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**Alin Le'Kal** is as much defined by the generations of expertise and finesse that preceded him as he is by the raw femininity and indulgence of his own designs. A combination that promises his clients that one moment... that brief dream of unadulterated light that they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

**Melbourne, Australia**, the home of four seasons in a day and capital of the diverse melting pot of dreams was the perfect location for Alin to embrace and embark on his journey. Alin's debonair relationship with textiles then grew over a decade in the industry, culminating in a rich expression of light, of flight, of shining brilliance that becomes the focal point of any memorable occasion.

## The new *Eden Gardens* Collection

For **Spring/Summer 2019**, "**Eden Gardens**" was the theme for **La Métamorphose's** collection unveiled at **Paris Haute Couture Fashion Week**.

In the gardens of La Métamorphose, the woman is certainly a flower that opens, but this woman conquers her femininity, delicate in her strength, it is a multifaceted woman, muse, but also leader. Pastels emphasize the rosebuds that open, the whites for the purity and the light. The sharp shapes the determination.

The La Métamorphose **Gawkowska & Szczęsna** brand was created with the passion to create beauty and the desire to capture femininity in its highest form. La Metamorphose directs her clothing collections to women who want luxury, elegance and uniqueness



*Malgorzata Szczęsna & Ewa Gawkowska, Designers & Owners of La Métamorphose*



## ZIAD NAKAD



Lebanese fashion designer **Ziad Nakad** presented **Orion**, his **haute couture collection** for the **Spring/Summer 2019** during **Paris Fashion Week**.

Inspired by the prominent constellation, Orion, dazzles in a colour palette of pastels, champagne, silver and gold with a vintage theme. Every dress is a magical creation, scintillant flowing and extravagant silhouettes showcase the craftsmanship of embroidered crystals.

**Orion** is Ziad Nakad's own constellation of dresses. A creative mind that scatters moon dust and fills the sky with sparkling flickers.





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## **Letter from the Editor**

**Dear Readers,  
Friends & Supporters,  
Welcome to 2019!**

Hope your year is off to a great start. It has become a tradition to set all sorts of resolutions for the New Year. I happen to have some of my own for Palm Beach Today International.

In the year ahead, we aim to introduce our readers and

supporters to more unique International brands and destinations, focusing on some of the most fascinating American and European people from the world of culinary, sartorial, musical and visual arts.

Here is a brief preview of some of the events and articles that are featured in this issue.

We would like to share with you an exclusive look at the Haute Couture Fashion week Runway show from Paris in January 2019. Madrid Royal Spanish Capital with the three art museums of "The Golden Triangle of Art" Barcelona City of Gaudi and Catalonia's capital and culinary heaven with gastronomical delights of Mediterranean cuisine (which I discovered on my own).

**Best Wishes**

*Maya A. Johnson*

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# NYC World Premiere Red Carpet Screening of **THE BIG BREAK**

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**Hollywood's 1st Mini-Movie by Gil Freston Starring David Arquette, David Shabtai, Michael Vlamis, Isabelle McNally, Thomas Cocquerel, Brittany Furlan and More**



NYC celebrated the world premiere of **THE BIG BREAK**, a 15-minute high octane mini-movie satire on the Hollywood industry, written, directed and produced by **Gil Freston** (Paladar) and starring **David Arquette** (Scream) and presented by VICE Media (world online premiere Thursday, January 17, 2019).



Producer & action director Loren Herbert, actor David Shabtai, director & actor Gil Freston and producer Jack Heston

Photo Credit: David Willemms

Editor Sascha Taylor Larsen, editor Catrin Hedstrom, producer Loren Herbert, actor David Shabtai, producer Jack Heston, director\_actor Gil Freston and editor Stephen Michael Simon

Notable attendees included: **Producer Loren Herbert, actor David Shabtai, filmmaker Gil Freston, producer Jack Heston, actor Waris Ahluwalia, and Michelle Herbert.**

The 20 minute “mini-movie” applies a blockbuster films production quality to an intense storyline paying homage to 1990s classic films which inspired the production including *The Player*, *Heat* and *True Romance* – in its look/cinematography (Derek McKane), special effects (Lucien Harriet, Josh Hackasian), wardrobe (Annie & Hannah) and stunt teams from *Lethal Weapon* (Ryan Gray, Adam Hart) and film *Blade Runner 2049* contributing to the production of the film, working in tandem with **Action Director, Loren Herbert**. The film screened as an official selection at the 22nd Annual LA Shorts International Film Festival 2018.

