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Naked Launch

The annual Take Home a Nude auction brought out a stylish crowd.

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On Thursday night, the guest list at Sotheby's much-anticipated annual Take Home a Nude auction, which raises money for scholarships for the New York Academy of Arts, read like a who's who of the fashion and art worlds: Public School designers Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne, wearing their namesake brand, had a laugh with Rochambeau's Laurence Chandler; actor John Krasinski took a meditative lap to admire the artworks before they went to their new homes; and Mary-Kate Olsen and beau Olivier Sarkozy chatted with the Academy's President, David Kratz. But the highlight was the selection of nudes themselves, which included pieces inspired by the nude form by artists like Laurie Simmons, Andres Serrano, and Vito Acconci.

"I love Acconci, I just bid on one of his works and got it!" exclaimed an enthusiastic Dustin Yellin, as he watched his purchase, which he plans to hang in his Red Hook studio, get wrapped. "I love NYAA and I find myself always snooping around the school. All the souls that have moved through that school over the years are very inspiring—I always try to support them whenever I can."

Also in support of the evening was the night's "Honorary Muse," Brooke Shields. Kratz introduced the model/actress at the dinner, which took place following the auction in an elaborately decorated dining hall. "You guys don't know this but about three weeks ago Brooke spent three hours in a cold room posing with little else besides a cupcake on her head for a drawing party organized by Will Cotton—and it was all in support of the school just so we would have original drawings and a body of print work to exhibit at this event tonight," he said. Sheilds, who sat beside him in a striking red A-line frock added: "It's such a great organization. If I knew it would give me the opportunity to be surrounded by such talented artists I would have gotten naked sooner!"

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Brooke Shields in the Buff for Sotheby's "Take Home a Nude" Art Auction

OCTOBER 10, 2014 1:45 PM
by JULIE BAUMGARDNER

Newsflash: Not all nude photos are leaked or stolen these days. In fact, at last night's "Take Home a Nude" fete, benefitting the New York Academy of Art, the walls of Sotheby's were lined with over 150 works up for auction to help support the Tribeca art school, cofounded by Andy Warhol and devoted to the classical pursuit of figure drawing.

Nary a selfie in sight, the 23rd edition of this fund-raiser culled together works in a mix of mediums from boldface names to burgeoning artists alike. The evening's honoree muse, Brooke Shields, was captured by painter, and the Academy's senior critic, Will Cotton. Shields revealed, "I've been friendly with Will for years, and I volunteered one night, like, 'I wanna sit!' Actually, I was completely sober—I shoulda been drunk while I sat. That was the problem!" The exhibit also includes Alyssa Monks's large-scale dreamy painting of a woman's face, Donald Sultan's recognizable Yellow Poppies, and even Duncan Hannah's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, a fuzzy oil-on-canvas of the Oscar Wilde book cover. The immense seventh-floor gallery was packed with artists, including Dustin Yellin, Ryan McGinness, and Walton Ford, who were all circulating the room, along with patrons like Mary-Kate Olsen, Misha Nonoo, and Alexander Gilkes. "It's important to support the arts," offered The Row designer, who remained mum on her rumored wedding to Olivier Sarkozy.

Sotheby's dynamic auctioneer, Gabriela Palmieri, coaxed the excited audience into raising their paddles for an Eli Wilner frame-fitted oil-on-canvas by Stephen Hannock, and a Francesco Clemente print—eventually taken home by Fabiola Beracasa, who was sitting front row in Proenza Schouler. Palmieri even scolded a few naughty revelers for their social waves and gestures. "I'm gonna accept that as a bid," she said. "It's funny now . . . but wait until you have to buy it!"

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Brooke Shields 'nudes' auctioned at Sotheby's

By [Stephanie Smith](#)

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Brooke Shields attends the 2014 Take Home A Nude Event at Sotheby's.

Photo: Getty Images

"Nudes" of Brooke Shields were up for sale at Sotheby's for the New York Academy of Art's annual Take Home a Nude auction.

Shields posed for artists Will Cotton and Ryan McGinness during a cocktail event for the school a few weeks prior, but she wore a nude bodysuit during the session. Six prints were available during a silent auction, fetching a top bid of \$1,800.

Shields told the crowd, "If I had known that posing naked was going to be this much fun, I'd have done it years ago."

Jay McInerney outbid model Nadya Nepomnyashaya for a commissioned portrait drawing by Cotton. Shields egged the pair on before McInerney won out at \$25,000. The event raised \$900,000 for the school.

