

ART AND THE ARTS

A TOAST TO CENTER FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION



Worth Avenue's **Findlay Galleries** hosted a cocktail reception, honoring **Center for Creative Education (CCE)** as a kick off event for their upcoming annual spring fundraiser, *A Night in Madrid*.

"Most of you are here tonight because you believe in the mission of CCE, or you're with friends that support our organization and we truly thank you," said **Cynthia Kanai**, CCE's Executive Director, Capital Campaign and Community Relations. "But if you remember one thing tonight, I want you to remember this: the Center for Creative Education is changing the lives of children in our care. Our students are beginning to read and believe in themselves, and many are seeing a bright future for the very first time in their young lives."

A Night in Madrid supporters will enjoy an evening of gastronomic delights and entertainment. Bringing the flavors and sounds of Spain to Palm Beach, the event will take place on Monday, April 3rd at Club Colette with **Milly and Patrick Park** serving as event Chairs and **Diane and John Sculley** as Honorary Chairs.

"We're thrilled to be celebrating the Center for Creative Education after a monumental year for their organization," said Patrick Park. "We are also excited to be honoring our dear friends, **Susan and Dom Telesco**, whose generous donation secures naming the new arts and science center in their honor."

In addition to Patrick Park and twin daughters, **Mia and Camila**, and Findlay Gallery owners and hosts for the evening, **James Borynack and Adolfo Zaralegui**, guests in attendance included **Margie Betten, Eileen Bresnan, Jane and Charles Carroll, Stephania Conrad, Gaye and Jim Engel, Beth and Robert Fischel, Mary, Mark and Jack Freitas, Arlette Gordon, Vicki Halmos, Rosemary and Torrence Harder, Cynthia Kanai, Sharon Jacquet, Ingrid Johnson, Michele and James Kukla, Betsy and James Meany, Pamela O'Connor, Linda Olsson, Nancy and Jeff Smith, Florence Seiler and Bill McBride, Susan Telesco, Ashley Tilbary, Tami Watkins, Joshua Cain, Robert Hamon, Bruce Helander and Michel Witmer.**

In November 2021, CCE announced a \$20 million capital campaign as they began renovation on the existing building located on their new campus at 2400 Metrocentre Boulevard in West Palm Beach. Opened in August 2022, the renovated building hosts **The Foundations School**, an independent elementary school that aims to break the barriers of traditional learning by integrating the arts and creativity into academic subjects.

The Spanish theme for the spring fundraiser ties into curriculum at **The Foundations School**, where third-grade students have formed a partnership with a school in Teruel, Spain. The students have exchanged postcards, created videos, and embarked on creative projects allowing them to learn about each country's unique culture and heritage.

The 22,000 square-foot *Susan and Dom Telesco Arts and Science Center* will have a 200-seat theater, an art gallery and art studios, STEM labs, a full recording studio, and community event spaces, with groundbreaking anticipated this fall.

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FIRST ROW: Patrick Park and Susan Telesco; Adolfo Zaralegui and James Borynack; **SECOND ROW:** Jack, Mary and Mark Freitas; Sharon Jacquet and Ingrid Johnson; **THIRD ROW:** Ron Kochman and Cynthia Kanai; Jeff and Nancy Smith; **FOURTH ROW:** Camila and Mia Park; Jim and Gaye Engel. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

