NEW YORK ACADEMY OF ART'S TRIBECA BALL RETURNS APRIL 19TH HONORING ARTIST KENNY SCHARF

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Arielle Tesoriero (MFA 2022), Promise

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The New York Academy of Art has announced this year's Tribeca Ball will honor artist Kenny Scharf. Presented by Van Cleef & Arpels, the Tribeca Ball showcases the emerging artists of the Academy, with proceeds supporting scholarships and public programming at the school. The ball will take place on April 19th, in the New York Academy of Art at 111 Franklin Street. Serving as Chairs for the evening are theatrical set designer Alba Clemente; Helen King, CEO of Van Cleef & Arpels Americas; Academy board member Brooke Shields and David Totah, whose New York gallery TOTAH will present a solo exhibition by Scharf opening just a few days after the Ball.



Jiwoo Choi (MFA 2023), The Aura

Kenny Scharf has been called "a poster boy for downtown New York art" by The New York Times. He rose to fame in the 1980s, as part of the East Village scene, and his practice spans painting, sculpture, fashion collaborations, album covers, video, and performance art. Scharf has been the subject of a dozen solo museum exhibitions, including at the <u>Hammer Museum</u>, Los Angeles, the <u>Portland Art Museum</u>, and the Pasadena Museum of California Art. In 2020 the documentary <u>"Kenny Scharf: When Worlds Collide"</u> was released. An iconic street artist, Scharf will be unveiling a brand new graffiti mural at the event, created expressly for the Academy.



Sonja Renee Fuenzalida (MFA 2022), Dream

Founded in 1982 by artists, scholars, and patrons of the arts, including Andy Warhol, the New York Academy of Art is a nonprofit educational and cultural institution that combines intensive technical training in the fine arts with active critical discourse. The Academy believes that rigorously trained artists are best able to realize their artistic vision. Through major exhibitions, a lively speaker series, and an ambitious educational program, the Academy serves as a creative and intellectual center for all artists dedicated to highly skilled, conceptually aware figurative and representational art.



Juanwen Amy Liu (MFA 2022), Rebirth

Van Cleef & Arpels was founded in Paris in 1906, following the marriage of Alfred Van Cleef & Estelle Arpels in 1895. Always striving for excellence, the Maison has become a worldwide reference through its unique designs, its collection of exceptional stones, and its virtuoso craftsmanship, collectively bringing enchantment to life. Van Cleef & Arpels is an ardent champions of the transmission and supporting of artistic crafts for over a century. In 2012, VCA founded L'Ecole, a school with a mission is to initiate the public into the world of the jewelry arts.



Pedro Troncoso (MFA 2022), Piñata

To ensure the safety of guests and decrease crowding at the event, the Tribeca Ball will have a totally new format. Dinner guests will enjoy a private VIP Preview in the artist studios from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, followed by a seated dinner. At 8 pm, the Academy will welcome attendees to Studio Party, featuring cocktails and light bites, interactive installations, stiltwalkers, contortionists, one-night-only exhibitions, and surprise musical performances. The highlight of the evening, as always, is a chance for guests to stroll through over 100 artist studios with the artists themselves present.



The <u>Tribeca Ball</u> will be preceded by an online sale of works by Academy students, available on nyaa.edu/shop.

Tickets to both Dinner and the Studio Party are available now at <u>www.tribecaball.com</u>