

PALM BEACH MODERN + CONTEMPORARY WRAPS FIFTH EDITION WITH NOTABLE SIX AND SEVEN FIGURE SALES FROM OVER 90 INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED GALLERIES AND ARTISTS

Miami, FL – [Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary \(PBM+C\)](#), presented by Art Miami, concluded its successful fifth edition opening with an exclusive invitation-only VIP Preview benefiting the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens on Thursday, March 24 running through Sunday, March 27, 2022 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Collectors were eager to return to South Florida's premier winter fair with an internationally acclaimed group of galleries and artists. Prominent collectors, curators, art connoisseurs, interior designers, museum directors, architects and art world luminaries descended upon the fair throughout the weekend, while galleries reported notable six and seven figure sales of investment quality works including blue chip, modern and contemporary and post-war works.

The VIP Preview evening kicked off with a special ribbon cutting with iconic Photographer **Harry Benson** alongside Fair Director **Nick Korniloff**, Vice President of Marketing **Pamela Cohen** in front of his exhibition, *Harry Benson: A Life of Legendary Photographs*. Shortly after, PBM+C honored Benson as the third recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award in the VIP Lounge. Singer/Songwriter **Jon Bon Jovi**, **Gigi Benson**, Artist **Bruce Helander**, Actor and Artist **Jordi Molla**, Philanthropist and Author **Jean Shafiroff**, **Philanthropists** Jeffrey and Frances Fisher, CEO of Miami Children's Museum **Deborah Spiegelman**, American Financier **John Paulson**, Art Advisor **Kim Heirston**, Designer **Kara Ross**, Activist **Eleanora Kennedy**, Board of Advisor for Brooklyn Museum **Felicia Taylor**, Executive Director of the Coral Gables Museum **Dr. Elvis Fuentes** were among the guests who attended the fair's VIP Preview. Throughout the evening, notable artists, collectors and guests were also seen including **Gino Miles**, **Dana Kleinman**, **Yigal Ozeri**, **Felton Weller**, **Helmut Koller**, **Elizabeth Fekkai**, **Karen Klopp**, **Jane Manus** among others.

Ninety internationally acclaimed galleries exhibited works from over 600 renowned artists such as **Robert Motherwell**; **Kiyoshi Nakagami**; **Aboudia**; **Roy Lichtenstein**; **Lynn Chadwick**; **Kenneth Noland**; **Banksy**; **Alex Katz**; **Carlos Cruz-Diez**; **David Hockney**; **George Condo**; **Fernando Botero**; **Jean Arp**; **Manolo Valdés**; **Sam Francis**; **Henry Moore**; **Harry Benson**; **Anthony James**; **Andy Warhol**; **Pablo Picasso**; **Kenny Scharf**; **Damien Hirst** and more.

"Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary brought a week of art and luxury to the city of Palm Beach and a reconnection of international galleries and collectors after a two year hiatus from Covid. PBM+C has become an essential fair and cultural experience for all attendees through this year's sales of contemporary, blue-chip artwork, emerging artists and more," said Nick Korniloff, Director of Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary.

For the fifth year, **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens** served as the fair's VIP Preview benefactor and satellite venue and official cultural partner for the fair. ANSG commemorated the fair with a special exhibition, *Garden Exhibition* with works from four artists represented by **Long-Sharp Gallery** including: **Patrick Hurst**; **Julian Wild**; **Tarik Currimbhoy**; and **Jason Myers** that will be on display through June 2022.

"Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens is honored to have shared its fifth year of cultural partnership with Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary serving as the beneficiary of the opening evening and the satellite venue for the fair," said Frances Fisher, Chairwoman of Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. "PBM+C has been instrumental in elevating international visibility for the Gardens with world class art, artists in residence, and innovative educational programming for our community and visitors."

