

# ART SEEN: Norton Gala Honors Beth Rudin DeWoody

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The Norton Museum of Art's annual Gala on February 7, 2015 was a sold-out affair and honored art collector and philanthropist Beth Rudin DeWoody. The Gala also provided a first look at an exhibition featuring 200 works from DeWoody's expansive contemporary art collection. DeWoody is an avid supporter of the Norton and lives part-time in West Palm Beach. Her time is divided with New York, Los Angeles and Southampton, N.Y. Over 350 people turned out to celebrate DeWoody and the Norton at the Gala.

"The Norton is honored and fortunate to have friends like Beth Rudin DeWoody," said Museum Executive Director Hope Alswang. "Beth's support of the Norton takes many forms and has made this institution much stronger. She is the perfect Gala honoree."

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Jane Holzer, Beth Rudin DeWoody, Hope Alswang. Photography by LILA PHOTO.

The Gala featured a reception, dinner, and an after-party featuring New York DJ Nick Cohen. Last year's Gala guest of honor, Jane Holzer, served as Honorary Chair of this year's Gala. The Gala is the Museum's primary fundraiser and funds raised support education programming, outreach and special exhibitions.

The Gala's corporate sponsor was Sotheby's and the exclusive fashion sponsor of the evening was Valentino. Visionary Sponsors of the evening were: Ann and Gil Maurer, and the May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation, Inc., Beth Rudin DeWoody and Firooz Zahedi.



Sidney and Dorothy Kohl. Photography by LILA PHOTO.



Wilbur and Hilary Ross. Photography by LILA PHOTO.

“The Triumph of Love: Beth Rudin DeWoody Collects” features a curated cross-section of 200 artworks from DeWoody’s 9,000-piece collection. It opened on February 8 and remains on view through May 3, 2015. Hamptons Art Hub will publish a story shortly revealing the exhibition and DeWoody’s talk with Norton Director Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Contemporary Art Cheryl Brutvan. The exhibition includes paintings, works on paper, sculpture and mixed media works. Museum goers get a taste of the exhibition inside with a “decked out” Airstream trailer transformed by artist Randy Palumbo that’s “parked” at the museum’s entrance. The piece was selected for inclusion in the show from DeWoody’s four decades of collecting contemporary art by Brutvan.

“The Triumph of Love: Beth Rudin DeWoody Collects” is organized by the Norton Museum of Art. The exhibition is made possible with support from The Milton and Sheila Fine Endowment for Contemporary Art and The Dr. Henry and Lois Foster Endowment for the Exhibition of

Contemporary Art.

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**BASIC FACTS:** “The Triumph of Love: Beth Rudin DeWoody Collects” remains on view through May 3, 2015. The Norton Museum of Art is located at 1451 S. Olive Ave. in West Palm Beach, FL 33401. [www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org).

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