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The Winter Show Celebrates 70 Years, Benefits East Side House Settlement

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[The Winter Show](#) held its opening cocktail Thursday night, celebrating its 70th year at the Park Avenue Armory. Over 70 international dealers brought their best art, decor, design, jewelry and silver to an enthusiastic group of collectors. Co-Chaired by Lucinda Ballard and Michael C. Lynch, all proceeds from the evening, and from the entire show, will go towards supporting [East Side House Settlement](#).

"All of our programs focus on two things: education and workforce development," said East Side House Settlement Executive Director Daniel Diaz. "It helps us to dream when we have a Winter Show that gives us unrestricted funds so that we can have venture capital to do something that the neighborhood needs - not just what the government would like to prescribe through their funding."



Martha Stewart, East Side House Student Ambassadors MATT BORKOWSKI/BFA.COM

Design Co-Chairs for The Winter Show include Billy Cotton, Ellen Hamilton, Alexa Hampton, Corey Damen Jenkins, Peter Pennoyer and Honorary Design Chair Wendy Goodman.

"It's the greatest show," said Goodman. "Every year I get surprised by the bounty of beautiful things, and the way things are mixed - from the classical to the modern."

The Winter Show's Executive Director, Helen Allen, agreed.

"If you're a collector, it's important to have a nice mix, a richness and a diversity of styles because it speaks to who you are, and what your taste is," said Allen. "It reflects you and your family to be able to mix. That's one of the reasons why I adore this show."



Jill Kargman MATT BORKOWSKI/BFA.COM

Collectors and art world luminaries, including Michael Bloomberg, Kip Forbes, Coco and Arie Koppelman, Jill and Harry Kargman, and Benjamin Doller walked the impressive show, admiring the plethora of diverse offerings, including beautifully restored Napoleonic wallpaper panels at Carolle Thibaut-Pomerantz, a bronze and repurposed steel Christopher Come screen at Maison Gerard, and an intricate wood inlay Ceylonese table from 1825 at Cove Landing.



Corey Damen Jenkins, Wendy Goodman, Alex Papachristidis MATT BORKOWSKI/BFA.COM

"I love the mix of things at this show," said designer Alex Papachristidis. "There are some new dealers that have very interesting things; for instance, Scott Defrin, who showed rock crystals, Objects of Virtue, and silver. There was a lot of wonderful silver, notably an incredible Chinoiserie epergne from Shrubsole, the likes of which I've never seen. It was monumental and beautiful."

Designers came from all over the country, including Houston's Ann Wolf and San Francisco's Eche Martinez.

"This is my first time at the Winter Show," said Martinez. "I'm amazed at the quality of the vendors and all they have to offer. Maison Gerard has been a showstopper. I also loved the Pop Art tapestries at Weisman. I have a client in mind for them."

"It's a great show to visit," said Wolf. "The best dealers from all over the world come to The Winter Show. It's a glamorous night, with a great turnout."



Nicky Hilton BRENDON COOK/BFA.COM

Nicky Hilton admired the jewelry at Veronique Bamps, while Martha Stewart, George Farias, and Jamee and Peter Gregory greeted friends, and Peter Pennoyer did some shopping of his own.

"East Side Settlement is such a great cause, and this show has always been part of my New York world," said Pennoyer. "My favorite thing this year, which Katie and I now own, is the 1725 mulberry bureau-cabinet at Cove Landing. The grain is augmented with black for a painterly effect. It's absolutely astonishing."

The Winter Show runs through January 28th at the Park Avenue Armory.