The cast joining David Arquette (who plays Lieutenant Ramirez in the film) includes **David Shabtai** (*The Amazing Spider-Man 2*) as Jon Lieberman, **Gil Freston** as Will Kavanaugh, Michael Vlamis (CW's *Roswell*) as Michael Glazer, **Isabelle McNally** (A&E's *Bates Motel*, *Frances Ha*) as Grace Barnett, **Thomas Cocquerel** (*Billionaire Boys Club*, *Table 19*, *In Like Flynn*) as Officer Eckhart, **Brittany Furlan** (social media star appearing in Netflix's *American Meme*) as Fable Rae, **Ammar Kandil & Thomas Brag** aka YES Theory (*Social Media Stars*) **Jude B. Lanston** (*Magic Funhouse*) as Sergeant Bates, **Elizabeth Turner** (Social Media Star) as Kate Davenport, stunt performer **Eddie Davenport** (Logan) as Matty, **Alexis Beckley** (*Room for Improvement*) as Chloe Perkins, **Richard Kohnke** (*The Billionaire Boys Club*) as Brooks Weaver the Waiter, **Aaron Jay-Smith** (*You*) as Writer, **Frank Mercuri** as LAPD Officer, **Deina Torres** as LAPD Officer, **Angelique Yalda** as LAPD Officer and **Al Burke** as LAPD Sergeant.

The film is Produced by **Gil Freston, Jack Heston, Matthew Brag**, and **Loren Herbert** alongside Executive Producers **Will Meldman, Taylor Vandegrift** and **David Shabtai**. Gil Freston has written and directed numerous commercials and branded short-form. After graduating from the USC School of Cinematic Arts, Freston directed his first independent feature film, *PALADAR*, a documentary about his friends' underground restaurant run out of their college apartment which premiered at the **TriBeCa Film Festival** in 2013. Freston is currently developing a show with FX Networks and is entering pre-production on his next feature film *EDGE OF FEAR*, a psycho/thriller horror feature film to be shot in international locations commencing in May 2019.



Producer & Action Director Loren Herbert



Filmmaker & Actor Gil Freston



Producer Jack Heston



Actor David Shabtai





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Masha Archer and Samuel Ramey in the role of Verdi's Attila, San Francisco Opera, 1990

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# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH CELEBRATES ITS 41<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH “A Night in Baden-Baden” Gala

More than two hundred members and friends of The International Society of Palm Beach were welcomed by **Gala Chairman, Herme de Wyman Miro, Vice President, Dick Robinson** and **Vice Chair Adriana Luzechko** as they entered the Beach Club to become part of a **magical 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Gala Dinner Dance “A Night in Baden-Baden.”**

Chairman, Herme de Wyman Miro expressed a heartfelt personal thank you to The Society **Ambassadors and co-chairmen, Veronica Atkins, Susanne Niedland**, The Society’s **Vice President, Dick Robinson**, and **Vice Chair Adriana Luzechko** and paid tribute to every International Society member by listing their names in the program. **90 grants were issues this season by The Society totaling approximately \$400,000.** She thanked every member for making this possible through their loyal support.

Special guests, **Frank Marrenbach, CEO of the famous Brenner’s Park Hotel in Baden-Baden** and the **Oetker Hotel Collection** and **his wife, Silke, and His Excellency Ambassador Conrad Cappell** and **Mrs. Lilo Cappell** traveled from Baden-Baden to celebrate the event. **His Highness Dr. Mario-Max Prinz Zu Schaumburg-Lippe** was also introduced. Other honorees were **Milly Park** accompanied by her mother **representing her husband Patrick Park** who was called away on a family matter, **Elizabeth Trump-Grau**, sister of our President, Donald J. Trump, and her husband **James Grau, Janet and J.J. Cafaro** and **Vilda de Porro** were also guests at the head table.

The guests enjoyed a lively cocktail hour reception followed by a gourmet dinner served in the ballroom of **The Beach Club** resplendent in golds and red so beautifully created by our well-known Palm Beach decorator, **Bruce Sutka of Sutka Designs** giving the illusion, warmth and elegance resembling some of Brenner’s Park Hotel’s festive rooms.

Entertainment was provided by beautiful ballerinas in black tutus from the **Dreyfoos School of Dance** who performed the Princess Waltz from Swan Lake under the direction of Heather Lescaille. **Alex Donner and his Orchestra** provided the wonderful music for dancing.

