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PRESS RELEASE

THE DARE WILL HEADLINE THE WHITNEY MUSEUM ANNUAL ART PARTY



The Dare will DJ the annual Art Party on January 27, 2026 as the Whitney Museum celebrates bold expression in art, style and sound!

New York, NY, December 16, 2025 — The Whitney Museum of American Art's annual Art Party on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**, will be headlined by a DJ set by **The Dare**. Hosted by the Museum's Whitney Contemporaries membership group, [Art Party](#) is a celebrated cornerstone of New York's arts and philanthropy calendar. Young patrons, emerging artists, and guests from the worlds of art, fashion, business, philanthropy, and entertainment are invited to sip crafted cocktails, enjoy passed bites, explore the museum's galleries after hours, and dance into the night. This year, bold style takes the spotlight; guests are encouraged to come dressed in their loudest prints and most vibrant patterns and celebrate bold expression in art, style, and sound.

Artists **Martine Gutierrez** and **Emma Safir** will serve as Whitney Art Party co-chairs along with Whitney Contemporaries **Steven Beltrani**, **Micaela Erlanger**, and **Alexander Hankin**. The 2026 Whitney Art Party marks Erlanger's 10th year as co-chair for the event and supporting the Museum.

“Celebrating a decade of co-chairing the Whitney Art Party feels deeply personal to me. I first partnered with the museum during its move to Gansevoort Street, and I had no idea then how meaningful this relationship would become,” said Erlanger. “Over the years, I’ve watched the Whitney—and this event—grow, evolve, and continually reflect the creative energy of New York. This city is always reinventing itself, and the Art Party has been one of my favorite places to witness that spirit come alive.”



From **8:30 pm to 12 am**, guests will enjoy a night of dancing with **DJ sets by Raúl de Nieves** and **The Dare**, craft cocktails, and exclusive access to the Museum’s galleries. Drinks, music, and passed bites will be offered in the Museum’s lobby.

The evening is made possible by **Aesop**, **Faena New York**, **Libertine**, and **Maestro Dobel® Tequila**.

Proceeds from the Art Party provide 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.

About The Dare

The Dare—the solo project of vocalist, songwriter and producer Harrison Patrick Smith—took the world by storm with the release of his debut album, *What’s Wrong With New York?*, in 2024, drawing extensive praise from critics and fellow artists alike. The LP, which arrived via Republic Records, features The Dare’s ubiquitous single [“Girls”](#)—now a bona fide hit with 63 million streams on Spotify alone— and fan favorites [“Perfume”](#) and [“Good Time.”](#) He’s spent the months since touring the record across the world, selling out every single show worldwide, with a bevy of festival performances throughout the summer, including sets at Coachella, Primavera Sound, Lollapalooza, Reading, Leeds and more. The Dare’s legendary DJ sets, honed at his signature downtown Manhattan party Freakquencies, have soundtracked parties for Gucci, Celine and Yves Saint Laurent and featured in *Rolling Stone*, *GQ*, *PAPER* and more. Amidst his meteoric rise, he has shared stages and collaborated with the likes of Charli XCX, Billie Eilish, PinkPantheress, Justice, Yves Tumor, Water From Your Eyes and a host of others. Most recently, The Dare shared a deluxe version of his debut album, *What’s Wrong With New York?: Afters*, featuring three new tracks taken from sessions for his full-length debut.

**WHEN**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:30 pm–12 am

WHERE

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99 Gansevoort Street

New York, NY 10014

WHO

Art Party is hosted by the Whitney Contemporaries, a group of young leaders and arts patrons who play an active role in fulfilling the Whitney's critical mission to support American art.

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Micaela Erlanger

Martine Gutierrez

Alexander Hankin

Emma Safir

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TICKETS

Art Party Tickets: \$275 (\$225 for [Whitney Contemporaries](#) members). Admits one.

Artist Sponsor: \$525 (\$475 for [Whitney Contemporaries](#) members). Artist Sponsor ticket purchases support the Whitney in extending complimentary tickets to artists of its choosing. Artist Sponsor ticket buyers will receive VIP entry. With the purchase of two or more Artist Sponsor tickets, you will be listed on the website as part of the Benefit Committee.

1 Year of Whitney Contemporaries Membership + 1 Ticket to the 2026 Art Party: \$775. Admits one and includes one annual membership (\$1,025 value).

1 Year of Whitney Contemporaries Membership + 2 Ticket to the 2026 Art Party: \$1,000. Admits two and includes annual membership (\$1,300 value).

Tickets are required for this event. All attendees must be 21 years or older and may be required to provide valid ID for admission. Tickets are nonrefundable and tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

More information about tickets is available on whitney.org/artparty.

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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 in support of modern and contemporary art and continues to help define what is innovative and influential in American art today.

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The Dare — Photo by Richard Kern

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