

Tsunami Relief Gala – Waves of Generosity in a Sea of Culture and Art

On Friday, June 24, 2005, Deborah Colton, through her Iklektik Designs and the Deborah Colton Gallery, will join Asia Society Texas in hosting an ambitious fundraiser for tsunami relief. By Henri Merceron

In this issue of Yellow Magazine, we honor the profound impact that the concept of fusion has upon us and the uniquely personal manner in which we construe it. Deborah Colton is a veritable ambassador of fusion in Houston. She has established a reputation as an authority on rare and antique Asian art and has participated in its exhibition, promotion and sale locally, nationally and internationally.

Webster's dictionary defines "eclectic" (after which Colton's Iklektik Designs is named) as a collection of what "appears to be the best from diverse sources...and styles". And "fusion" is "the merging of different elements into a union". Together, these words define the spirit of Deborah Colton and the Asia Society's tsunami fundraiser.

Iklektik was conceived when Colton grew weary of simply being an expatriate bystander in Japan where her husband's company had transferred him in 1996. She and a friend formed the company to import Korean and Chinese antiques for other expatriates. The business shortly grew into the international arena. When her husband was transferred to Bangkok, Colton studied Thai art at Silpakorn University, inspiring her to become one of the country's leading patrons of the arts. Her husband's most recent transfer to Houston in 2000 has only expanded her appreciation and respect for Asian art. Today, Iklektik Designs deals in antique furniture, collectibles and art from China, Korea, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam and Burma. Innovative contemporary pieces and avant-garde art and photography may also be found. Colton's promotion of Asian art is well-known within the art community and she has developed a wide and respected reputation for her knowledge, integrity and generosity. She is a

woman who does not seek the limelight but wants to make meaningful contributions in the form of cultural and artistic advancement. She has a light that shines from within, a light that burns brightly in no small part as a result of her life's experiences with the Asian cultures that have touched her. The grief delivered by the tsunami has caused a brief flicker in that light. Her sensitivity and business acumen have joined in unison to further this relationship and this has, quite naturally, led to the tsunami relief fundraiser, a heartfelt opportunity to give back to those who have given her so much.

The fundraiser promises to be a memorable occasion. Thirty percent of all proceeds from sales of items from Deborah Colton Gallery and Iklektik Designs will go to tsunami relief in conjunction with Asia Society Texas. On exhibit at the gallery will be the Asian-inspired works of contemporary artist, JonMarc Edwards, who is well regarded in the U.S. and Europe.

The Space City Gamelan will perform selections of traditional and modern Gamelan music. Gamelan is the traditional Indonesian gong-chime orchestra that originated on the islands of Java and Bali.

The United Nations Association International Choir will entertain guests with songs sung by 70 choir members from 25 nations representing a variety of cultural, racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. They will perform music in many styles and genres sung in their original languages from all parts of the world and spanning historical periods. Food will be provided by Abuso Catering Company

Numerous resident consuls general will be in attendance to participate in the festivities.



Date: June 24, 2005

Place: Deborah Colton Gallery/Iklektik Designs

2500 Summer Street

Contribution: \$50 by calling 713.864.2364, or at the

door

Organizers: Deborah Colton

Asia Society Texas Consuls General

Heartwaves

Friday, June 24, 2005 6:30 PM Deborah Colton Gallery and Iklektik Designs Culture & Arts Program

Travel through the eclectic warehouse district, only minutes from the theatre district downtown, off Washington Street. Escape into the surreal surroundings of the David Adickes Sculpture Studio, which is the home of Iklektik Designs and the Deborah Colton Gallery (DCG) on the second and third floor. Spend an evening with your friends, meet new ones, and enjoy Contemporary Art, home design, live music and refreshments, while you help raise funds for the ongoing reconstruction efforts following the tsunami of December, 2004. The funds from this effort and sales from both Deborah Colton Gallery and Iklektik Designs will be donated to a grass roots non-profit organization that will provide immediate assistance to one of the affected countries. DCG's main solo artist is JonMarc Edwards from LA, a well-known contemporary artist in the USA and Europe, but Asian inspired. In the gallery's enchanting New York/European loft style setting, enjoy a drink and hors d'oeuvres while viewing the city's most alluring downtown Houston skyline view at sunset. Come, give and enjoy! This promotion will take place through July 7th, 2005.

Co-Sponsors: Iklektik Designs LLC, Deborah Colton Gallery, Joe Abuso Catering and The United Nations Association International Choir. For ticket information please see page 11.



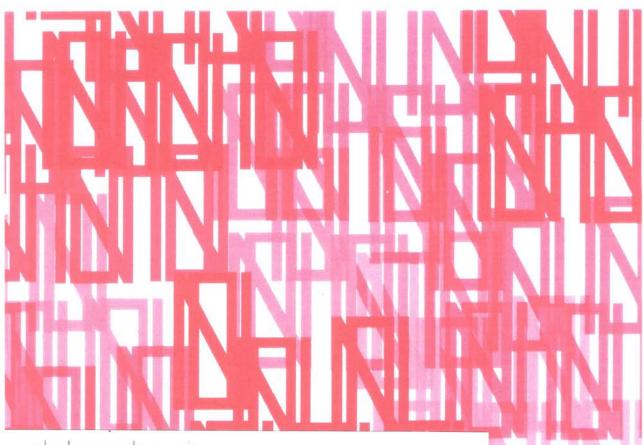
Negative Space LA Artist, JonMarc Edwards

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"HEARTWAVES"

Opening reception: Friday, June 24th, 2005 6:30 - 9:00 pm Show Dates: June 24 to July 2, 2005

Enjoy a drink and hor d'oeuvres while viewing the city's most alluring downtown skyline at sunset.