**Many members in attendance expressed that this was truly an enchanting evening.**



Milly Park, Herme de Wyman Miro, Dilia Ojeda



Lilo Cappell,  
His Excellency Ambassador Conrad Cappell,  
Adriana Luzechko



Veronica Atkins, Judge Ann Vitunac, Tony Yanketis





*Daniel Biaggi, Suzanne Niedland, Serge Aliev*



*Frank Marrenbach, Dick Robinson, Silke Marrenbach (back row)  
Herme de Wyman Miro (front row)*



*Lexye Aversa,  
Dr. Mario-Max Prinz zu Schaumburg-Lippe,  
Helga Piaget*



*Anne-Marie & Stephen Haymes*



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*Connie Frankino, Carolina Suplizio*



*Dr. Eugenia Legorburo, Vilda de Porro*



*Elizabeth Trump-Grau and James Grau*



*Prinz zu Schaumburg-Lippe serenading Herme de Wyman Miro  
with a Baden-Baden tune*





# The Alpine Rooms opened on December 14th, Life at the Top

## L'APOGÉE COURCHEVEL

The penthouse offers families an ideal perch: occupying the entire top floor of the hotel, these accommodations include a dedicated butler so that guests can truly relax and unwind after a day on the slopes. Relaxation is the first order of the day: the penthouse features a sauna, steam bath, Jacuzzi and - for sheer indulgence - a rooftop hot tub. The guests also benefit from a private balcony overlooking the stunning scenery around Courchevel. For family nights, the media room offers video on demand as well as state-of-the-art gaming.



## Five-star Cocooning

Nestled in the heart of the prestigious “Jardin Alpin”, this architectural gem counts four levels spread over 550 square meters, with five bedrooms, seven bathrooms and an elevator. Adjacent to L'Apogée Courchevel, the Chalet L'Alpensia is a cocoon of restrained luxury with palatial, five-star comfort. A spa and a media room – not to mention a breathtaking view over the mountains and the resort's former Olympic ski jump – round out an unforgettable experience.



L'Apogée Courchevel is delighted to welcome Eve Moncorger back this season, this time as the resort's Head Pastry Chef. Moncorger has risen through the dessert ranks at various Oetker Collection destinations, starting as the pastry commis at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in 2008, where she became the protégé of Lilian Bonnefoi, the hotel's longtime Head Pastry Chef. Since then, she has spent many summers in Antibes at Eden Roc and at the Château Saint-Martin & Spa in Vence, several winters in Courchevel and done a brief residency at Jumby Bay Island in Antigua. Of her travels, the French-born chef notes:

“It gave me the opportunity of meeting some wonderful people and sharing my experience while learning from others.” Adds Jean-Luc Lefrançois, Executive Head Chef, at L'Apogée Courchevel, “We are delighted that Eve is back with her stunning creations.” A few examples from her repertoire: crisp chocolate hazelnut tart, honey pear with gingerbread and clementine, and a gluten-free Illanka chocolate, blackcurrant and coconut sorbet. Asked to summarize her pastry philosophy, Moncorger replies simply, “indulgent”.

## L'Apogée Courchevel

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# Contessa Gallery Unveils the Painting “STOP” and “Cult Cartel” Poster for Human Trafficking Month



New York artist Hakob Hakobyan will be on hand for the auction of his original oil painting, created for MoviesMakingADifference a 501c3. Hakob painted the art to help them raise awareness and aid victims of human trafficking. Photo-ops with the artist and local philanthropists/actors will be available on the red carpet for the latest film poster. Visual art can often make a stronger impact than a few voices pleading for help.

Meet local residents and supporters of MoviesMakingADifference who worked both in front of and behind the camera of latest nonprofit feature film “Cult Cartel”. Lavinia Baker, Simone Desiderio, Joe “Budd” Maniscalco, Debbie Dailey, Julia Harris and David Negri all had speaking roles. Lauri Welteroth, Asif Haque, Trina Lane, Cristiana Shields, Barbara Heilman, Debra Tomarin, Robin Azqueta, Zee Mesaric, Matthew Stevens, Mara Zia, Christopher King, Chuck Desiderio, Cynthia Tsonas among many others were extras in the casino scene at The Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. The film crew was comprised of students from G-Star Film School also in West Palm Beach. Executive Producers Conrad N. Hilton III and Julia Rosengren will also be in attendance with film producer and founder Diana Davis. The feature film stars Donny Most of “Happy Days” fame and Jud Tylor from “That 70s Show” and “Charlie Wilson’s War” alongside real life survivors.

**MoviesMakingADifference** raises awareness through films such as “Cathedral Canyon”, winner of the “Audience Choice for Best Feature Film” in the Palm Beach International Film Festival and now in post-production, “Cult Cartel”. Then proceeds from the films, along with donations, directly aid the survivors upon whom the films shed light – victims of Child Slavery, Child Labor, Child Brides, Human Trafficking and Human Puppy Mills. Meet one heroic survivor, cast out to the streets at age 12 under the orders of self-proclaimed FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs, now serving life in prison for abuses of underage girls.

Event is chaired by Associate Producer **Debra Tomarin**. Co-chairs are **Theresa Gaugler** and **Xiomi Penn**.

