collector.

CEO and President of the Palm Beach Show Group, Scott Diament shared his passionate and enthusiast response to the success of the Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show's fifteenth edition:

"We are extremely proud of the outstanding roster of dealers that presented their collections at this year's show," stated Diament. "The Palm Beach Show once again exceeded all possible expectations! We are looking forward to the 2019 Show."

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About the Palm Beach Show Group

Palm Beach Show Group is the leading full-service show production company in the world, specializing in fine art, antique & jewelry shows. The Palm Beach Show Group produces high-end events that create unique meeting places for collectors, art advisors, museum curators, interior designers and dealers.

Las Vegas Estate Jewelry & Watch Pavilion	June 1-4, 2018
Baltimore Art, Antique & Jewelry Show	Aug. 30- Sept. 2, 2018
Baltimore Fine Craft Show	Aug. 30- Sept. 2, 2018
New York City Jewelry & Watch Show	October 26–29, 2018
Palm Beach Art, Antique & Design Show	December 14-16, 2018
LA Art Show	January 23–27, 2019
Miami Beach Jewelry & Watch Show	January 31-Feb 3, 2019
Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show	February 13–19, 2019
Palm Beach Fine Craft Show	February 15–17, 2019
Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show	February 22-26, 2019

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