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I Wanna be Loved by You: Photographs of Marilyn Monroe

Photographs from the Leon and Michaela Constantiner Collection Opens at the Bass Museum



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On February 16th the Bass Museum of Art held an intimate VIP reception "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" for the highly anticipated exhibition I Wanna be Loved by You: Photographs of Marilyn Monroe. A magnificent collection of jewels was on display in the Bass Café during this portion of the evening from Harry Winston, the sponsor for the exhibition. Guests enjoyed the sumptuous and stylishly presented delicacies by Shiraz and sipped top vintages from Franciscan Oakville Estates and Ketel One cocktails throughout the evening.

Guests viewed the extensive exhibition in the main upstairs gallery which was filled with more than 200 photographs documenting Marilyn Monroe's life from the 1940s through the year of her death in 1962. Thirty celebrated post-war photographers such as Eve Arnold, Richard Avedon, Bob Henriques, Cecil Beaton, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Andre De Dienes, Robert Frank, Milton Greene, Ben Ross, Bruno

Bernard, Philippe Halsman and Bert Stern were featured.

Leon and Michaela Constantiner's extensive collection offers rarely seen images of the charmed and tragic life of an American icon. It includes a Cecil Beaton photograph Marilyn Monroe Holding Rose, a nude titled Red Marilyn by Tom Kelly that was the centerfold for the first issue of Playboy magazine; a revealing collection of contact sheets by Bert Stern and Earl Leaf; and a photograph by Lawrence Schiller taken during the filming of Marilyn's final unfinished film Something's Got to Give. In addition to photographs, multimedia presentations of films and public performances offer unique glimpses of Monroe.

I Wanna be Loved by You: Photographs of Marilyn Monroe is on view at the Bass Museum of Art on Miami Beach through April 30, 2006. For more information please go to www.bassmuseum.org or contact Lee Ortega, Director of Marketing and Public Relations 305.673.7530 x2001.



Carlos Betancourt and Veronica Koebach



Charo Oquet, Lee Ortega and Steven Kaplan



Marilyn look alike



Tommy Morrison, Lorena and Javier Lumbreras



Dr. Norman Jaffee and Diane Camber



Jason Lajka, Pam Lehman, Heather Smith, Sheila Elias



Jay and Claudia Levy



Jim Kelley and Monica Neumann



Margarite and Ken Watson



Max Scanavino, Susan Pullin, Luc Pelletier



Tina and Eran Spiro



Terry Slease, Anna Gary



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