Pérez Art Museum Miami Honors Artist Christo at Fifth Annual Art of the Party, Presented by Valentino

—Tickets Available Now—
Saturday, March 9, 2019

(MIAMI, FL — February 12, 2019) — Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) will host its fifth annual Art of the Party, the museum’s largest fundraiser event of the year, on March 9, 2019. The evening will honor one of the most admired and influential living artists Christo, whose monumental exhibition—Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Surrounded Islands, Biscayne Bay, Greater Miami, Florida, 1980-83: A Documentary Exhibition—is on view at PAMM through February 17, 2019, and pay tribute to philanthropists Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst, whose ongoing generosity and support have helped PAMM grow since its inception 35 years ago.

The event, presented by Valentino, will feature three exclusive guest experiences conceptualized by Lee Brian Schrager, as well as culinary collaborations by Chef Norman Van Aken and Constellation Culinary Group. Bringing together cultural philanthropists, artists, civic leaders, and arts supporters, the evening will showcase the world-class museum’s unique architecture and celebrate Miami’s flagship art museum. Funds from Art of the Party directly support the museum’s robust arts education program, the largest program of its kind outside the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system.

“We are proud to honor internationally-acclaimed artist Christo, whose work and influence have been a vital part of Miami’s history. It is also a pleasure and a privilege to be honoring Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst, for their longstanding contributions to PAMM over the course of three decades,” said PAMM...
**Director Franklin Sirmans.** “Each of our honorees share PAMM's commitment to enhancing artists voices and using art as a catalyst for community engagement.”

Over the course of a monumental career spanning six decades, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, his wife and creative partner, forged a unique and radically democratic form of art-making that has made a profound impact on contemporary artistic practice. They are best known for large-scale, temporary outdoor works, including, among many others, *The Floating Piers* in Lake Iseo, Italy (2014–16); *The Gates* in New York City (1979–2005); *Wrapped Reichstag* in Berlin (1971–95); *The Pont Neuf Wrapped* in Paris (1975–85); and *Surrounded Islands* in Miami’s Biscayne Bay (1980-83). The work of Christo and Jeanne-Claude has been presented at numerous institutional venues including, most recently, in a major exhibition at Pérez Art Museum Miami. Commemorating the 35th anniversary of *Surrounded Islands*, the exhibition celebrated the indelible mark that this epic project left on Miami’s cultural history.

Notable Miami philanthropists Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst have been helping to shape the cultural landscape in Miami for more than three decades. As Chairman of Pérez Art Museum Miami for the majority of that time, Aaron currently participates in numerous PAMM committees and Chairs the Executive Committee. Together, the Podhursts were among the visionary founders and leaders whose generosity and unwavering commitment helped PAMM grow from its inception as the Center for the Fine Arts into a world-class cultural destination. Dorothy and Aaron have given tirelessly of their time, talent and resources to ensure PAMM’s prominence and longevity. It is our privilege to honor them at our fifth annual Art of the Party.

**2019 ART OF THE PARTY CO-CHAIRS**

Sandra and Anthony Tamer  
Arlene and Wayne Chaplin

Art of the Party will offer guests three unique experiences from which to choose:

**CHEF’S TABLE SEATED DINNER | 6:30pm**

Chef Norman Van Aken and Constellation Culinary Group will craft an unforgettable dining experience in the Promenade. Dinner guests will enjoy a cocktail reception featuring the evening’s program in celebration of honoree Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst and artist Christo. Chef’s Table guests are also invited to the Supper Club dinner lounge and Remix after party. Wine and cocktails for Chef’s Table are generously provided by Southern Glazer’s Wine and Spirits and Bacardi.