Interview

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TAKE HOME A NUDE AT SOTHEBY'S 2014

Photography JOE SCHILDHORN /BFANYC.COM



The annual Take Home a Nude auction at Sotheby's benefiting the New York Academy of Art always incurs a few jokes in the days leading up to the event—mostly from people who'd prefer to take home a living, breathing nude instead of a work of art.

But the competition for nudes by the likes of Dustin Yellin, Laurie Simmons, and Vincent Desiderio and dozens of others was more about a fervent, art-loving lust than anything else. During the silent auction and cocktails, hordes of collectors packed in the four small galleries strained to see past 750 clothed bodies to the 171 unclothed ones rendered in paint, pencil, and many other mediums (at least one involved fur). A bespectacled, middle-aged man looked longingly into the crowd as the last gallery closed two hours in. "I was so close," he said, gesturing towards a painting by Rachel Serbinski. "I was about to go all out, bid my maximum. But someone else got it." As the live auction started, lots in the silent auction were removed from the walls ready to go to their new homes.

Guests who stayed for dinner—among them, Mary Kate Olsen and Olivier Sarkozy, Jen Brill, Stuart Vevers, Tom Sachs, and Dao-Yi Chow of Public School—were treated to a tableau of live nude models, posed with frames and ribbons. It was a self-referential touch and a nod to the New York Academy of Art's emphasis on classic figure drawing classes (the original inspiration for the event). But it was Brooke Shields who held the "Honorary Muse" title for the evening. "I've told you this before, but you really have to try modeling sometime," quipped NYAA President David Kratz.

Shields answered, "If I knew it was going to be this much fun, I would have taken my clothes off a long time ago." -Rachel Small



Kate Moss and Rita Ora Sipped Champagne From Boob Glasses in London

By Erica Schwiegershausen



Now that everyone's had a chance to recuperate from fashion month, this week's parties seemed particularly well attended — especially by Mary-Kate Olsen, who found time to attend the New York Academy of Art's Take Home a Nude event at Sotheby's last night, the CFDA New Members party on Tuesday, and yesterday's Alison Lou spring collection preview. Meanwhile, Anna Wintour brought both her children to the Harvard Club for The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Fundraising Gala, where they were joined by Kendall Jenner, Karlie Kloss, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and Cary Fukunaga. Across the pond, Kate Moss and Rita Ora sipped Champagne from glasses modeled after Moss's left breast, while in L.A., Lily Allen and Kim Kardashian attended Charlotte Tilbury's beauty festival at a local Nordstrom. Click through the slideshow for these and more highlights from this week's parties, including Gigi Hadid, Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara, Neil Patrick Harris, and more.

MailOnline

Vibrant in vermillion! Ever-youthful Brooke Shields, 49, inspires in floaty red dress at Take Home A Nude event

By JENNIFER PEARSON FOR MAILONLINE



Brooke Shields was the perfect choice for this year's honorary muse at this art auction.

The 49-year-old actress stood out in this artsy crowd as she attended the Take Home A Nude gala at Sotheby's in New York City on Thursday. Brooke's tea-length dress was a bold shade of vermillion with one sleeve purposely shorter than the other, and while the dress was not fitted it seemed to meld to her curves beautifully from crew neckline to gently undulating hem.

Brooke, who posed for several of the artists auctioning off their work that night, boasted an unblemished skin tone. Her chestnut-brown hair was sleekly styled and her make-up impeccably applied.

Brooke, who shares two daughters, Rowan and Grier, with writer-producer Chris Henchy, appeared to be solo at this event.

The Take Home a Nude gala is one of New York City's most anticipated events of the year, and this year's gave guests a chance to bid on artwork from Vito Acconci, Mark Borthwick and John Alexander.

Others to attend the event included Scout Willis, who delighted in a white frock with narrow strips of lace running horizontally throughout the material.

Mary-Kate Olsen arrived with longtime love Olivier Sarkozy, who is rumoured to already be her husband as both have been recently spotted wearing identical wedding bands on their left hands.

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MARY-KATE OLSEN, OLIVIER SARKOZY & MORE STEP OUT AT THE TAKE HOME A NUDE AUCTION

BY CLAIRE PELTIER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014



[Nadya Nepomnyashaya, Mary-Kate Olsen] [Lindsay Ellingson]

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Last night, The New York Academy of Art presented Take Home A Nude, its annual auction and art party at Sotheby's. This year's Honoree Muse, Brooke Shields, attended the event alongside some of the biggest names in art and fashion, including Mary-Kate Olsen, Dustin Yellin, Misha Nonoo, and Eileen Guggenheim.

