



ART SEEN: Chuck Close Opens with the Guild Hall Summer Gala

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It's a Chuck Close weekend! Last night, Close's solo show at Guild Hall opened during a VIP preview as part of Guild Hall's Summer Gala. Gala guests had the chance to chat with Close, photograph to their heart's content and mingle with the artist, some of the subjects of his artworks, and rub elbows with the cultural community of the Hamptons. Afterwards, guests retired to a private home in Bridgehampton to celebrate and view even more part that's part of a private collection.

The Chuck Close weekend at Guild Hall continues today (Saturday) with a gallery talk and a public Opening Reception of "Chuck Close: Recent Works". Close speaks about his work in conversation with Robert Storr from 3 to 4 p.m. An Opening Reception follows from 4 to 6 p.m. This is the first Close's first exhibition at Guild Hall in over two decades.

Following is a brief look at the VIP Exhibition Opening at Guild Hall. Ready for some Chuck Close?



Cindy Sherman and Chuck Close share a moment in front of her portrait (located behind Close and not seen) exhibited at Guild Hall.



Guild Hall Museum Director and Chief Curator Christina Mossaides Strassfield, right, with Chuck Close.



Alec Baldwin in front of a Chuck Close tapestry portrait.



Chuck Close VIP Opening



Lou Reed at the VIP opening. His portrait is one of the works on view.



Professor, curator and editor Robert Storr, right, poses with Chuck Close, center, Cindy Sherman, second from right, and others in front of a portrait of Close.



Chuck Close speaks with art dealer Beth McNeill Muhs, left, and artist Sienna Shields.



A quiet moment at the end of the VIP preview of “Chuck Close: Recent Works” at Guild Hall.

BASIC FACTS: “Chuck Close: Recent Works” opens today and continues through Oct. 14. Close speaks about his work in conversation with Robert Storr today (Aug 10) from 3 to 4 p.m. An Opening Reception immediately follows from 4 to 6 p.m.

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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