



**Pérez Art Museum Miami Celebrates Art of the Party  
presented by Tiffany & Co.; Announces \$25 Million Gift from  
Jorge M. Pérez and  
2023 Pérez Prize Recipient Christopher Cozier**

***Tenth Annual Art of the Party Raised Over \$2 Million for  
Arts Education Programs***



Jorge M. Pérez, Darlene Pérez, Stephane Leforestier, Franklin Sirmans, and Aaron Podhurst. Photo WorldRedEye.com.

(Miami, FL — November 13, 2023) — On Saturday, November 11, **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** hosted the tenth annual **Art of the Party** presented by **Tiffany & Co.**, welcoming Miami’s community of artists, philanthropists, civic leaders, and arts supporters for PAMM’s biggest fundraiser of the year. The evening celebrated longtime supporters **Darlene and Jorge Pérez** for their dedication to the arts and the Miami community. Co-chaired by **Aaron and Dorothy Podhurst, Craig Robins and Jackie Soffer, and Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm**, Art of the Party raised over **\$2 million** for PAMM’s robust arts education program, as well as PAMM’s broader mission, to be a leader in the presentation, study, interpretation, and care of international modern and contemporary art, while representing and cherishing the unique diversity of Miami-Dade.

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**Left:** Franklin Sirmans and Christopher Cozier. Photo by Getty Images. **Right:** Franklin Sirmans, Christopher Cozier, Darlene Pérez, and Jorge M. Pérez. Photo by Getty Images.

The evening included two major announcements: a monumental **\$25 million** donation to the museum from Jorge M. Pérez and the Pérez family, and the 2023 Pérez Prize recipient, which was awarded to **Christopher Cozier**. The \$25 million gift is a further extension of the generous investments the prominent family has contributed to the museum and Miami as a whole.

“Art of the Party is a moment to express our gratitude for the civic, philanthropic, and cultural community that supports PAMM and makes possible our shared belief in the transformative power of the arts. We are so grateful for Jorge and Darlene’s generosity towards PAMM throughout the years—including this monumental gift—and for their dedication to Miami’s creative community as a whole. Their support elevates the institution in every way and positions PAMM for continued success in utilizing art as a catalyst for genuine human interaction, communication, and exchange. We are also thrilled to honor artist Christopher Cozier with the Pérez Prize, an artist who advocates for the power of art to be a tool of connection,” said **PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans**.

At the event, **Christopher Cozier** was presented with the Pérez Prize, an unrestricted award of \$50,000 which applauds artistic achievement, funded by a gift from Jorge and Darlene Pérez. Taking on a myriad of mediums including drawing, printmaking, installation, and sound, Trinidad-based artist Christopher Cozier’s work investigates how the relationship between contemporary Caribbean moments and the region’s colonial past can inform understanding of the wider contemporary world. Cozier’s practice sits in line with PAMM’s unique position at the crossroads of the Americas, and the museum’s dedication to fostering knowledge of Caribbean art, as seen in the museum’s Caribbean Cultural Institute: a curatorial and research platform that promotes the art of the Caribbean and its diasporas through scholarship, exhibitions, fellowships, public programs, and collection development.

“I’ve always believed that no city is truly great without a world-class art museum,” said **Jorge M. Pérez, internationally recognized philanthropist and founder of the Pérez Family Foundation**. “That belief led to our family’s initial gift a decade ago, and remains the driving factor in this latest contribution. Our entire family is in awe of how far this incredible institution has come, and we are proud to be in a position to help it fuel its mission of deepening South Florida’s artistic and cultural offerings.”



DJ Madrid. Photo by Getty Images.

Chef's Table guests celebrated Cozier and enjoyed performances by Claudio Spiewak while dining on a menu designed by Constellation Culinary Green. Following Chef's Table, PAMM's waterfront terrace transformed into the Remix after party, featuring music by DJ Madrid, dancing, cocktails, bites, and decadent desserts under the stars.

### **2023 Art of the Party Chairs**

Aaron and Dorothy Podhurst  
Craig Robins and Jackie Soffer  
Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm

### **Chef's Table Host Committee**

Co-Chairs: Alexa and Adam Wolman, Jessica and Franklin Sirmans

Wayne and Arlene Chaplin  
Stephane Leforestier, Tiffany & Co.  
Sebastian and Natalia Echavarria  
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Lee Brian Schrager

### **Remix Chairs**

#### **NextGen Committee**

Co-Chairs: Christopher Pastor and Bibi Pestana

Alan Newman  
Alexandra Gonzalez Burke & James Burke  
Amy Brody Poliakoff  
Annemarie & Brian Krumrei  
Anthony Abraham  
Ariel Penzer Milgroom  
Ashley Green

Ashley Sebok Boehne  
Bibi Pestana  
Charles & Lydia Lawrie  
Christopher Adeleke  
Christopher DiSchino  
Cynthia Chipi and Jonathan Minguez  
Dana Raja Wahab

Daniela F. Cimo  
Eddie Kirtley  
Elise Holtzman Gerson  
Evelyn Vigistain Pérez  
Evian Kuznik  
Jason Odio  
Kevin Michael  
Latin for Glory  
Monica Defortuna

Nadim Wahab  
Najib Wahab  
Natalia Kralia  
Reyna Noriega  
Sarah Vaupen  
Shana Kaufman  
Sofia Tcherassi  
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The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation fulfills the philanthropic vision of Jorge M. Pérez, chairman and CEO of The Related Group, and his family to develop South Florida as an exemplary world-class urban center. The family foundation promotes sustainable, inclusive, and just communities by supporting programs and organizations focused on arts and culture, health and well-being, education, environment, and economic development – with a particular preference for programs and organizations that could serve as models for other urban centers. For more information, please visit [www.jmperezfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.jmperezfamilyfoundation.org).

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### **ABOUT PAMM**

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), led by Director Franklin Sirmans, 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. The nearly 40-year-old South Florida institution, formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, on December 4, 2013 in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré Park. 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.

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