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Sub-Polar Bear

From the collection, *Nature's Revenge*

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KIMBERLY DU ROSS DEBUTS NEW WORKS AT PAUL FISHER GALLERY

The evening of January 17th, **Paul Fisher Gallery** will host the opening reception of "Natures Revenge"—a collection of figurative art paintings by celebrated artist, **Kimberly Du Ross**. The event will feature sixteen works from Kimberly's new collection inspired by nature and focusing on the effects of global warming on both animal life and the natural environment.

Educated at **Ecole Des Beaux Arts, Paris** and with a Bachelors Degree from the **Rhode Island School of Design**, Kimberly began her career in the East Village of New York. She continued to the acclaimed **Royal College of Art** in London where she earned her Masters degree and began showcasing her collections in the art capitals of the world—Rome, London, New York City, Los Angeles, and now Palm Beach.

"Kimberly Du Ross's latest series demonstrates her unique style and painterly sympathy towards the eco-geo political uncertainties of our time. She has seamlessly orchestrated a virtual parade of exotic wildlife with a distinctive, masterful approach", said curator and celebrated collage artist **Bruce Helander** who showcased Kimberly's earlier works at his gallery in 1987.

Du Ross's impressive repertoire includes dozens of prestigious art gallery shows, feature articles in international publications, a black comedy short-film titled "The Obsessed" which she created during her studies at the Royal College of Art, and a portfolio of photographs of Peru currently represented by **Holden Luntz Gallery**.

The Paul Fisher Gallery is the first American showing of her new collection which will run from January 16th – February 11th. "This is the perfect place to show *Nature's Revenge*. The subject matter directly relates to the Palm Beach environment, embracing the creatures we are continuously seeking to preserve", said Kimberly who will be present for the opening reception.

Du Ross's works are included in the collections of **Thyssen-Bornemiza, Goulandris, Carlos Fix, Howard Gittis, Tony Shafrazi Raymond** and **Maria Floyd and Earle Mack**. Mack, who has been collecting Du Ross's work for over thirty years, calls the collection "Psychologically compelling and thought provoking...A simple approach to complex issues."

Special thanks to **Distinctive Wines** and **Atlantico Rum** who will provide fine wines and cocktails for the opening reception.

For more information, Please contact the Paul Fisher Gallery at 561-832-5255

Artist, Kimberly Du Ross
Photo by Johnny Pigozzi



IN GOOD TASTE

LUXURY SPIRITS, MODERN DESIGN AND REFINED DOWNTOWN EATERIES...

TASTE IS EVERYTHING

DAVID KATZ: THE MAN BEHIND AMERICA'S BEST TASTING VODKA



What spirit could possibly be good enough to earn a rare *five star* rating from the top Spirits critic **Paul Pacult** or a perfect ranking from the toughest critics at **Food & Wine Magazine**? Only one: **ZYR Russian vodka**.

Crafted by a 35 year old American who combined his love of all things Russian and his enthusiasm for what he calls "creative challenges," ZYR has become America's highest ranked vodka.

ZYR, short for "zyrkalo mira", means "reflection of the world." In a way, ZYR is a reflection of Vodka Maker David Katz's world. One-eighth Russian, he had always had a passion for the country's culture, language, and even ice hockey.

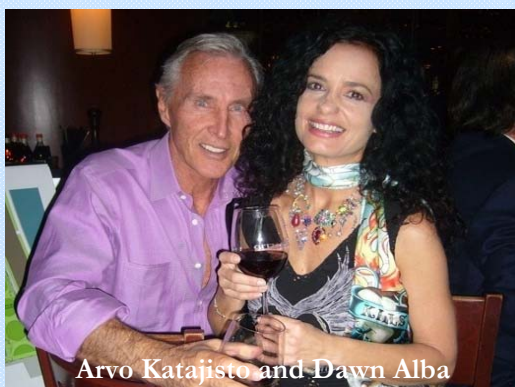
Katz eventually moved to Russia to fulfill his dream: to create an extraordinary, ultra-smooth, luxury vodka emblematic of Modern Russia *not* Tsarist Fantasy. After five years, he returned to the US to introduce ZYR in 2003. It wasn't long before it became apparent to connoisseurs from New York to Palm Beach that once tasted, always enjoyed: ZYR indeed delivered on the promise of a

truly delicious vodka.

The choice vodka of Palm Beach, Altima is proud to serve ZYR at this seasons highlighted events. Altima, along with top chefs including **Daniel Boulud**, **Bobby Flay** and **Jean Georges Vongerichten** are fans and followers of ZYR. We hear this vodka maker's message: *Taste is everything*.

