



ART SEEN: Parrish Midsummer Party 2013 a Smashing Success

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A capacity crowd turned out on July 13 to help the Parrish Art Museum continue its summer-long christening of its new home in Water Mill at the first Midsummer Party to be held in the Herzog and DeMeuron-designed building.

Dressed up in decor by Ron Wendt Design and with catering by Olivier Cheng, the 2013 Midsummer Party's sold-out dinner and sold-out "After Ten" dancing, drinks and dessert party that followed it netted the Parrish \$1 million, according to PR and Marketing Director Mark Segal.

Aiming at a slightly younger (and hipper?) demographic, the "After Ten" affair featured music by Brooklyn deejay David Longstreth of Dirty Projectors and special installations and performances programmed by Kyle Hardin DeWoody, Andrea Grover and Tripoli Patterson—including installations by Aakash Nihalani—in spaces designed by DeWoody.

Among the A-list artists, collectors, philanthropists, performers and social set who turned out to support the museum and its director, Terrie Sultan, were Ross Bleckner, [Beth Rudin DeWoody](#), Sharon Bush, and [Tony Ingrao and Randy Kemper](#), to name only a few of the nearly 1,000 who bought up all the tickets.

Dedicated art lovers in the crowd could peruse the Parrish exhibitions during the evening, "Alice Aycock Drawings: Some Stories Are Worth Repeating" and "Platform: Josephine Meckseper," though most devoted their energy and attention to supporting the museum by celebrating its new location and building the old-fashioned way, by having a good time.



Executive Director Robert Cullman Foundation Francesca Valerio, Michael Tanner and artist Almond Zigmund



Alicia Longwell, the Parrish Art Museum's Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman Chief Curator, Art and Education, Chris MacNamara, artist Jack Youngerman and documentarian Lana Jokel.



Cocktails at the Midsummer Party. A sculpture by John Chamberlain rises on left.



Filmmaker and producer Vincent Fremont and artists Patricia Cronin and Deborah Kass



Lucy Winton, artist Bryan Hunt, Nicole Miller and Anne-Marie Belli. Photo by Julia Boudreau.



Artists John Torreano and Donald Sultan. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Guests mingled among artworks for cocktails and conversation.



Vered of Vered Gallery, Jeff Hornstein, Ruth Raisman and photographer and gallerist Janet Lehr. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Artist Monica Cook, collector Joshua Rechnitz and art consultant Dara Schaefer. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Artists Michelle Stuart and Hope Sandrow. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Gallerist James Salomon, artist Alice Aycock and art consultant Dara Schaefer.



Mixing at the Midsummer Party in the museum's outside entrance.



The Mildred C. Brinn Terrace was transformed for dinner.



Gallerist Triploi Patterson and Jackie McKay. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Caleb James. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Beth McNeill-Muhs and Jeff Muhs. Photo by Tom Kochie.



Dancing "After Ten"



Things were swinging “After Ten”



Projections added zing to the scene and music provided by Brooklyn deejay David Longstreth of Dirty Projectors.



Guests took advantage of the museum’s architecture with a nearby wall installation by Aakash Nihalani, courtesy of Tripoli Gallery of Southampton (far upper right).



A last glance while the party continues.

BASIC FACTS: The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY 11976. The Midsummer Party is the museum’s main fundraiser for the year. www.parrishart.org.