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2021 PALM BEACH SHOW LEADS THE INDUSTRY AND EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS WITH STRATEGICALLY PLANNED AND WELL EXECUTED LIVE & IN-PERSON EVENT

The Show Safely Reunited Top Collectors and Exhibitors for First Major Cultural Event FEBRUARY 11-16, 2021 • Presidents' Day Weekend



(Palm Beach, FL – February 22, 2021) – The 18th annual Palm Beach Show concluded on Tuesday, February 16th after six days of strong attendance and robust sales. The VIP Opening Night Preview kicked-off the Show on Thursday, February 11th with tiered event times, welcoming enthusiastic collectors to the opening of the first, most anticipated live and in-person art, antique & jewelry event.

With extensive planning in cooperation with the Palm Beach County Convention's GBA-Star Rating Standards, producers followed COVID Guidelines and necessary safety protocols, allowing collectors to enjoy the first look at the high-end selection of fine art, antiques and jewelry from over 55 exhibitors.

Prominent collectors and well-known Palm Beach social pillars were in attendance at the Opening Night Preview of the Palm Beach Show including:

- Maynard Monrow, Beth DeWoody
- Jerry Kaplan, Regina Porten
- Kim Keirston, Audrey Gruss
- Scott Moses, Pamela O'Connor
- Amy Hoadley, Geoffrey Bradfield

- Bill Meyer, Tiffany Bufton
- Carter Pottash, Scott Diament
- Tommy Morrison, Alexandra Jones
- Hilary and Wilbur Ross
- Dack Patriarca, Hilary Jordan

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masks were removed for photos only

The Show was undeniably a success as The Palm Beach Show Group team defied the odds by creating a long-missed opportunity to place collectors in-front of extraordinary items for a traditional in-person consumer experience. Exhibitors expressed gratitude for the opportunity to once again be in a show setting, to meet with existing and new customers - a welcome reminder of the vital importance of these events for the industry.

"The Palm Beach Show debuted as the first major art event of 2021, giving it a huge advantage for exhibitors to get back to business," stated **Scott Diament**, Palm Beach Show Group President and CEO. "The Palm Beach Show by all accounts was deemed a success proving the resilience and hard work of our team and we are proud to have forged ahead through the difficulties and uncertainties that COVID-19 challenged us with."

When asked about their thoughts on the 2021 Palm Beach Show, **Issac Levy of Yvel** stated, "Leading is being where you are needed. Not where you want to be. The fact that the Palm Beach Show was the last show before COVID-19 hit, and the first show in the US after COVID, makes us at the Yvel team, proud and honored to follow the leadership of Scott Diament."



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For those who were unable to visit the fair in-person, producers supplemented the traditional fair with an online 3D virtual exploration of the Show.

Click Here to View the Virtual Tour of the 2021 Palm Beach Show



The show, which is held each year at the Palm Beach County Convention Center over Presidents' Day Weekend, featured more than 55 domestic based exhibitors showcasing extraordinary collections of fine art, jewelry, silver, objects, furniture, furnishings, porcelain, rugs and more, ranging in date from the antiquities to the 21st century.

The Palm Beach Show welcomed back new and returning exhibitors at the 2021 Palm Beach Show, presenting a true cross-selection of items spanning many genres and eras putting collectors directly in front of the most special and unique items.

The Fair was truly an all-inclusive cultural experience with installations, live-paintings and a performance by Palm Beach Symphony's pianist Sheng Yuan Kuan and violinist Askar Salimdjanov playing a rare \$5.2 Million-Dollar Stradivarius (1670) instrument offered by a show exhibitor.

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Highlights of the Palm Beach Show included a special exhibition which showcased an Instagram-able installation by Punk Me Tender in collaboration with Contemporary Focus exhibitor, Contessa Gallery.



Throughout the show's six-day run, February 11–16, 2021, significant sales were reported. The following list of notable sales is a small sampling of the thousands of diverse transactions consummated on the floor and will likely to continue throughout the course of the year.

Art was a particularly sought-after category for collectors at this year's Palm Beach Show. Exhibitors reported strong sales across all genres, mediums and periods.



Exhibitor **Taylor I Graham** specializes in American and European paintings from the 19th and 20th centuries, covering all major and minor movements from Academic, Impressionist, Symbolist, Expressionist, Tonalist, and Modernist, to Post-War and Contemporary. The gallery reported a number of sales throughout the 2021 Palm Beach Show including a Thomas Downing oil on canvas painting titles *Saramac*, 1971. Downing is best known for his paintings of alternating single-color disk precisely arranged.

Zachary Hall of Trinity House Paintings commented, "It was fantastic to be back in Palm Beach, where we are always pleased and excited to see past clients and meet new collectors. We are happy to have placed paintings by John Steven Dews in great collections in Palm Beach and New York from this year's show.

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Guarisco Gallery sold a mixed media painting by Craig Alan (American, born 1971) titled Narrative: 'Hokum Fall' Dress for \$18,500.

