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WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL

Two notable equine charities, **Give a Buck for Special Equestrians** and **The Rider's Closet**, benefited during the **\$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix** at the **Winter Equestrian Festival Gala**. Hosted by elite equestrians **Georgina Bloomberg** and **Jimmy Torano**, the evening featured a thrilling evening of Grand Prix Show Jumping, a silent auction with vacation packages from around the world, music and entertainment. Pictured: **Scott Durkin, Don Langdon, Gus Rubio, Victoria Rubio, Jay Phillip Parker, Damary Rubio, Dottie Herman, Camille Branca, and David Creps.**



JUANES KICKS OFF HISPANICIZE AT PAMM

Internationally renowned singer-songwriter, **Juanes**, hosted a private waterfront preview of his first visual album, **'Mis Planes Son Amarte,'** at the **Pérez Art Museum Miami** as a formal kick-off to **Hispanicize**, the largest annual gathering of Latino trendsetters, journalists, entertainers, creatives and techies in the US. Hispanicize was sponsored in part by Miami-based **The Related Group**, which is owned and led by philanthropist **Jorge M. Pérez**.



SUSAN KRONICK NAMED 2017 SO FLA WOMAN OF VISION

Susan D. Kronick was presented with the **2017 South Florida Woman of Vision Award**. Held at the **New World Center** on Miami Beach and co-chaired by **Arnstein & Lehr** partners **Mary Hoelle** and **Susan Trench**, the **South Florida Woman of Vision Award Luncheon** annually recognizes a groundbreaking inspirational woman who has made a difference in the South Florida community as a whole. Kronick, the present Chair of the Board of Trustees of the **Miami City Ballet**, was formerly Vice Chairman of **Macy's, Inc.**, responsible for overseeing 850 stores. She serves on several corporate boards, is a trustee of the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation** and has been involved in numerous philanthropic and charitable causes. Pictured: Susan Kronick with Susan Trench.



FISHER ISLAND CLUB NAMES COURT FOR GARDNAR MULLOY

Fisher Island Club proudly unveiled Court 17's new name – the **Gardnar Mulloy Court** – in honor of the late tennis champion who passed away in November. **Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine** was on hand with a proclamation naming Gardnar Mulloy Day as the **Club's Tennis Director Scott Moore** unveiled the plaque courtside. Festivities continued with remarks by famed tennis coach **Nick Bolletieri**, Mulloy's friend, and a pro men's doubles match featuring the club's staff. Mulloy, who played from the age of 9 till in his 90s, was champion of more than 125 national tournaments. Pictured: **Mayor Levine, Bernard Lackner** and **Nick Bollettieri**.



HAUTE LIVING, NOBU + ARMAND DE BRIGNAC - HOW GRAND

Haute Living held a posh dinner party with **Armand de Brignac** champagne at Miami hotspot **Nobu**, located at the **Nobu Eden Roc Hotel** in Miami Beach. The fête served as a dual celebration - to honor winemaker, **Emilien Boutillat's**, visit to Miami - and to celebrate **Haute Living CEO Kamal Hotchandani's** birthday. Guests were treated to an evening of fine cuisine and exquisite wine pairings. beginning with cocktails as guests mixed and mingled, sipping Armand de Brignac Brut Gold. Dinner was a culinary journey - tasty Toro Jalapeño with sides of Edamame and Crispy Orka, followed by a rich Seabass Honey Truffle, which paired delightfully with the brand's Armand de Brignac Rosé. And more - Shiitake Parmesan Rice with Lotus and Truffles and flambéed Wagyu, plus, an outrageous sushi platter. Birthday cake and Armand de Brignac Blanc de Blanc champagne finished off a sensational night. Pictured: **Emilio Estefan**; photo by Romain Maurice.



NWSA ALUM TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY WINS OSCAR

Hailed as one of the most influential playwrights of our time, Tarell Alvin McCraney, a 1999 graduate of the New World School of the Arts High School Theater program, was radiant as he took to the stage to receive the Oscar for “Best Adapted Screenplay” for *Moonlight*. Under the direction of fellow Miamian Barry Jenkins, the independent film, which received a total of eight Oscar nominations, also won for “Best Picture,” and Mahershala Ali, the first Muslim actor to win an Oscar, received the award for “Best Supporting Actor, for his role as Juan in *Moonlight*.” “WOW, what a night!” exclaimed Patrice Bailey, Dean of Theater at New World School of the Arts. “Tarell is so deserving of receiving the Oscar for Best film/screen play. He is a beautiful writer who has had the courage to share his own story with the world. The faculty and I cannot be any prouder of him and the artistic contributions he has made to the film and theatre industry.”



SUPERYACHTS AT ISLAND GARDENS DEEP HARBOUR

Island Gardens Deep Harbour played host to the second annual **Superyacht Miami** show, an invite-only addition to the annual **Yachts Miami Beach by Show Management**. To mark the occasion, the superyacht marina held a VIP celebratory kickoff for the international yachting community and Miami elite amid spectacular waterfront views of Downtown Miami. A collection of 30 superyachts up to 250 feet, valued at \$1 billion, sailed into Island Gardens Deep Harbour, North America's only marina able to accommodate yachts up to 550 feet. The harbor offers 5,000 linear feet of capacity, accommodating an average of 50 yachts. Upon completion in season 2018/2019, the marina will be complemented by two luxury hotels, a selection of retail and restaurants and a water taxi servicing Miami and the beaches.



SIR NINO PERNETTI

Founder/Owner of **Caffe Abbracci**, **Nino Perneti**, was bestowed the title of Cavaliere or Knight, as it translates to English, by the President of the Republic of Italy, **Sergio Mattarella**. **Consul General of Italy Gloria Maria Bellelli**, presented Perneti with a certificate and special lapel pin before an audience of friends and dignitaries, at the residence of the Consul General of Italy. The honor is the first of six classes under the **The Order of the Star of Italy** which is granted to expatriates and foreign nationals who engage in the preservation and promotion of national prestige abroad, promoting friendly relations and co-operation with other countries and ties with Italy. To commemorate the day, **Mayor of Miami-Dade County Carlos A. Gimenez**, **Chairman Jean Monestime** and the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed December 14, 2016, "Nino Perneti Day."

themed “A Show of #Gratitude,” highlighting the agency’s 10-year journey, and paying tribute to its blue-chip clients and talented team members. The agency was founded on November 13, 2006 by former Univision executive, **Jorge A. Plasencia**, and former Cosmyk agency principal, **Luis Casamayor**. Pictured: **Don Francisco** toasting in the background; **Luis & Francie Casamayor** with their sons **Damian** and **Lucas**, **Jorge Plasencia** and **Jose Diaz-Balart**.