



Art Party December 13, 2018: The Best Artists of Puerto Rico in St Barthélemy

*Bobby Cruz, Naimar Ramirez, and Carlos Davila Rinaldi
Exhibit With 14 Local Artists*

The islands of Saint Barthélemy and Puerto Rico are different in many ways but they share one thing in common: a certain creative vitality. Their survival of traumatic hurricanes last year, Irma for one island and Maria for the other, is another shared experience, and even if their artistic energy dates back further than that, it helps sustain another similarity: a network of local artists with enough quality and quantity to nourish a healthy and stimulating sense of competition, all in proximity to the sophisticated American art market.

This proximity will be celebrated during the next Art Party organized at the Hotel Christopher in St Barthélemy on December 13, 2018. Three of the best Puerto Rican artists, identified through Gallery Petrus in San Juan, will exhibit their work alongside that of 14 local artists. Tradewind Aviation plays the role of a bridge between the two islands by flying the artists over. The Tourism Committee of St Barthélemy and the Hotel Christopher, co-organizers of the event with the non-profit association, Artists of St Barth, will cover the cost of transporting the artwork and the housing for the artists.



Art Party: Showcase of Contemporary Art in St Barthélemy

Created by the association Artists of St Barth in 2015, the “Art Party” quickly became one of the most popular soirées on the island of St Barthélemy, a small jewel in the Caribbean known for its exclusivity. The concept? Exhibit the work of local artists— painters, sculptors, photographers... in magical settings across the island, to present St Barthélemy differently, by way of its heritage and cultural richness. The 21st Art Party will take place on December 13, 2018 at the Christopher St Barth, a five-star hotel, renowned for its exceptional oceanfront location.

Carlos Dávila Rinaldi

Presently living and working in Puerto Rico. In 1979, participated in the GLCA Apprenticeship program in NY with Robert Stackhouse and Louis Liberman. Graduated from DePauw University in 1980 with a Liberal Arts degree. Showed at Galeria Luigi Marrozzini until the mid 90s, where he presented 4 individual shows that positioned him within the local art scene. In 1990 was selected for the traveling exhibit: New Art from Puerto Rico organized by the Springfield Art Museum. Painting Professor at Escuela de Artes Plasticas in San Juan for 2 years in the late 90s. In May 2012, presented a mid-career survey "Only Essence Remains" at the Museo Las Americas in Old San Juan, curated by William Stover. Has exhibited locally and internationally on many occasions as well as being included in various major private and public collections. In recent years has participated in various international art fairs including SCOPE and PhotoMiami.



Bobby Cruz



Painter, sculptor, draftsman, and creator of installations. In 2008, he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Painting from Escuela de Artes Plásticas in Puerto Rico. During his career as an artist, he has shown in multiple group exhibits at diverse galleries on the Island and his work has been exposed in contemporary art fairs at United States, among other countries. Had his first solo exhibition in 2009. Cruz brings the painting medium to another level, leaving a mark with his particular style, expressing himself beyond the canvas. He is recognized by his colorful paintings of bicycles and classic cars with linear and protruding strokes of paint. He also works sculpture, always maintaining his discourse by employing objects popular in character that possess collectable potential. The artist reveals his eagerness for the collection of pet objects, transforming them through his work into one more collector's item. Last year, Cruz received the Beca Lexus for artists.

Naimar Ramírez

Multidisciplinary artist who works mostly with and on paper, and oscillates between photography and sculpture, she graduated in 2011 from the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Design and Photography, and obtained a Photography MFA in 2013 from Savannah College of Art and Design. Her artistic interests lie in the space that opens between the image and object concepts, as well as in visual translations that occur when the visible collides with the tactile. This leads to working in a medium-independent manner that is free from overly structured techniques and yields variable results. Her training in the design and architecture fields informs her artistic practice, allowing for a systematic approach to her work, which unifies process, concept, and context. Ramírez has exhibited individually and collectively in galleries, museums, and project spaces in the East Coast of the United States, and across Puerto Rico. In 2016, she was one of the recipients of the Lexus Grant for Artists.





About Artists of St Barth

The association represents a group of close to 50 artists, and its goal is to promote artistic creation in Saint Barthélemy. Other than Art Parties at hotels, the association also presents Art Tastings in island villas, maintains a gallery in Saint Jean at Pati de St Barth, and runs an Art School with Eden Rock Villa Rental.



About The Tourism Committee of St Barthélemy

The CTTSB strives to promote art as a key factor in the development of quality tourism, and give the island of Saint Barthélemy a leading position in the art market throughout the Caribbean.



About The Hotel Christopher St Barth

The five-star Hotel Christopher is located between the sea and lush tropical gardens. It has 42 rooms and suites, two restaurants, a Sisley Spa and an infinity pool, around which the masterpieces will be exhibited. Throughout the evening, cuisine prepared by French chef Nicolas Tissier will be available as small plates.



About Tradewind Aviation

Tradewind Aviation was founded in 2001 on the premise that every flight deserves the highest quality aircraft, crew, and service. Headquartered in Oxford, Connecticut, with operational bases at Westchester County Airport in New York and San Juan International Airport in Puerto Rico, Tradewind operates both on-demand private charter and scheduled "Shuttle" service throughout the U.S. and Caribbean.

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