

KIPTONART

KIPTONART.COM 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY + NYC BALLET'S Kick-off for Dance With The Dancers & FINE FUTURE PERFECT

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After 5-years of stability and support for emerging artists, KiptonART.com has set up camp on the footsteps of the New York Stock Exchange, opening its doors at 75 Wall Street. Even through the turbulence of New York's Financial District, the **KiptonART pop-up gallery** (currently the closest sign of art in the heart of the financial district) hosted an event on June 8th, with the New York City Ballet Young Patrons Circle. In addition to the 5 year anniversary of KiptonART.com,

the event was also a celebration of **New York City Ballet's 'Dance With The Dancers' June benefit kick-off**. KiptonART.com, founded in 2005 by entrepreneur Kipton Cronkite, was built to allow artists who have always struggled for exposure to exhibit their visions both online and in pop-up locations. In celebration of this truth, one of KiptonART's curators and Director of Photography at the School of Visual Arts, **Stephen Frailey**



selected seven young talents to exhibit at the 75 Wall Street "Access"

location. **Fine Future Perfect's** theme is a multi-media and photography exhibition with the template for that which is forthcoming, while not specifically motivated as a literal depiction of the future. The seven artists exhibiting include KiptonART Rising 2010 Winner **Bon Duke**, **Ina Jang**, KiptonART Rising 2009 Winner **Naho Kubota**, **Cristian Mendez**, **Skye Nicolas**, KiptonART Rising 2010 Finalists **Reed+Rader** and **Richard Williamson**. The previously empty retail space was brought to life and includes new neighbors such as BMW, Cipriani Wall Street, Tumi, Tiffany's, Thomas Pink and Hermes. Deutsche and other financial corporations are steps away

allowing the downtown financial community an innovative opportunity to view and purchase some of New York's top emerging artists.

The June 8th inauguration of the new KiptonART "Access Space" brought uptowners such as **Anisha Lakhani** in a teal Tibi number, **Elizabeth Grimaldi Kurpis** and Fox News **Kimberly Guilfoyle** down to the gallery, located in



the retail space of the Andaz Wall Street Hotel. Recently named one of the top new 45 hotels in the world by Travel & Leisure, the Andaz offers prestige to all who comes through its' doors. Suiting the art perfectly, the hip environment welcomed equally trendy guests like socialite **Annabel Vartanian** in Max Mara, model **Maggie Rizer** in Nicole Miller and **Ashleigh Pattee**. The event served to honor both visual and performance arts by kicking-off support for the New York City Ballet's 'Dance with the Dancers' upcoming June Benefit. After an introduction by KiptonART.com's Founder Kipton Cronkite, New York City Ballet Dancer **Vincent Paradiso** and **Amanda Hankes** spoke about the June 14th 'Dance With The Dancers' Gala. The crowd of over 400 attendees included **Clay Floren**, **Bennett Leifer**, **Scott Bucheit**, **Naeem Delbridge**, Akris' USA CEO, **Melissa Beste** and Gotham Magazine's **Julie Bensman**. While admiring the works of art, attendees such as NBC's **DeMarco Morgan** and Director of Affirmation Arts' **Marla Goldwasser** relaxed on the antique décor supplied by

Van den AkkerAntiques above carpeting provided by Nourison. Sculptures by **Michael Chiarello** and **Janet Rutkowski** added to the ambiance filling the space with warmth and life. **DJ Francesco Civetta** spun tracks through the 2,200 sq foot space with financier **Tom Trowbridge**, PR expert **Debra Hughes** and Tribal Societe's **Tatiana Perkin** groovin' along, supported by media sponsor **The Observer's Very Short List**. The evening continued with an after party on the 40th Floor of the Andaz revealing picturesque panoramic views of the skyline. The exhibition was possible due to the generous support of the Hakimian Organization, Peykar Brothers Realty and Gorjian Properties



Other notable attendees included: Justin Gorjian, Gideon and Bitia Gorjian, Cobby Gorjian, Shawn Hakimian, Adina Hakimian, Jason Hakimian, Michael Hakimian, Ray Raymakers, Rob Copley, Sean Robins, Dave Lieberman, Jennifer Mikitan, James Yolles, Alex Peykar, Jonny Peykar, Mina Peykar, Roy Kean

“Fine Future Perfect” is open to the public through July 31st, at 75 Wall Street. For more information, email info@kiptonart.com or call 917-224-2313. Hours are Monday - Friday: 11am-5pm and Saturdays Noon - 5pm (or by appointment). For future events, discover KiptonART at <http://www.kiptonart.com>.