



# Crowds Welcome Peter Beard to Guild Hall

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Crowds turned out for two separate receptions for the opening of “Peter Beard: Last Word From Paradise” at Guild Hall museum. The exhibition presents Beard’s life and work both in Africa and on the East End of Long Island. For the first time, Guild Hall held a VIP and Museum Members Preview on Friday night, June 17, 2016. An Opening Reception for the public was held the next day, Saturday, June 18, 2016.

At the VIP Members Only reception on Friday, Peter Beard fans, family and supporters mixed with members of the East End art community, milling around the three galleries of Guild Hall Museum that are now devoted to Peter Beard’s mixed media photography. The outdoor garden was a welcomed gathering place where beverages and hors d’oeuvres were served.

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Photographers Tulla Booth and Peter Beard. Photo by Barry Gordin.

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Randy Kemper, Zara Beard and Tony Ingrao. Photo by Barry Gordin. Courtesy Guild Hall.

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Divided into two sections installed in separate galleries, the exhibition is organized around the two outposts that [Peter Beard](#) calls home – Africa and the East End of Long Island. “Peter Beard: Last Word From Paradise” is the artist’s first U.S. museum solo exhibition in 15 years, the show presents more than 50 multi-layered collages, drawings, photographs, and diaries from the 1960s to the present, some on public view for the first time.

The exhibition includes the artist’s iconic work from Africa that chronicles the change in the

landscape from a time richly populated by elephants, rhinos, and crocodiles, to what remains today. Also on view will be never-before exhibited Montauk portraits of his home, family, and friends including [Mick Jagger](#), [Andy Warhol](#), [Jacqueline Onassis](#), and [Lee Radziwill](#).

“We wanted to present Peter Beard’s body of work through a different lens, by exploring the artist’s visions of Kenya and Montauk as encampments/refuges where his art and life converge,” said Christina Mossaides Strassfield, Guild Hall Museum Director and Chief Curator.

Peter Beard will give a Gallery Talk on July 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. in conversation with Strassfield. Click [here](#) for details on the exhibition.

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**BASIC FACTS:** “Peter Beard: Last Word From Paradise” is exhibited June 18 to July 31, 2016 at Guild Hall Museum, located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.guildhall.org](http://www.guildhall.org). Peter Beard will give a Gallery Talk on July 17, 2016 at 2 p.m. in conversation with Christina Strassfield, Guild Hall Museum Director/Chief Curator.

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