

# WHITNEY

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## GUESTS DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY WITH THE DARE AT THE SOLD OUT 2026 WHITNEY ART PARTY



The Dare at the 2026 Art Party. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

*Notable guests include First Lady of New York City Rama Duwaji, Martha Stewart, Ego Nwodim, the cast of Next Gen NYC, Jennifer Fisher, and more!*

**New York, NY, January 28, 2026** — Last night, the Whitney Museum of American Art celebrated its annual Art Party. The sold-out event invited young patrons, emerging artists, and guests from the worlds of art, fashion, business, philanthropy, and entertainment for an unforgettable evening of dancing, music, and art. **Co-chairs Ego Nwodim, Steven Beltrani, Micaela Erlanger, Martine Gutierrez, Alexander Hankin, and Emma Safir** enthusiastically greeted guests and partygoers were entertained with DJ sets by **The Dare** and **Raúl de Nieves**.

### 2026 Art Party:

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Hosted by the Museum's **Whitney Contemporaries**, proceeds from the Art Party benefit the Whitney's ongoing efforts to champion the voices of emerging artists.

Sponsored by **Aesop**, **Faena New York**, **Libertine**, and **Maestro Dobel® Tequila**, Art Party is a celebrated cornerstone of New York's arts and philanthropy calendar.



**From left to right:** Steven Beltrani, Micaela Erlanger, Scott Rothkopf, Ego Nwodim, and Alexander Hankin; Emma Safir, Scott Rothkopf, and Martine Gutierrez. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

Guests gathered in the Museum's ground floor in the Kenneth C. Griffin Hall for an evening of dancing, craft cocktails, and music. Guests also enjoyed exclusive access to the Museum's galleries.



**From left to right:** Martha Stewart; Erin Lichy and Jessel Taank. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

The lighting and photobooth backdrop are designed by **Wizard Studios**. The photobooth is provided by **Studiobooth**. Guests dined on hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed cocktails made by **Olivier Cheng Catering**. The cocktails for the evening were crafted with **Maestro Dobel® Tequila**.



From left to right: Arianna Biermann, Brooks Marks, Emira D'Spain, Ava Dash; Jessica Wang. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

**NOTABLE GUESTS:** First Lady of New York City Rama Duwaji; **Actors** Ego Nwodim, Ryan Jamaal Swain; **media personalities** Ariana Biermann, Leo Braudy, Ava Dash, Sai De Silva, Emira D'Spain, Erin Lichy, Brooks Marks, Georgia McCann, Martha Stewart, Jessel Taank; **models** Sarah Daoui, Gabrielle Richardson, Dylana Lim Suarez, Natalie Lim Suarez; **designers and stylists** Alexis Badiyi, Jennifer Fisher, Nina Tiari, Timo Weiland; **artists** Sasha Gordon, Martine Gutierrez, Emma Safir, Frank WANG Yefeng, Ashley Zelinskie; **musician** Annabelle Dinda; **influencers and content creators** Gracie Cashman, Bambi Grimotes, Plant Kween, Shay Safarzadeh, Ally Shapiro, Caroline Vazzana, Jessica Wang; **Museum supporters** Miyoung Lee, Fern Tessler; **supporters of the arts** Steven Beltrani, Micaela Erlanger, Hannah Gottlieb-Graham, Alexander Hankin, Casey Kohlberg, Molly Krause, Polina Proshkina; **curators** Chrissie Iles, Christiane Paul, and Scott Rothkopf, the Alice Pratt Brown Director of the Whitney Museum of American Art.



From left to right: Sai De Silva; Caroline Vazzana; Jennifer Fisher. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

**WHEN**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 8:30 pm–12 am

**WHERE**

Whitney Museum of American Art (99 Gansevoort Street)

**ART PARTY CO-CHAIRS**

Steven Beltrani, Micaela Erlanger, Martine Gutierrez, Alexander Hankin, Ego Nwodim, Emma Safir

**DJ SETS**

The Dare

Raúl de Nieves



Clockwise from top left: Raúl de Nieves; The Dare; Sasha Mutchnik, Ali Royals; Ava Dash. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

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From left to right: Souleo, Beau McCall; Josie Dupont, Martine Gutierrez, Jake Dupont Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

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From left to right: Aesop; Maestro Dobel® Tequila; 2026 Art Party at the Whitney. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

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The Dare at the 2026 Art Party. Photos by [Jason Lowrie/BFA.com](#)

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

### **Whitney Museum Land Acknowledgment**

The Whitney is located in Lenapehoking, the ancestral homeland of the Lenape. The name Manhattan comes from their word Mannahatta, meaning “island of many hills.” The Museum’s current site is close to land that was a Lenape fishing and planting site called Sapponkanikan (“tobacco field”). The Whitney acknowledges the displacement of this region’s original inhabitants and the Lenape diaspora that exists today.

As a museum of American art in a city with vital and diverse communities of Indigenous people, the Whitney recognizes the historical exclusion of Indigenous artists from its collection and program. The Museum is committed to addressing these erasures and honoring the perspectives of Indigenous artists and communities as we work for a more equitable future. To read more about the Museum’s Land Acknowledgment, [visit the Museum’s website](#).

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