Who was there: Guests included David Kratz, Eileen Guggenheim, Tabitha Simmons, Brooke Shields, Dustin Yellin, Fabiola Beracasa, Will Cotton, John Dempsey, Misha Nonoo, Pippa Cohen, Sarah Hoover, Derek Blasberg, Greg Unis, Lindsay Ellingson, Alexander Gilkes, Bettina Prentice, Jackie McKay, Mary-Kate Olsen, Nadya Nepomnyashaya, Tom Sachs, Tripoli Patterson, Alexandra Chemla, Anne Hearst, Bethanie Brady, Colin McCabe, Gucci Westman, Jen Brill, Lori Feldman, Mollie Ruprecht, Olivier Sarkozy, Scout Willis, Walton Ford, Alexandra Wilkis Wilson, Alina Cho, Amanda Hearst, Armand Limnander, Cheieun Wax, Di Mondo, Helen Lee Schifter, Jacco Reijtenbagh, Janet Rosel, Jasmina Denner, Jeremy Gilkes, Linda Morgan, Luca Marziale, Marlies Verhoeven, Nick Hunt, Polina Proshkina, Rebekah McCabe, Sante D'Orazio, Seren Shvo, Taylor Olson, Zoe Lescaze, Alex Acquavella, Bob Oleary, Bonnie DeWitt, Bronson Van Wyck, Dao-Yi Chow, Whitney Pozgay, Kipton Cronkite, and many more.

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Watch Mario Batali Cook, Shop a Calvin Klein Capsule and More From the Cultural Calendar

BY JOHNNY MAGDALENO | OCTOBER 6, 2014 10:30 AM



Left: A Calvin Klein Collection sweatshirt, part of the brand's capsule range launching this week at Dover Street Market. Right: Vito Acconci, "From Clothes Through Furniture to Buildings," available at the Take Home a Nude charity auction at Sotheby's.

Thursday, New York

An art auction (of nudes) for charity

The New York Academy of Art's Take Home a Nude auction at Sotheby's gives art buyers the chance to acquire works while also supporting the institution. More than 750 luminaries from the art and fashion worlds are expected to attend, and each of their purchases will help fund the academy's scholarship programs. Brooke Shields will be co-hosting this year's event as an "honorary muse," and the 150-plus pieces of art up for auction include works by Laurie Simmons and Vito Acconci.

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11 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before October 13

By Nate Freeman and Alanna Martinez | 10/06/14 5:32pm



Party: The New York Academy of Art's Take Home a Nude Auction Perhaps the most intriguingly named benefit of the year, the annual Take Home a Nude auction allows well-heeled buyers a chance to put down a lot of cash for portraits with not a lot of clothes. Brooke Shields is this year's honorary muse, which makes sense if you know anything about Brooke Shields.—N.F. Sotheby's, 1334 York Avenue, New York, 6:00 p.m. Ticketed.

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THE EIGHT-DAY WEEK

To Do This Week: Tune in for the CBGB Festival and Step Aboard the Intrepid

By Jennifer Ashley Wright | 10/08/14 2:40pm



THURSDAY, October 9

When I tell people the Take Home a Nude Gala is my favorite event of the year, they often stare. But the event isn't so much an opportunity to find a new naked-time partner as it is to bid on artwork from Vito Acconci, Mark Borthwick and John Alexander. Some pieces will represent this year's honorary muse, Brooke Shields, who posed for several artists. Sotheby's, 1334 York Ave., 6-9 p.m., \$250

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Cait Munro, Monday, October 6, 2014



Thursday, October 9

New York Academy of Art's "Take Home A Nude" Art Auction and Party

With a live and silent auction of nudes by Ryan McGinness, Laurie Simmons, Dustin Yellin, and several others, this spirited event helps raise scholarship funds for Academy artists. There will also be a selection of works on paper depicting this year's "Honorary Muse" Brooke Shields, which means the fashion crowd is sure to be out in full force as well. Cocktails and auction 6 p.m., dinner 9 p.m. Tickets \$250+.

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8 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before September 5

By Nate Freeman and Alanna Martinez | 09/02/14 3:04pm



Event: Will Cotton Drawing Party Ever pine for the halcyon days in college when you could go to a workshop, set up a canvas, and spend all evening painting nude models and drinking wine? Will Cotton has you covered. He's hosting a drawing party at the New York Academy of Art, with a ton of models to choose from and a DJ playing music to awaken your creative spirit. And there may even be a celebrity model, so we hear.—N.F. The New York Academy of Art, 11 Franklin Street, New York, 4-9 p.m.