

WHITNEY

MEDIA ALERT

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GUESTS DAZZLED UNDER THE STARS TO SUPPORT ARTISTS AT THE SOLD OUT WHITNEY ART PARTY



*Martha Hunt, Ashley Graham, Rebecca Hall, Morgan Spector, Nili Lotan, Steven Beltrani, Edward Barsamian.
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Notable guests included Ashley Graham, Karen Elson, Rebecca Hall, Morgan Spector, Nili Lotan, Tracy Anderson, Rachel Rossin, Jennifer Fisher, and Malcolm Jenkins

(NEW YORK, NY — February 1, 2023) — Last night, January 31, the Whitney Museum of American Art hosted its annual fundraising event Art Party with co-chairs **Ashley Graham, Karen Elson, Rebecca Hall, Morgan Spector, Rachel Rossin, Edward Barsamian, Steven Beltrani, and Micaela Erlanger**. DJ sets by **Questlove** and **The Muses** entertained guests throughout the evening. After a two-year hiatus, the 2023 Whitney Art Party returned with a zodiac theme that was out of this world.

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This fundraising event, hosted by the Whitney Contemporaries, provides critical support to the Whitney's renowned **Independent Study Program (ISP)**. Founded in 1968, ISP is one of the country's leading postgraduate programs in studio art, curatorial studies, and critical studies. The program furthers the Whitney's mission to support living artists throughout their careers.

Sponsored by **NILI LOTAN** and **RéVive** and with tequila provided by **Tequila Casa Dragones**, this cornerstone event of New York's arts and philanthropy calendar welcomed emerging artists, patrons,

and guests from the worlds of art, fashion, business, philanthropy, and entertainment for an evening of cocktails, music, exclusive exhibition viewing, and more. Guests included Robin Arzón, Tracy Anderson, Grace Atwood, Candace Bushnell, Jennifer Fisher, and Malcom Jenkins.



Artists Rachel Rossin, Devin Kenny, and Michelle Luong. Former Football Star Malcolm Jenkins. Fitness Star Robin Arzón and Drew Butler. Photos by [Mike Vitelli/BFA.com](http://MikeVitelli/BFA.com)

Guests gathered on the Museum’s ground floor in the Kenneth C. Griffin Hall for cocktails, dancing, and DJ sets by **Questlove** and **The Muses**. Astrologer **Francesca Vuillemin** offered individualized readings to partygoers. Co-chair and featured artist **Rachel Rossin** designed exclusive merchandise for sale inspired by her virtual reality artworks. A pioneer in the field of digital art, Rossin’s multidisciplinary practice blends painting, sculpture, new media, gaming, and video to create digital landscapes that focus on technology’s effect on our psychology. Artist **Devin Kenny** also designed limited edition temporary tattoos that partygoers enjoyed throughout the event. Guests were also able to enjoy exclusive access to the Museum’s blockbuster exhibitions like [Edward Hopper’s New York](#) and [no existe un mundo poshuracán: Puerto Rican Art in the Wake of Hurricane Maria](#), as well as the photography installation of [Every Ocean Hughes: Alive Side](#) and the Museum’s collection galleries.



Jack James of The Muses and Questlove DJed the evening. Photos by [Mike Vitelli/BFA.com](http://MikeVitelli/BFA.com)

Decor was provided by **FDK Florals**. Guests dined on hors d'oeuvres by **Olivier Cheng**. The specialty cocktails for the evening were created by **Tequila Casa Dragones**.

NOTABLE GUESTS: **Actors** Blake Abbie, Rebecca Hall, Natalie Lim Suarez, Mafalda, Morgan Spector; **models** Karen Elson, Ashley Graham, Martha Hunt; **designers** Jennifer Fisher, Nili Lotan, Bach Mai, Misha Nonoo; **musicians** Matthew Hitt and Fred Schneider; **artists** Mark Carson, Aria Dean,

Danielle De Jesus, Miles Greenberg, Martine Gutierrez, Devin Kenny, Ajay Kurian, Grant Mcgrath, Genesis Tramaine, Andrew Norman Wilson, Chloe Wise; **authors** Candace Bushnell, Sydney Sadick; **influencers and advocates** Grace Atwood, Karen Bikkova, Ashley Bestdressed, Kimberly Drew, Eric Goldie, Christina Grasso, Elton Ilirjani, Liv Schreiber, Dylana Lim Suarez, Melissa Vale; **fitness stars** Tracy Anderson, Robin Arzón; **supporters of the arts** Joanne Leonhardt Cassullo, Adam Fields, Alexander Hankin, Flora Irving, Molly Krause, Suzanna Lee, Catherine Smith Licari, Fern and Lenard Tessler, Brooke Wise; Co-Founder of Tequila Casa Dragonos Bertha Gonzales Nieves; **former NFL football player** Malcolm Jenkins; **curators** Marcela Guerrero, Laura Phipps, Christiane Paul, Scott Rothkopf, and the Alice Pratt Brown Director of the Whitney Museum of American Art, Adam D. Weinberg.



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WHEN

Tuesday, January 31, 2020, 9 pm-12:30 am

WHERE

Whitney Museum of American Art (99 Gansevoort Street)

ART PARTY CO-CHAIRS

Edward Barsamian, Steven Beltrani, Karen Elson, Micaela Erlanger, Ashley Graham, Rebecca Hall, Rachel Rossin, and Morgan Spector

DJ SETS

Questlove
The Muses



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Patrick Martinez's neon installation illuminated partygoers in the Museum's lobby. Photos by [Mike Vitelli/BFA.com](http://MikeVitelli.com)

ABOUT THE WHITNEY

The Whitney Museum of American Art, founded in 1930 by the artist and philanthropist Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (1875–1942), houses the foremost collection of American art from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Mrs. Whitney, an early and ardent supporter of modern American art, nurtured groundbreaking artists when audiences were still largely preoccupied with the Old Masters. From her vision arose the Whitney Museum of American Art, which has been championing the most innovative art of the United States for ninety years. The core of the Whitney's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit American art of our time and serve a wide variety of audiences in celebration of the complexity and diversity of art and culture in the United States. Through this mission and a

steadfast commitment to artists, the Whitney has long been a powerful force supporting modern and contemporary art and continues to help define what is innovative and influential in American art today.

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