Art Museum Members Toast New Exhibit

Two complementary exhibitions were welcomed into the Boca Raton Museum of Art with a festive evening gathering of members and guests in the Museum's Main Gallery.

One of the exhibits is the third in the Museum's Florida Artists Series featuring works of Brian Curtis and Laurie Julia. Both artists depict images of interest and integrity and were selected by museum Executive Director, Roger L. Selby, for these reasons.

Brian Curtis employs oil on canvas and masonite to freeze representational images in a unique photographic realism. Vivid colors, definitive lighting and stark settings direct attention to the figures in his compositions.

Also, as stated in the exhibition brochure, "Laurie Julia's work suggests a new return to outdoor imagery." She uses acrylics on paper, combining tropical sunlight, sea, sand and figures to capture South Florda's beach scene.

Gallery viewers at the reception divided their attention between the Florida painting and a touring exhibition organized by the Bernice Steinbaum Gallery of New York entitled "AdoRnmenTs". This is a light-hearted, though sometimes cynical, presentation of wearable art. Although, most viewers wondered aloud about under what circumstances they could possibly dare to wear most of the items behind the individual glass enclosures. Each object called for careful observation to realize full impact.

Among the distinguished guests exchanging art talk with Roger Selby, Curator Steve Carothers and Curator of Education Ellen Donoho were Bea Greenberg, Molly Weiss, Kate Rawlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brill, Doug Konselman, new President of BUGS. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brofsky and Frank Kolbert among others.

The glittering crowd enjoyed meeting the artists of the Florida Series, Laurie Julia and Brian Curtis, as well as Claire Satin, one of the artists included in the AdoRnmenTs section of the exhibit.

Guests also enjoyed delicious light food by "From the Oven" caterers.

From left, artist, Brian Curtis; curator, Steve Carothers