**Chef’s Table Host Committee**

Leslie and Greg Ferrero  
Rose Ellen Greene  
Gail Meyers and Andrew Hall  
Diane and Robert Moss  
Nedra and Mark Oren  
Alejandra and Luke Palacio  
Patricia Papper  
Darlene and Jorge Pérez  
Volha and Nicholas Singer
Adam and Alexa Wolman

**SUPPER CLUB DINNER LOUNGE | 8:30pm**
Supper Club offers a one-of-a-kind al fresco dining experience designed by Chef Norman Van Aken and Constellation Culinary Group, as well as live entertainment on the picturesque waterfront East Portico. Guests may reserve private seating for up to 10 guests, including dedicated table cocktail service. All Supper Club guests are invited to enjoy the Remix after party. Wine and cocktails for the Supper Club are generously provided by Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and Bacardi.

**Supper Club Host Committee**
Missy and Jonathan Babicka
Martina and Fabian Basabe
Natalie Eilemberg
Eliza and Benjamin Elias
Typoe Gran
Kelley Johnson
Nina Johnson
John Joseph Lin
Emmett Moore
Erin Michelle Newberg
Caroline Vreeland and Jason Odio
Bibi Pestana
Jilian Lourdes Sanz
Morgan Shara
Alexa and Adam Wolman

**REMX AFTER PARTY | 10:30pm**
As the evening culminates, the al fresco Supper Club dinner lounge will be transformed into a vibrant dance club. Chef's Table, Supper Club, and Remix guests will join together for a late night dance party under the stars on the East Portico, enjoying cocktails, and decadent desserts.

**Remix Committee**
Christopher Adeleke
Sarah Campbell Smith
Jennifer Chaplin
Elizabeth Coppolecchia
Cristina and Omar DeWindt
Wendy Francois
Maile Gamez
Maria Gunia-Pienkowski
Michele Hanash
Shana Kaufman
Kinga Konsorska
Richard Lalane
Aramis Lorie
Genna Mark
Charmel Maynard
Kevin Michael
Aileen Quintana
Cristina Scarano
Ashley Sebok
Natalya Spicker
Tanya Valiente
Chris di Schino
Luis Toro

TICKETS (Purchase Here)

Chef’s Table Seated Dinner
Tables of 10 are available for $25,000. Individual tickets are also available for $2,500.

Supper Club Dinner Lounge
Private lounge seating with butler service is available for $10,000; Reserved lounge seating tickets are available for $1,000 per guest. Tickets are also available for $1,500 per couple or $750 per guest.

Remix After Party
Individual tickets are available for $150 per guest.

ABOUT PÉREZ ART MUSEUM MIAMI
Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) promotes artistic expression and the exchange of ideas, advancing public knowledge and appreciation of art, architecture and design, and reflecting the diverse community of its pivotal geographic location at the crossroads of the Americas. Led by Director Franklin Sirmans, the 35-year-old South Florida institution formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), Pérez Art Museum Miami opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, in Downtown Miami’s Museum Park on December 4, 2013. The facility is a state-of-the-art model for sustainable museum design and progressive programming and features 200,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor program space with flexible galleries; shaded outdoor verandas; a waterfront restaurant and bar; a museum shop; and an education center with a library, media lab and classroom spaces. For more information, please visit pamm.org, find us on Facebook (facebook.com/perezartmuseummi), or follow us on Instagram/Twitter (@pamm).

ABOUT VALENTINO
The house of Valentino is nested in the heart of Rome, the Eternal City, and expresses a point of view on the contemporary world using history as a playground and the Atelier as a place that produces both beauty and thought. The story began in 1959. 2016 marks a new beginning, under the Creative Direction of Pierpaolo Piccioli. A new set of values, that are both of the moment and faithful to its heritage, are created: grace and delicacy, both as an attitude and as a silhouette; a celebration of individuality; emotional beauty; the blending and merging of different languages. Style is essential and impalpable. The idea of contemporary humanism leads a creative quest that revolves around the personality of the wearer. Vision, products, retail spaces share the same traits: from the one-of-a-kind Haute Couture creations to women’s and men’s ready-to-wear and accessories, from eyewear to fragrances to the boutiques, Valentino is synonymous of elegance, pureness, craftsmanship, uniqueness.
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