"We were pleased to have internationally acclaimed artist Guy Stanley Philoche in attendance as we presented some of his newest work at the show. Notable sales included one of Bjorn Skaarup's iconic hippo ballerina sculptures, as well as the quintessential "Gator Birkin" photograph by Tyler Shields from our sister gallery, Coe + Co Photography," stated **Cavalier Galleries**

Latin Art Core exhibited for the first time at the Palm Beach Show this year. Some highlighted sales from their stand included:

Jesus Soto Las Tes 1974 Painted wood with metal elements 24.5 x 24.5 x 5 in

Zilla Sánchez Topologia Erotica 1968 Acyrlic on Canvas monted on wood frame 36 x 36 in

Zilla Sánchez Topologia Erotica 1968 Acyrlic on Canvas monted on wood frame 46 x 42 in

> Austin Cárdenas Le Colibri en Blanc 1991 Marble 25 x 12 x 12 in

> > César Santos Tony 2017 Oil on Linen 42 x 33 in











Pascoe and Company sold their most prestigious piece in their booth, a very large Ardmore Rhino rider, to a new collector.

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CONTEMPORARY FOCUS, a section within the fair dedicated to exhibitors specializing in post-war and contemporary art, objects and design garnered the attention of many buyers. Participating exhibitors included **Contessa Gallery, Chic Evolution in Art, Steidel Fine Art, Artblend, Galerie Fledermaus** and many others.

"After such a long absence, the art world and the greater South Florida community at large needed a reunion of the arts and culture, and the Palm Beach Show delivered a wonderfully produced affair celebrating its 18th year with resilience and style. The Steidel Gallery was proud to be at the forefront of the ever-growing Contemporary Focus section, presenting our latest and greatest collections from leading artists from across the globe." - Maxwell Chapman, Director of Steidel Fine Art

Steidel Fine Art sold a number of ceramics, vessels and porcelains from their stunning showcase diplay at the Palm Beach Show including 6 sets of Crystalline glazed porcelains titled The Color of Water by Debra Steidel, a Big Leaf Maple Vessel tinted Blue By Steven Potts to an existing collector and client and a Turquoise Cobalt Nest by Kate Tremel.



For Artist **Josée Nadeau** it was a great success to share her large-scale paintings with Palm Beach and international collectors. Many great contacts have been made including a museum show in the future. "The quality of the clientele is perfect for my work." **Nadeau** stated "They are enjoying the colorful and joyful landscape as many of the purchasers have moved to Florida and need art on their walls. This kind was just what they were looking for. "

Artist **Nicholas Grant** had the great opportunity to share his most recent work to Palm Beach collectors. As he continues to expand his international exposure, events such as the Palm Beach Show enable him to generate more awareness to his craft. This show resulted in collaborations with both collectors and galleries locally, nationally and internationally. "I was pleased to see the

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continued diversification of interest for my work. As I aim to capture globalized collectors, the range of interest is promising to move forward." stated Nicholas.

Artblend started the show strong and sold a 24"x24" Jamie Kost, *Untitled* 256 mixed media piece on opening night to new clients.



Throughout the run of the Show, **Marlene Rose Gallery** sold three beautiful solid cast glass horses to Wellington buyers. Numerous solid cast glass Butterflies which were presented on the walls of their booth also sold very well.

Exhibitors commented on numerous occasions that the Show far exceeded their uncertain expectations. The patrons were plentiful, well-educated and qualified leading to a successful exhibition for majority of dealers.

Ashley Templeton of Guarisco Gallery stated, "We knew doing an in-person show would be a risk this year, but we are very pleased with how the Palm Beach Show Group was able to bring the same high-quality show into production. Considering the current environment, we were satisfied to see consistent attendance and have the opportunity to reconnect with several important long-term clients. This year we decided to focus on our contemporary collection, which as expected always receives enthusiastic feedback and has amounted to a moderately successful show. We look forward to the show being back in full force next year.

The Palm Beach Show had a safe, secure, and friendly environment and beautiful presentation. The event days were all well attended with respect to COVID-19 code and conduct. We felt very comfortable and look forward to more shows this year," stated representatives of **Artblend**

Tamara Comolli mentioned they had great brand exposure while showcasing at the Palm Beach Show especially their iconic highlights like the MIKADO Flamenco Bracelets which caught the attention of the visitors impressing them by their beauty. They also noted they had new contacts that have visited their Worth Avenue Boutique already after having "discovered" them at the show.

First time exhibitor, **Ruel Martin** from **Ruel Latheworks** commented, "I found the attendees to be eagerly looking for something unique and different than the normal art fare. I have had strong sales

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throughout the show and have found everyone to be thoroughly respectful of stringent COVID protocols. I feel like the Show Group and the Convention Center had done spectacularly in ensuring an event that is both stimulating for artists and buyers alike as well as responsible given our current situation."

"We had a terrific show. Once again, Palm Beach Show Group was able to entice highly qualified buyers to the show. The show was beautiful, and many clients were very happy with the variety of art and antiques available for purchase," remarked **Ed Pascoe of Pascoe and Company.**

The Palm Beach Show is scheduled to return to the Palm Beach Convention Center over Presidents' Day weekend, February 17 - 22, 2022.

For more information or to apply to exhibit, please visit <u>www.palmbeachshow.com</u>

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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, for collectors, art advisors, museum curators, interior designers and antique & jewelry shows. The Palm Beach Show Group produces high-end events that create unique meeting places dealers.

The Palm Beach Show Group produces shows in major cities throughout the United States:

LA Art Show	July 29 – August 1, 2021
Baltimore Art, Antique & Jewelry Show	2021
New York City Jewelry & Watch Show	October 22-25, 2021
The Palm Beach Show	February 17–22, 2022
Palm Beach Fine Craft Show	February 18–20, 2022
Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show	February 25 – March 1, 2022