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A Night to Remember

Opteres and *Hong Kong Tatler* unveiled four mystery masterpieces worth US\$100 million at a sky-high party to kick off Art Week

SOME OF ASIA'S MOST ESTABLISHED art collectors and experts were among 200 guests gathered at the Sky 100 observation floor of Kowloon's ICC building on May 12 to witness the unveiling of four mystery paintings collectively valued at more than US\$100 million. Hosted by high-end art specialist Opteres and *Hong Kong Tatler*, the private party ended weeks of intense speculation when the curtains were drawn back to reveal two pairs of works by Western masters Joan Miró and René Magritte. The event, titled A Masterpiece Revelation, gave the city's annual Art Week an astonishing kick-start.

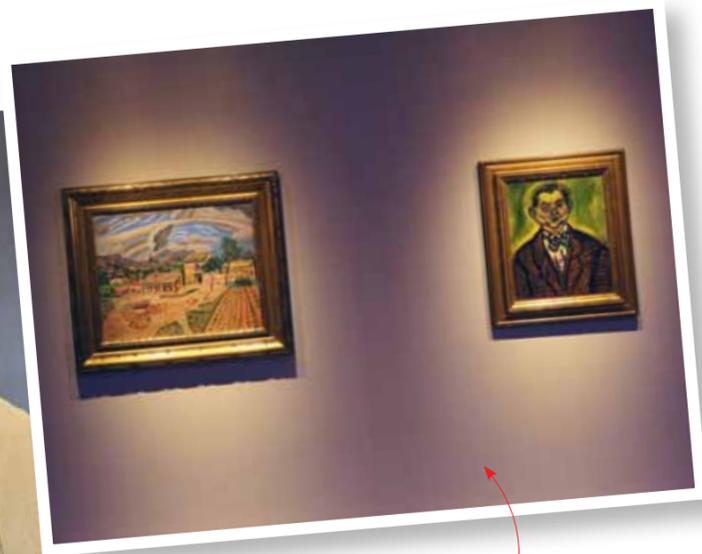
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Pauline Tan



Benjamin and Claire Vuchot



From left: Joan Miró's Tuilerie à Mont-roig (1918) and Self-Portrait (1917)



Stephanie Pan and Ellie Lai



Mariko and Benjamin Lee



Maya Lin and Rendy Ng



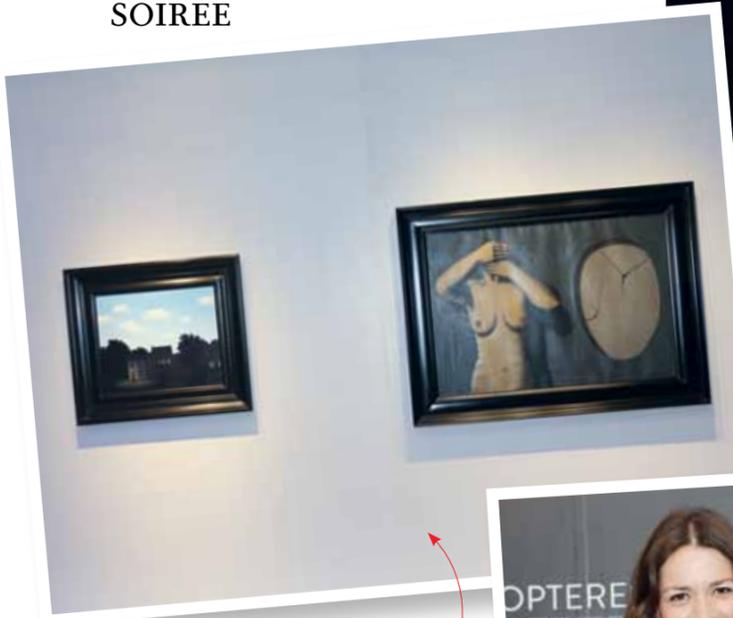
Matthew and Lianne Lam



Kai-yin Lo

STELLAR LIST

Those present included some of the region's most notable art collectors and connoisseurs, such as Lin Ning (the wife of China's richest man, Wang Jianlin), Hong Kong's Yana Peel, Taiwan's Ellie Lai and Singapore's Kaori Zage. Also present were Max and Monique Burger, as well as Uli and Rita Sigg, the Swiss philanthropists who recently donated their world-class collection of contemporary Chinese art to Hong Kong's M+ museum for visual culture.