MODERN DESIGN SERVED WITH DOWNTOWN DELIGHTS

CAFÉ SAPORI * CITY CELLAR * PISTACHE



Arvo Katajisto and Dawn Alba

Trinity development, owner of the hurricane damaged 1515 Tower on Flagler, recently received West Palm Beach planning board approval for **The Modern**, an ultra-luxury landmark condominium, to take its place. In efforts to gain support for their visionary project, the developers hit the town with a series of cocktail events for downtown business professionals and Flagler neighbors. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres paired with fine wines and spirits at local hot spots **Café Saporì**, **City Cellar**, and **Pistache French Bistro**, where they were given the opportunity to share their views on the proposed condo amid their associates, friends and neighbors.

The majestic 24 story glass tower will offer 84 residential units equipped with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and Palm Beach. In addition, The Modern will introduce a new public-access park to Flagler with a 13' high waterfall, palm trees, benches, walks, and other greenery.



Richard Earl, Giovanni Polillo, Tirzah Roberts, and Carlos Morrison at City Cellar

RON ATLANTICO PRIVATE CASK HAND CRAFTED RUM FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Aleco Azqueta and **Brandon Lieb** had a vision to create an authentic premium rum for the connoisseur in efforts to revive cocktail culture.

A descendent of the Fanjul & Azqueta 'sugar industry' dynasty, Aleco knows good business. With passion, family know-how and branding experience in tow, Aleco joined forces with Brandon, a leading veteran of the spirit industry, to form **Atlantico Importing**.

True to their vision, Aleco and Brandon's 'hands-on' production process ensures the authenticity and quality of their product—each bottle receiving hand written initials as a symbol of devotion to a product they truly believe in.

A Palm Beach favorite, Atlantico Importing has served their finest at recent events including the Paradise Fund Casino Night and New Hope Charities Holiday Bazaar.

Atlantico Rum is also the spirit of choice for the Kimberly Du Ross opening reception on January 17th.



Aleco Azqueta and Brandon Lieb

MARCH MADNESS

A MANIC MONTH OF GENEROUS GIVING AND GALAS

SAVE THE DATE:

The Bak Middle School of the Arts annual gala, *Metamorphosis 'A Toast to the Arts'*, will take place Friday, March 6th, at the Palm Beach estate of Mr. & Mrs. **William Koch**. The noteworthy cocktail event will feature student performances, a luxury auction, and the Koch's renowned art collection including works by Monet, Renoir, Cezanne, Picasso, Botero and several new pieces.

Bak is a top-rated magnet school and is nationally recognized as a 2008 Blue Ribbon School. The West Palm Beach middle school draws 1,350 students throughout Palm Beach County each year through a competitive arts audition. Bak offers excellent academics and eight conservatory-level arts—band, communications, dance, keyboard, strings, theatre, vocal music, visual arts. Proceeds from the event will fund these art and academic programs.

For sponsorship or event details, contact the Middle School of the Arts Foundation executive director, Jody Dragon at 561-822-3828 or email msoafoundation@msn.com

Best Buddies Palm Beach Gala



Mark Freitas and Anthony Shriver

Frank Crystal & Company and **Best Buddies International**, a groundbreaking nonprofit founded in 1989 by Anthony Kennedy Shriver that enhances the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships and integrated employment, are pleased to present the *Best Buddies Palm Beach Gala*.

Palm Beach resident and noted philanthropist **Mark Freitas** will serve as the Gala Chairman for the March 13th soiree at The Breakers. Additionally, Freitas, the President and Chief Operating Officer of Frank Crystal & Company, has graciously committed his firm to be the Title Sponsor for the event, alongside other supporters **Mellon Bank**, **Marquis Jets**, and **Harry Winston**. The formal gourmet dinner will feature a live auction and performances by **Steve Maglio** and Soul/R&B hit-makers, **The Spinners**. Additional host committee members for the black-tie charity event include **Tom Quick**, Honorary Chairman and **Anthony Shriver**, Co-Chairman.

Best Buddies received a warm welcome from the Palm Beach community during last year's inaugural *Crystal Ball* gala, which featured a performance by disco legend Gloria Gaynor and raised over \$600,000 for the organization.



The Spinners

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BY-INVITATION ONLY EVENTS

EVENTS & UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 561-833-8283

- January 17 Kimberly Du Ross debuts collection at Paul Fisher Gallery
- February 4-8 American International Fine Art Fair
- February 16 Everglades Prep Academy 'An Evening of Great Expectations' at Café Boulud
- February 21 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute 18th Annual Discovery Ball at The Breakers
- March 6 Bak Middle School of the Arts 'Metamorphosis' gala
- March 13 Best Buddies Palm Beach Gala at The Breakers