**All proceeds go directly to aid the survivors for basic needs, education and employment.**

Diana Davis  
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Tina Tillman, Chuck Desiderio, Marlene King, John McGreevy, Barbara Heilman, Simone Desiderio, Lavinia Baker



Pamela O'Connor, Diana Davis, Conrad Hilton, Simone & Chuck Desiderio



Chip Williams, Teresa & Jacob Webb



Samantha Mundy, Richard Kurtz, Dawn McLoughlin



Debra Tomarin, Theresa Gaugler, Xiomi Penn



Diana Davis, Megan Hammon, Trina Lane



Bill Meyer, Steven Hartman

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Waterfront Properties Palm Beach's

## Toni Hollis

The "Most Productive" Year  
in a 40-Year Career

The Bella Group

"I feel like I was shot out of a cannon," Toni Hollis said of her first year with Waterfront Properties Palm Beach. She called it the most "productive" year in a more than 40-year real estate career dotted with sales milestones, including Worth Avenue's Gucci building, the Firestone estate (which Hollis sold twice), Casa Nana, the so-called "ham-and-cheese house," and the lakefront home at 1000 North Lake Way in Palm Beach (which Hollis sold five times).

"You know, I thought I knew everything; I'd seen it all." She went on, "Well let me tell you, I have learned so much." Toni called education a leading factor in what made this year her second biggest in terms of sales, and the most informative of her career.

"Every time I talk about Waterfront, I mention our marketing team—the people who create our print brochures and make our Internet the best in the business. Honestly though, that's not what makes Waterfront fabulous for me. It's this place," she said gesturing to Waterfront's exquisitely decorated, sunlight-filled office. "It's the feeling of family we have and the support we provide one another." Waterfront





prides itself on maintaining an environment that promotes, supports and rewards success. It's that culture that Toni has bought into most. She said she "couldn't imagine" achieving what she has without the resources Waterfront provides. "I'd tell any professional agent on Palm Beach, if you want to take your career to the next level and you're willing to put in the work, there is no better place for you than Waterfront Properties."

When we interviewed Toni almost a year ago, she named Waterfront's owner, Rob Thomson, as a big part of her decision to leave another longer established Palm Beach brokerage. She was excited about his vision of Waterfront Properties Palm Beach as a destination office and the eventual hub of real estate business on the Island. Looking back she says she really didn't appreciate how much Rob and his team's support would drive her success.

"Whether it's membership in the important Palm Beach clubs, our office location or even where we eat lunch, we are supported as active members of the Palm Beach community. That strengthens our relationships and our ties to the area."

Thinking back to her earliest days with Waterfront, Toni called her first listing presentation an eye opener. "Owners often have their own thoughts on how best to sell their home. And, we welcome that input. But,

what Rob and his team do is use data to educate homeowners about the reality of what will work to sell their home based on what is working in the real world right now." Waterfront's listing presentations are becoming legendary for the next-level education and transparency they provide sellers. Waterfront doesn't craft its sales strategy on agents' and owners' opinions about how to sell a particular home, relying instead on the data. "Our presentations show sellers precisely the path we'll follow to sell their home."

Hollis said while data makes engaging sellers easier, it's the processes the data supports that lead to sales. "I've just come off the second best year in my career. And, I am having so much fun with the people on our team." Speaking of Waterfront's office at 333 Peruvian Avenue, Toni said true to Rob's vision the office has become "a place to be." She concluded, "How wonderful to have people wanting to come in to just sit and talk real estate. It really is a dream scenario."

Rob Thomson said of Toni Hollis, "She's one of the hardest working people in real estate and she will always be successful."



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# MADRID

ROYAL SPANISH CAPITAL

**Madrid**, the capital of Spain and its most prestigious city, has much to be proud of, but its main draws are certainly the **lavish cultural and culinary scenes** and the exuberant local vibe, comparable with no other.

Madrid prides itself with an amazing cultural and artistic legacy compressed in over 20 world-class museums. A place no one should miss while visiting the Spanish capital is the impressive Paseo del Arte (Art Walk), home to the city's finest art galleries:

## The three art museums of “**The Golden Triangle of Art**” are:

**Prado Museum** (*Museo del Prado*) — a National Museum featuring pre-20th-century art.

**Reina Sofía Museum** (*Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía*) — a National Museum featuring 20th century modern art

**Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum** — a National Art Museum with a collection of historical through contemporary art, open to the public.

**The Prado Museum** (*Museo Nacional del Prado*) is **the main Spanish national art museum**, located in central Madrid. It is **widely considered to have one of the world's finest collections of European art**, dating from the 12th century to the early 20th century. El Prado is **one of the most visited sites in the world**, and it is considered one of the greatest art museums in the world. The numerous works by **Francisco Goya**, the single most extensively represented artist, as well as by **El Greco**, **Peter Paul Rubens** and many others are highlighted at the museum.

