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On Friday, November 14 Locust Projects welcomed more than 120 artists, arts patrons, and philanthropists to its Annual Benefit Dinner, DELIGHT & DEVOUR, for an unforgettable evening honoring visionary arts leader Sarah Arison.

Hosted at Locust Projects, the organization's most important fundraiser of the year was co-chaired by Board Members Marianne & John Devine, Diane & Werner Grob, Debra & Dennis Scholl, and Knight Foundation's Kristina Newman-Scott, with and Jorge M. and Darlene Pérez serving as Honorary Chairs. The event was sponsored by Northern Trust, Sarah Arison / Arison Arts Foundation, The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation / RELATED Philanthropic Foundation and Knight Foundation.

The evening premiered a new immersive installation by emerging artist Tara Long, Locust's featured Miami Art Week artist. Long's delightful and decadent operatic-scale spectacle, alongside Le Basque's culinary creations, was a wondrous sugar-spun world with an ethereal musical score and captivating performances with local artists and dancers, including YoungArts alumni -- all centered around a monumental cake.

In addition to the honoree, Event Chairs, and Executive Director, Lorie Mertes and Deputy Director, Munisha Underhill, guests included, Teresa and Juan Alonso, Susan and Richard Arregui, María Bechily, Tracey Robertson Carter and Christopher Carter, José Díaz, Howard Herring, Clive Chang, Nadege Green, Hal Phillips, Rosie Gordon Wallace.

Proceeds from the Benefit Dinner sustain Locust's 27-year commitment to serve as an incubator for bold new art and ideas, empowering artists to experiment, take risks, and create ambitious work that enriches Miami's cultural landscape.



Tara Long and Sarah Arison



Lorie Mertes, Alberto Ibarguen, Diane Grob, Darlene Pérez, Kristina Newman-Scott, Dennis Scholl, Munisha Underhill, Jorge Pérez, Sarah Arison, and Debra Scholl



John Devine and Tara Long



Lorie Mertes and Rosie Gordon-Wallace



Diane Grob and friends



Richard Arregui and Hal Phillips



Jennifer and Brian Heller



Cornelius Tulloch and Nadege Green



Juan Alonso, Jorge and Darlene Pérez, and Sarah Arison

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