Janana Suleymanli, Anita Fung and Sajjid Pasha

THE INSIDER

From left: René Magritte's L'Empire des Lumières I (1949) and Le Genre Nocturne (1928)



Yana Peel and Helena Sikorski



Alex Fong and Lelia Chow



Denise Lo



Bobby and Shirley Chan



Matthew Kenney



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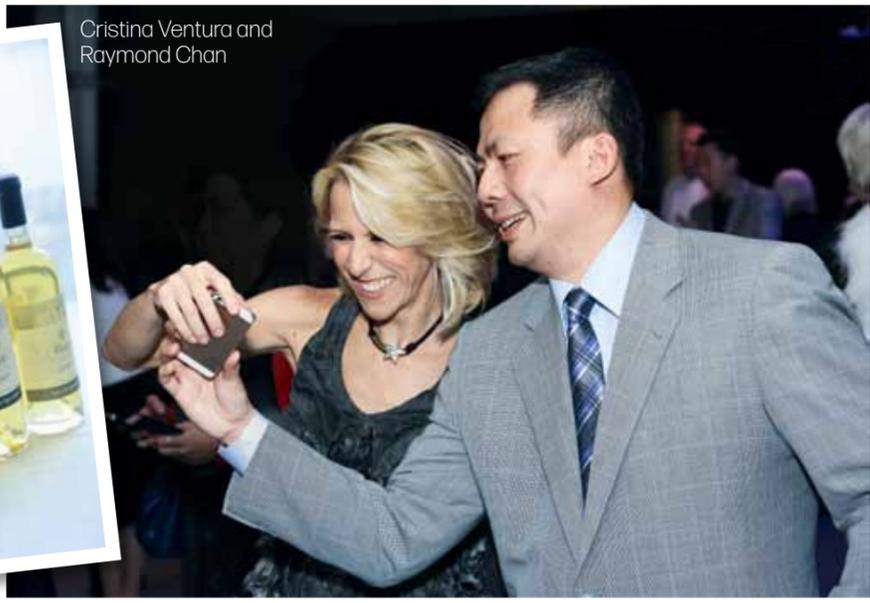
SENSORY SENSATION

The unveiling of the paintings was the dramatic climax to an evening of sensory delight. Guests enjoyed award-winning wines from the renowned Tuscan winery Querciabella and exquisite culinary creations from US celebrity chef Matthew Kenney, who flew in specially for the event. The chef, who specialises in plant-based cuisine, had everyone coming back for more with his beautifully presented dishes.

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Cristina Ventura and Raymond Chan



Uli and Rita Sigg



Daniel Fung



Anastasia Chunilal and Diana d'Arenberg Parmanand



Lulu Zong and Gillian Arnold



Angela Adams and Ian Lowe

BACHING VOCALS

Musical interludes came courtesy of 12 English singers, all soloists in their own right, who came together for the occasion and performed pieces by JS Bach. At the moment of the unveiling, they sang the motet *Singet dem Herrn*. After Opteres founder and chairman Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni addressed the gathering about the history of each painting, the curtains were pulled back to reveal the two pairs of artworks: Joan Miró's *Self-Portrait* (1917) and *Tuileries à Mont-roig* (1918), and René Magritte's *Le Genre Nocturne* (1928) and *L'Empire des Lumières I* (1949). The works have not been seen on the market for more than three decades.

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SWEET ENDING

The paintings were a huge hit with guests, many of whom snapped away on their smartphones. Even the chef's team came out to ogle and photograph the works. The works were hung bare, without glass, enabling guests to examine them up close and unrestricted. Each guest received a book about two of the masterpieces, *Miró: Two Early Works*, written by Opteres' Castiglioni and Jane CH Jacob, one of the world's foremost authorities on collection research. Also in the gift bag was a bottle of Querciabella Camartina 1999.



Sudesh and Amishi Sani,
Vishal Sani and Karishma Sani



Stephanie
Cuadra



Jane Ho



Samuel and
Carmen Lee



Winnie Chan
and Andrew Tan



Thibault Pontallier



A big hit of the evening was Matthew Kenney's kelp noodles with black pepper, chanterelles, snap peas and olives