The Museo del Prado opened to the public on 19 November 1819 as a Royal Museum of Painting and Sculpture. In 2019, the museum celebrates its **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**



*La Marquesa de Santa Cruz, by Francisco de Goya*



*La Trinidad, by El Greco*



*Autorretrato cubista (Cubist Self-Portrait), by Salvador Dalí*



*Site of the Retiro and the Prado in Madrid*



The **Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía** is **Spain's national museum of 20th-century art**. Highlights of the museum include excellent collections of Spain's two greatest 20th-century masters, **Pablo Picasso** and **Salvador Dalí**. Certainly, the most famous masterpiece in the museum is Picasso's painting **Guernica**.

Probably Picasso's most famous work, **Guernica** is certainly his most powerful political statement, painted as an immediate reaction to the Nazi's devastating casual bombing practice on the Basque town of Guernica during Spanish Civil War.

Guernica shows the tragedies of war and the suffering it inflicts upon individuals, particularly innocent civilians.





The **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum** (*Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza*) fills the historical gaps in its counterparts' collections: in the Prado's case this includes Italian primitives and works from the English, Dutch and German schools, while in the case of the Reina Sofia it concerns Impressionists, Expressionists, and European and American paintings from the 20th century.

The collection was started in the 1920s as a private collection by **Heinrich, Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza de Kászón**. The collection was later expanded by Heinrich's son **Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza** (1921–2002), who assembled most of the works from his relatives' collections and proceeded to acquire large numbers of new works (from Gothic art to Lucien Freud).

In 1985, the Baron married **Carmen "Tita" Cervera** (a former Miss Spain 1961) and introduced her to art collecting. Cervera's influence was decisive in persuading the Baron to relocate the core of his collection to Spain where the local government had a building available next to the Prado. The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum officially opened in 1992, showing 715 works of art. A year later, the Spanish Government bought 775 works for \$350 million.



Portrait of Baron H.H. Thyssen-Bornemisza, by Ricardo Macarrón



Portrait of Baroness Thyssen-Bornemisza, by Ricardo Macarrón



Café de la Luz collage

## Café de la Luz

With its relaxed atmosphere, friendly service and casual vintage style charm, this café is loved by the locals of the Malasaña neighborhood of Madrid, who come in for brunch, coffee breaks or drinks in late hours.

This is the perfect place to start your day with brunch before exploring the Malasaña neighborhood - or to chill out afterwards. Light dishes and snacks are on the menu, and the coffee is good. A cool mix of furniture and many details makes you feel like sitting in a nice living room, while the lower floor offers a cave-like room to cozy-up with your coffee.



Maya

**The Market of San Miguel** (*Mercado de San Miguel*) is a covered market located in Madrid, Spain. **Originally built in 1916**, it was purchased by private investors in 2003 that renovated the iron structure and reopened it in 2009.

San Miguel Market is **the most popular market in Madrid among tourists** since it is located in the center of Madrid, within walking distance from Plaza Mayor. The market is not a traditional grocery market but a **gourmet tapas market**, with over **30 different vendors** selling a wide variety of freshly prepared **tapas, hams, olives, baked goods** and other foods. **Beer, wine and champagne** are also available.



Mercado De San Miguel



# BARCELONA

CITY OF GAUDI

Barcelona is Spain's second largest metropolis and one of its major travel destinations; the city of Gaudi and Catalonia's capital; a cultural hub, a culinary heaven, and – almost certainly – the finest beach city in Europe.

**Lolea Sangria** was set up in 2013 by four friends – an attempt to cast off the down-market association with the drink. Besides using natural ingredients, they came up with a simple but striking design reminiscent of the polka dots of a flamenco frock. Inside, a quaffable drink and an ideal gift to bring along to a summer anything.

Next up on the friends list was a place to eat; food to accompany their carefully calibrated drink. They opened up **Casa Lolea**, located at the mouth of Pasaje Sert and in the neighborhood of Sant Pere Mes Alt.

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Casa Lolea



Elsa y Fred Gastrobar



Patatas Bravas at Elsa y Fred

Located in one of the quietest corners of the **Barrio de Sant Pere**, between a New York air and French character, there is **Elsa y Fred**. With an offer based on a great variety of tapas and dishes made with products of good quality. This **Gastrobar** has managed to stand out among the local cuisine. Patatas bravas, also called patatas a la brava or papas bravas, is a dish native to Spain, often served as a tapa in bars. The rendition that I enjoyed at Elsa y Fred Gastrobar was heavenly!

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Gran Gala Flamenco

GRAN GALA  
FLAMENCO

Gran Gala Flamenco is the only flamenco show in Barcelona that takes the spectator into a trip for different “palos” of flamenco (rhythmic patterns such as the cheerful “bulería”, “solea” solemn and intense, dynamic and relaxed “alegría”, resonant and rhythmic “tango”, “guajira”, “farruca”...).

