

THE A-LIST — ART LOVERS, THAT IS — FLOCK TO THE RACHOFSKY HOUSE FOR SNEAK PEEKS, SKIN CARE FROM SAKS FIFTH AVENUE AND (OUCH!) THE SPLITS

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More than 80 donated contemporary paintings, drawings, sculptures and even luxury items such as a decadent Swarovski crystal chandelier by artist Jeff Leatham filled Howard and Cindy Rachofsky's white-haute art haven on Preston Road. Yet none of those pieces could they call their own, unless they were to pony up Saturday night at the Two by Two for AIDS and Art gala, benefiting amfAR and the Dallas Museum of Art. At this Wednesday-night sneak preview of the A-list art were A-list socials such as preview co-chairmen Katherine Perot and Carrie and Stephen Becker. Saks Fifth Avenue's Karen Olivari and Becky Peacock Morris, and Two by Two chairmen Deedie Rose and Emily Summers, who welcomed more than 325 guests to the home-cum-art-museum for "Saks, Sake and SK-II." Jay Oppenheimer and Tim McCabe began signing bid sheets, and others watched costumed geisha girls serve up luxe spirits such as Moët bubbly and Belvedere cocktails while sushi was rolled among the Corbusier chairs in the kitchen. Guests included Tara Barnes, Kerri Chiasson, Paul Valdez, Anna and Josh Saxton, Susannah Moore, Wendy Oglesby, John Reoch, Kevin Ainsworth and Madeline Hommel, filling all three floors before heading down to level one to learn the latest in anti-aging skincare from SK-II. "Are

you really going to do that?" asked Robert Weatherly before our dermises were analyzed by the SK-II Beauty Imaging System set up in the dining room. After we looked at our scary results, we understood Weatherly's concern: We saw more age spots hiding under our 30-ish face layer than on Ted Kennedy's whole body. But the SK-II girls at Saks promised they could change our ways, and we're holding them to it.

The next night, in the very same Richard Meier-designed art house, co-chairs Nicole Woods and Caroline Minnis hosted "First Look: An Evening for the Senses" and fell right in step with Wednesday night's success. After looking around at auction booty, collector Michelle Shelmire was ready to take home a little something, something. "I want to buy all of it, but I'll have to wait until the Saturday gala!" Shelmire said. Kenny Goss leaned in and whispered to us, "I'll be bidding on loads then, too." And as he's the owner of Dallas' exceptional Goss Gallery, we can trust he'll live up to his word. Co-chair Woods happens to have a connection with sponsor Victory Park development (psst, her husband is Jonas Woods, president of Hillwood Capital) so the evening featured all the best our future Victory will have to offer: fashion from J. Lindeberg and food from Kenichi, N9NE and NOVE. We chatted with Catherine Rose, stunning in a Dries Van Noten skirt paired with a crisp white J. Crew shirt; designer Lela Rose in her own

metallic linen creation; and Mikyung Chun, showing us her style innovation by mixing Dolce & Gabbana and Comme des Garçons. Baubles from Harry Winston made a dashing appearance, showcasing the shimmering ice that top table hostesses will wear that gala weekend, but 'twas entertainer Candis Cayne aka "Miso Pretty" who took our breath away. The NYC transgendered lass dazzled everyone with song, dance and yes, even the splits. Hostess Cindy Rachofsky spoke for all when she said, "Everyone's jaws were on the floor!"



John Holt Smith & Sarah Smith at First Look



Ann Wood Wendy White at First Look



Matthew Looney Host Cindy Rachofsky at First Look



Moët Nectar Imperial on ice at First Look



Anna Raines Kelly Parker at Saks & SK-II



Lucio Pena, Jack Lane at First Look



Rex Cumming Julie Butler at First Look



Darin Woodard at Saks & SK-II



Kevin Fink Michael Corman at Saks & SK-II



Gretchen Groves, Kendall Robinson, Chris Groves at Saks & SK-II



Natalie Erwin at First Look

Patrick Ware, Nina Krell, Ort Varona at First Look



Missy Wyszynski at First Look



Susan & John Rutledge at First Look



Karen Olivari at Saks & SK-II



Patrick Brager at First Look



Co-chairman Caroline Minnis at First Look

Jonas Woods at First Look



Derek Wilson at First Look

Christen Wilson at First Look



Co-chairman Katherine Perot at Saks & SK-II



Jennifer Jaynes at First Look



David Morales at First Look



Co-chairman Nicole Woods at First Look



Candis Cayne aka 'Miso Pretty' at First Look



Mimi Edmonds at First Look



Ian Edmonds at First Look