Sales kicked off strong throughout the fair with many galleries selling all the artwork from their booths. Sale highlights from PBM+C included:

- **Cernuda Arte** sold two exceptional works by **Wifredo Lam**. One sale was of a 1959 oil on canvas work, titled [Femme Cheval](#), for over \$1M, to distinguished collectors in Aventura, Florida. The second sale was an oil on canvas work from 1973, titled *Personnage*, listed at \$160,000, to prominent collectors from Massachusetts
- **David Benrimon Fine Art** placed **Jonas Wood's** *Three Clippings*; **Andy Warhol's** [Campbell's Soup Box \(Chicken Noodle\)](#) for \$1M
- **Archeus / Post-Modern** placed **David Hockney's** [Dandelions](#) for \$145,000 and **Kazuo Shiraga's** *Kaisho* for \$150,000 along with additional works from **David Hockney** and **Keith Haring**
- **Holden Luntz Gallery** sold **Harry Benson's** [Beatles Pillow Fight](#) during his Lifetime Achievement Award presentation in the VIP Lounge
- **Long-Sharp Gallery** sold **Patrick Hurst's** *Questa è acqua* sculpture for \$80,000; **Andy Warhol's** *Sitting Bull* for \$62,000; **David Spiller's** *Love You - Hold Me* for \$17,500
- **Liquid Art System** sold **Peter Demetz's** *Wood Light Box* for \$16,000
- **Madelyn Jordon Fine Art** sold **Wosene Kosrof's** painting for \$40,000 and **Hunt Slonem** glass sculptures
- **Oliver Cole Gallery** placed two works including **Ai WeiWei's** *Study of Perspective in Glass* and **Ted Collier's** *Figurative Circle Series 6*
- **Chase Contemporary** sold 10-year-old **Andres Valencia's** four paintings and one lithograph during VIP Preview
- **Michael Goedhuis** placed **Richard Hudson's** *Seed* for an undisclosed amount
- **Cynthia Corbett Gallery** sold **Klari Reis's** *Hypo Installation* to private Florida collectors; **Nicolas Saint's** *Gregoire Light* artwork; and Deborah Azzopardi's *Save the Date* for \$12,500; Dutch **Isabelle van Zeijl's** artwork to a private New York collector; and **Klari Reis** *60 piece Hypo installation* to a New York / Florida collector
- **Nicole McGraw** sold **Patti Thomas' The Ghost** for \$20,000 and two pieces from **Brendan Murphy** for over \$70,000
- **New River Fine Art** sold two **Miss Bugs** paintings, **Andrew Cotton's** *Basquiat* and *Bit Frank*; **Mr. Brainwash** *Banksy Thrower*; **Hunt Slonem's** *Bruce*
- **Burgess Modern + Contemporary** sold two **Damien Hirst** spin paintings and **Retna's** *Los Mayas*
- **Carousel Fine Art** placed **Caroline Dechamby's** [Basquiat in Bleu](#) oil on canvas for \$21,000 and **Jisbar's** [Real Rockstar Birkin](#) for \$8,800
- **UVA Gallery** sold **Jordi Mollà's** *Flowers #12* acrylic on canvas
- **Vertu Fine Art** sold **Alex Katz's** *Porcelain Beauty 1*; **Julian Opie's** *Belgium* wall mounted shelves
- **Art Angels** placed **Flore's** *Flourish* acrylic and oil on canvas, signed by artist

- **Timothy Yarger Fine Art** sold **Pancho Luna's** *Alone (The Nameless Street)* for \$24,500 and *The Books of Illusions* for \$26,500
- **Avant Gallery** sold multiple works and sculptures from **Skyler Grey** ranging between \$28,000 to \$80,000; **Paul Rousso**; **Tim Tadder**; and **Jacqueline Suowari**
- **Miriam Shiell Fine Art** sold **Karel Appel's** *L'Oiseau en Chasse* oil on canvas
- **Adamar Fine Art** placed **David Hockney's** *iPad Drawing and Bigger Book* for around \$40,000 to a prominent collector among other sales.
- **John William Gallery** sold **Monique Rollins'** *Bella Coppia* series and **Rick Hidalgo's** *Gummies Are Forever* series
- **VK Gallery** placed **Victoria Kovalenchikova's** [World XXIX](#) for a stateroom on a cruise ship named The World

"We enjoyed an exciting reception upon the fair's return to the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach. Things really heated up over the weekend and we made numerous sales, including a pleasing number that were to new clients," said Brian Balfour-Oatts, Director of Archeus / Post-Modern. "The high level of knowledge among those clients was impressive and the sales totals exceeded those of Miami in December."

The fair is in close proximity to Palm Beach Island, which offered haute couture shopping, fine dining and entertainment and across the street from The Square — West Palm Beach's newest urban oasis shopping with various food and beverage, retail and arts and cultural outlets. Both neighborhoods provided world-class destinations to appeal to locals and visitors. For more information, visit www.artpbfair.com.

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