Gran Gala Flamenco counts with the musical direction of Juan Gomez “Chicuelo”, one of the most relevant guitarrist players of flamenco currently and one of the most prolific and interesting composers of the last generations of Spanish artists.





# PALM BEACH OPERA

## PALM BEACH OPERA TOASTS GALA HOST COMMITTEE AT PRIVATE PALM BEACH RESIDENCE

**Palm Beach Opera** celebrated the company's upcoming gala and its Gala Host Committee with an intimate performance by Palm Beach Opera Apprentice Artists at **Lee Ann and Jeffrey Alderton's** Palm Beach home on Jan. 8.

Attendees included invited guests and the company's gala benefactors, whose support helps develop Palm Beach Opera's largest annual fundraising event, which showcases a prominent artist over an elegant dinner. The 2019 Gala will feature an intimate performance by **internationally renowned tenor Matthew Polenzani** at Manalapan's **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa** on March 2.

The reception at the Alderton residence featured cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by a welcome message from Managing Director David Walker who thanked the Gala Host Committee and chairmen, shared insights into the company's Apprentice Artist Program, and introduced the evening's featured artists. Guests enjoyed a performance by Palm Beach Opera Apprentice Artists Suzannah Waddington, Pavel Suliandziga, Jenny Anne Flory and Michael Miller, accompanied by Kesenia Leletkina.

For information on Palm Beach Opera's 2019 Gala, please contact Loren Varvarigos, Special Events & Corporate Relations Manager, at 561-835-7557 or [loren@pbopera.org](mailto:loren@pbopera.org).



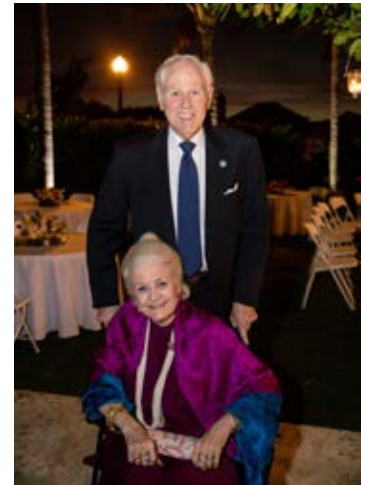
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*Veronica Atkins with Zoltan and Bianca Bacsa*



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*Florence Kaufman and David Walker*



*Louis and Helen Nicozisis*



*Dennis and Roseanne Williams*



*Sandra and Gerald Fineberg*



*Paula and Peter Lunder*



*Daniel Biaggi with Lee Ann and Jeffrey Alderton*



*Daniel Biaggi and Marsha Laufer*





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**Tuesday, February 19, PB-Colony**  
**Dr. Amy Searight**

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*Indonesia, ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific*



**Tuesday, March 19, PB-Colony**  
**Klon Kitchen**

Sr Research Fellow: Technology, National Security & Science Policy at Heritage  
*The 3 Megatrends Defining America's National CyberSecurity*



**Monday, March 4, PB-Colony**  
**Dr. Allen Lynch**

Professor University of Virginia  
*Putin, Trump and the Trajectory of American-Russian Relations*



**Tuesday, April 9, PB-Colony**  
**Javier El-Hage**

Chief Legal Officer at the Human Rights Foundation  
*Venezuela's Descent into Dictatorship*

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**On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Gordon Chang** spoke at the Mar-a-Lago Club to a standing room only audience of World Affairs Council Members. Chang is a well-known Author, Columnist, Television Commentator often seen on CNN, CNBC, Fox News among others. **He spoke about Trump, China and North Korea** and said that North Korea is the most militant and dangerous country on the globe. Chang noted that North Korea has the ability now to land missiles on U.S territory. He did point out that North Korea can be controlled through its dire economy, and its economy is dependent on China. In turn, China, with its current unstable economy, is in many ways reliant on the U.S. which now has a stable, growing economy.



Speaker Gordon Chang & wife Lydia



CEO of WAC Palm Beach Celeste Simon



Jeffrey Silverstein, Dr. Paul Schacknow, Gordon & Lydia Chang, Lauren Silverstein



Maria Spinak and Charles Rubinstein



Lynn Baldwin, Heather Wyser-Pratte



Lester & Kim Dally, Lydia & Gordon Chang



**On Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Brian Fonseca** addressed an audience of 200 World Affairs Council members and guests at the Colony Palm Beach Pavilion Room. Fonseca, Director of Jack D Gordon Institute at FIU, **discussed Trump, Mexico, Central America Relations.** He noted that U.S Mexico relations remain strong and that the U.S still has the most diplomatic influence in the country despite the fact that China and Russia are vying for influence in the region. Fonseca said the Wall remains an important policy issue between U.S, and Mexico. He noted that mass migration from Central America is being manipulated by special interest groups and smugglers and is caused by the lack of basic Social, Economic, Health, Security Rights.



