

An Evening of Music and Art in the Gardens



Loyal supporters for the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG)** celebrated philanthropy, music, art and nature with the 10th Anniversary of *An Evening of Music and Art in the Gardens*. The annual **Gardens Conservancy** event celebrated Palm Beach residents and long-time Gardens supporters **Susan and Bob Wright**, who received the 10th Annual *Ann Norton Award for Philanthropy*. The award is extended to individuals who advance the mission of ANSG and embrace Ann Norton's vision for her legacy to the community.

"Susan and Bob Wright have been visionary leaders elevating ANSG as a national treasure," said **Frances Fisher**, Board Chairwoman for ANSG. "Susan with her chairmanship of the Gardens Conservancy for the past decade, and Susan and Bob together have graciously served as Co-Chairman of our annual *Evening of Music and Art in the Gardens* celebration for the past seven years. They have been generous supporters contributing to our annual and capital campaign efforts, naming of the **Courtyard Gallery** in the newly restored **Norton House** and leading the *Garden Bench Naming Initiative* to help preserve the Gardens with international arboretum status."

Fisher also announced that ANSG received the inaugural gift to begin the final phase of the Gardens' *Protecting a Legacy* capital campaign from the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** and the **Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Cultural Capital Fund**. The last phase will be the restoration of the third historic structure at ANSG to create an indoor classroom, lecture hall, archival library and permanent gallery to display Ann Norton's hundreds of works on paper.

Guests were entertained with a musical performance by **Nicole Henry**, one of the jazz world's most acclaimed vocalists. Before the entertainment began, **Margaret Horgan**, Executive Director for the Gardens, acknowledged **Jordi Mollà**, Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens' fourth Artist in Residence and presented him with a key to Ann Norton's studio. In partnership with **Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Fair** and **Paul Fisher Gallery**, the self-taught painter and Spanish actor's exhibition, *Savage Garden| Jardín Salvaje*, was on display in the **Norton Gallery**.

"We are proud to be able to help and perpetuate the Ann Norton legacy and ideals for her sculpture gardens as an important cultural and educational resource for our community and our nation," said Susan Wright. "It has been a wonderful 10-year journey here at the Gardens. We have accomplished a tremendous amount and Bob and I are very honored to be a part of the preservation and growth of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. We accept this honor with great humility."

CIBC Private Wealth was the presenting sponsor for the evening.

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FIRST ROW: Susan and Bob Wright; Jordi Mollà and Frances Fisher; **SECOND ROW:** Nick Korniloff and Pamela Cohen; Karolina Bednarska and Gina Sabeau; **THIRD ROW:** Suzanne and David Frisbie; Gigi and Harry Benson; **FOURTH ROW:** Jim and Sara McCann; Jennifer Sullivan and Dave Lawrence.

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