

This Year's 'Take Home a Nude' Gala for the New York Academy of Art to Honor John Alexander

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In October, John Alexander will be honored at the New York Academy of Art's Take Home a Nude gala—the only benefit that accentuates its silent auction with naked model and stilt walkers. The event, held at Sotheby's, will feature more than 200 works, with the proceeds benefiting the Academy.

Alexander is a figurative painter, known for his wry skewering of the rich and famous, who love him

anyway. (<http://nymag.com/nymetro/arts/features/1717/>) Steve Martin, Jimmy Buffett, and Mick Jagger are among some of the stars that own his work. The artist is also a co-founder, along with the actor Dan Aykroyd, of Crystal Skull Vodka. You know, the vodka that comes in a bottle shaped like a skull.



Alexander. COURTESY NEW YORK ACADEMY OF ART

Last year, the event honored collector Jane Holzer and raised over \$1.1 million dollars, with proceeds going to the Academy for scholarships and programming.

The chairs of this year's event are Amy Cappellazzo, Caroline Kennedy and Ed Schlossberg, Lorne Michaels and Alice Michaels, and Richard Mishaan and Marcia Mishaan. The benefit will be held on Wednesday, October 11.

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