Speaker Brian Fonseca



Speaker Brian Fonseca, Lester Dally, and Students from The Pine School.



Marilyn & Mark Swillinger



CEO Celeste Simon with Speaker Brian Fonseca and Chairman of the Board Doug Evans

Photo Credit Palm Beach Today International

**On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Heather Conley** addressed an audience of over 200 World Affairs Council members and guests at the Colony Palm Beach Pavilion Room. **She spoke about the unrest in Europe.** Conley, Sr VP for Europe, Eurasia and the Arctic at CSIS and Director of its Europe Program, noted that Europe today is in a "Muddle". She specifically spoke of Italy, France, Hungary, Germany and significantly about Britain and the Brexit "Muddle". Heather discussed that across Europe populism is growing, and, along with it, anti-Semitism is rearing its ugly head – caused by fear, fear of that which is different. Conley said that economic insecurity, government upheavals and mass migration are all contributing factors.



Speaker Heather Conley (All is not quite on the European Front)



Sharon DaBrusco, Wells Fargo Wealth Advisor with Sharon Trautewig, VP of Lockton Companies



Michael & Ashley Garrity with Dr. Paul Shacknow



# HOPE FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH FOUNDATION HOSTS KICK OFF DINNER FOR ITS FIRST-EVER PALM BEACH RACE OF HOPE

*Audrey Gruss and Scott Snyder are Co-Hosts*

On Friday December 7, 2018 Hope for Depression Research Foundation (HDRF) held a festive cocktail party and dinner at the Royal Poinciana Plaza to announce its upcoming Palm Beach 5K Race of HOPE in January. The event was hosted by HDRF Founder and Chair **Audrey Gruss** and **Scott Snyder**, who are Co-Grand Marshals of the Race of HOPE, the first of its kind in Palm Beach.

More than 200 people gathered under the night sky in The Royal Poinciana Plaza's courtyard for a cocktail reception from 6 to 8 pm. They mingled and enjoyed passed hors d'oeuvres while HDRF staff registered walkers and runners for the 5K Race, which comes to Palm Beach after three years of success in Southampton, NY. The Race raises awareness and funds for urgent depression research.

"You can run, you can walk, you can stroll, you can bring your children, your babies in strollers, your dog - whatever keeps you moving!," said **Scott Snyder** about the Race, which was scheduled to be held on Sunday, January 27 in the town of Palm Beach.

**Audrey Gruss** added: "The point is to come together and give each other positive energy to defeat depression, the number one cause of disability worldwide."

After the cocktail, 90 Race Committee members and top sponsors filled the entire Sant Ambroeus Restaurant at long tables bedecked with yellow flowers for a celebratory four-course dinner. Guests included **Gigi** and **Harry Benson**, **Phillipe** and **Debbie Dauman**, **Jackie Weld Drake**, **Llwyd Ecclestone**, **Mary** and **Mark Freitas**, **Myrna Haft**, **Candy Hamm**, **Jane Holzer**, **Susan Lloyd**, **Nicola** and **Jeff Marcus**, **Bonnie McElveen-Hunter**, **Tatiana** and **Campion Platt**, **Gene Pressman**, **Alexia Ryan** and **Felicia Taylor**.



Once guests were seated, Audrey and Scott welcomed them, thanked them for their support, and introduced the evening's top sponsor, **Graham Gaspar**, CEO of Black River Caviar. The guests savored a Black River Caviar sampler of: *Tradition Oscietra* with toasted brioche and creme fraiche, *Royale Oscietra* with quail egg and creme fraiche, and *Imperial Oscietra* on blini and mashed potato, paired with prosecco. Each guest was gifted a mother of pearl caviar spoon and black velvet pouch to take home.



*Scott Snyder, Audrey Gruss*



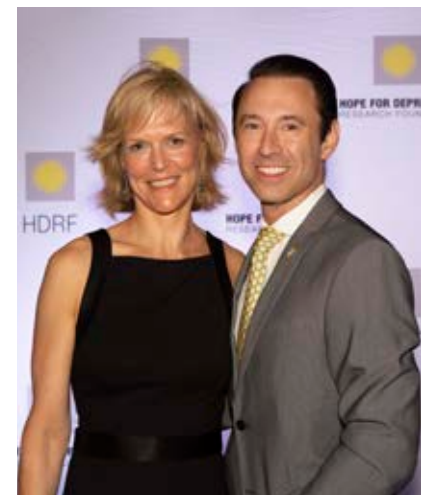
*Campion and Tatiana Platt*



*Jill Crompton, Scott Snyder*



*Martin and Audrey Gruss*



*Louisa Benton, Scott Diamant*



*Susan Lloyd with Gigi and Harry Benson and friends*



# OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS RAISE \$275,000 AT INAUGURAL PALM BEACH RACE OF HOPE

Hope for Depression Research Foundation's Palm Beach Event to Raise Research Funds and Awareness

Sunday, January 27, 2019



Livingston Builders

Mother Nature tried but failed to deter hundreds of intrepid souls who came out in pouring rain and hurricane wind for the Hope for Depression Research Foundation's (HDRF) Inaugural Palm Beach Race of Hope 5K on Sunday, January 27, 2019.