Thirty percent of all proceeds from sales at both Deborah Colton Gallery and Iklektik Designs go towards a grass roots non-profit organization for Tsunami Relief in South East Asia. The United Nations Choir will perform in conjunction with the Asia Society and many of the International Consul General Offices in Houston.

Featured is LA artist, JonMarc Edwards, many prominent contemporary artists from Asia, Asian antiquities and contemporary decorative art.

Dress: Summer Chic
Catered by Joe Abuso
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The Asia Society Texas
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or info@deborahcoltongallery.com





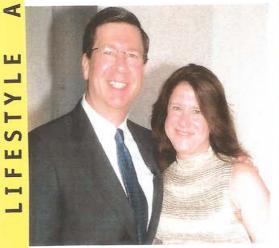








Tsunami Relief Fundraiser hosted by Deborah Colton Gallery and Iklektik Design



Bill and Deborah Colton

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Nancy Hawes



Lillian Ai, Wang Chi



Melissa Vu, Dr. Vu



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Tsunami Relief Event



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Wang Chi, Consul General Hu, Lillian Lee, Wang Guilin



Bill and Deborah Colton



Kris Zero and Jenny Schlief



Lillian Lee, Wang Chi, Lily Foster

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Deborah Colton did it again with another fascinating exhibition at her gallery titled Heartwaves, featuring the work of JonMarc Edwards. ArtsHouston Magazine and others sponsored the opening event, which raised money for Tsunami Relief. Lily Foster, Nana Booker, Mary Morrison, Barbara Davis, Henry Davidson, Wayne Gilbert, Gemma DeSantos and the Asia Society's Nancy Hawes joined the festivities. Internationally recognized collector Lester Marks recently opened his house to visitors following a preview of the Contempory Art Museum's exhibition, Landscape Confection. As usual, visitors were impressed by Lester's ever expand-

ing collection of contempory art. Congratulations to Tamara Savage who was promoted to the managing director of Holocaust Museum Houston. The Museum's executive director, Susan Llanes-Mevers, also deserves recognition for being named president of the Houston Museum District Association Board of Directors. Llanes-Meyers succeeds Dr. Peter Marzio, director of the Museum of Fine Arts. Houston in this role.

The Phantom of the Opera appeared at the Hobby Center in July. On July 8, Phantom Gary Mauer celebrated at the festive cast-party hosted by Zula's. Gary's wife Beth Southard couldn't make the event because she was staying with the couple's two small children, who are touring with their parents. Southard also starred in the show twice per week, playing the

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JUNE 24

This unique event not only featured LA artist, JonMarc Edwards, many prominent contemporary artists from Asia, Asian antiquities and contemporary decorative art, but it also benefited a grass roots non-profit organization for Tsunami Relief in Southeast Asia. The United Nations Choir performed in conjunction with the Asia Society. Guests enjoyed drinks and hor d'oeuvres while viewing the city's alluring skyline. Over \$10,000 was raised this evening.



Bill & Deborah Colton

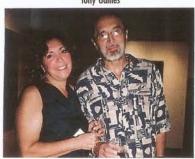




Allen Bianchi & Tarek Midani



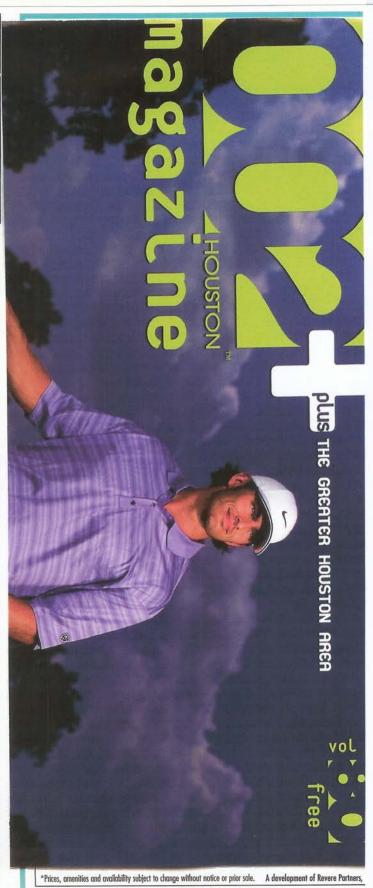
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Above: Asia Society Texas Board Member William Colton with his wife Deborah Colton at the Tiger Ball 2005.

Below: Nyoman Triyana Usadhi performing a Balinese dance at the Tiger Ball 2005. (Photographs by Shehla Z. Shah)

Pictured above is Vishakha Desai, President Aisa Society and Ambassador Marie T. Huhtala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, US Department of State, keynote speakers at the Ambassadors' Forum & Corporate Conference "US-Asia Relations: The Next Four

(Photograph by Shehla Z. Shah)

Pictured to the right is H.E. Said Jawad; Ambassador of Afghanistan to to the United States, E. Daisy Liu and The Honorable Nana Booker, Asia Society Board Members, and H.E. Kedar B. Shrestha; Ambassador of Nepal to the United States. (Photograph by Shehla Z. Shah)







The Honorable Joanne Herring Davis with Mohammad Mian Soomro, Chairman of Senate Pakistan at the program Pakistan Update. (Photograph by Shehla Z. Shah)