While a nearby state fair saw a rare closing for weather, more than 300 participants of all ages gathered at 8AM at Palm Beach's Royal Poinciana Plaza to walk or run the 5K Race and take a stand for depression awareness. The crowd included *Inside Edition's* **Deborah Norville, Martin Gruss, Bill Bone, Michael Donnell, Tatiana and Campion Platt, Felicia Taylor, Carlos Morrison, and Tom and Clelia Zacharias.**

The 3.1-mile Race began at The Royal Poinciana Plaza, the event's lead sponsor, and continued along the North Lake Trail and through the streets of Palm Beach. Along the way, participants were greeted by signs with words of encouragement from celebrities, including Anderson Cooper, Lorraine Bracco and Brooke Shields, who have been honored by HDRF for speaking out about depression.

Hope was in abundant supply as everybody wore bright tech shirts and matching caps in HDRF's signature sunshine yellow. **The USA Track and Field-sanctioned event raised over \$275,000 to fund groundbreaking research into the causes of depression in the brain and new and better treatments.**

Meanwhile, just across the bridge in West Palm Beach, the South Florida Fair was closed for weather for the first time in over ten years.

Speaking from the starting line, **HDRF Founder and Chair Audrey Gruss** said, "There is a native American saying that says, 'Anybody who thinks sunshine creates happiness has never danced in the rain. Depression is the number-one reason in the world for disability, and the leading cause of suicide.'"

**Scott Snyder**, who along with **Audrey Gruss** was a Race Co-Grand Marshal, then added: **"So we want to thank you all for coming out to dance in the rain with us today. Our research is leading to discoveries that can turn the tide on depression and suicide in this country."**

Following the race, Audrey Gruss and Scott Snyder presented medals for best times in various age categories. **John Schilkowsky** won the best time in the Adult Male category, **Stephanie Pezzullo** won best time in the Adult Female category, and **Dylan Pitchford** took home the Youth award. Gruss then presented awards to the top individual fundraiser **Trish Glowacki**, and an award for Top Fundraising Team **Sister Sledge**, which included **Trish Glowacki, Kimberly Bitterman** and **Kristina McCooey**.

The Race of Hope comes to Palm Beach Race as part of a multi-city expansion after three years of success in Southampton, NY. The next Race of Hope will take place in New York City on April 7, 2019. It will then continue in Southampton in the summer.

**Race of HOPE Sponsors:** The Royal Poinciana Plaza, Livingston Builders, Art Findlay, Black River Caviar, Impala Asset Management, Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Contessa Gallery, La Clara Great Gulf, Hamilton Jewelers, The Silver Fund, Myers Auto Group, Michael Kors Collection, UBS Lansing and Hutcheon, Wealth Management, Coastal Gardens, Jefferson Capital, and AirTab.



Martin Gruss, Audrey Gruss, Scott Snyder



Dylan Pitchford crosses finish line



Krista Bard and Carlos Morrison



Starting Line

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# Royal Celebration: Grand Opening of Emerald Palace Kempinski Dubai

Spectacular Grand Opening with fireworks and philharmonic sounds



Fireworks over Emerald Palace Kempinski Dubai



Dr. Nver Mkhitarian (6th from right standing) surrounded by the Royals



## Emerald Palace Kempinski

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The Emerald Palace Kempinski Dubai hosted on 16 January 2019 a spectacular Grand opening ceremony with fireworks and classic live performances. Members of the European Imperial and Royal Dynasties, nobility and the high establishment from around the world as well as UAE business establishment and prominent personalities joined the outstanding event. The highlight of this Royal Celebration was an exclusive opera performance, accompanied by a philharmonic orchestra in the lush gardens of the Palace and a breath-taking firework display, which illuminated the sky above Palm Jumeirah.

**Dr. Nver Mkhitarian**, owner of the hotel and **11 nobilities from Europe** and other parts of the world founded on the same evening “**The Royal Club**”, which will in the future host cultural, social, academic and philanthropic events under their patronage to preserve centuries-old honorable traditions and lend a helping hand to those in need in the developing parts of the world.

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