



Livia Firth, Christopher Bevans and women's Woolmark Prize winner Ruchika Sachdeva.



Woolmark CEO Stuart McCullough and model Liya Kebede.



Tom Guinness, Julia Sarr-Jamois and Matthew Miller.

A WOOLMARK PRIZE PARTY IN ITALY

The 19th-century Palazzo Giuntini, now the St. Regis Florence, was the opulent location for a dinner held to celebrate the winners of the International Woolmark Prize on Jan. 9. Since 1953, the award has recognized young fashion talents for their imaginative use of Australian wool. Men's winner Matthew Miller and women's winner Ruchika Sachdeva were at the centre of the festivities held in the Florentine Renaissance style Salone delle Feste, considered the city's most beautiful entertaining space.



Royal Academy artistic director Tim Marlow.



Cheryl McEwen, Rudyard Griffiths, Eric Margolis, Velerie Pringle and Nancy Lockhart.

IN VERO BEACH, LAUNCHING ART

To launch London-based artist Grayson Perry's exhibition at the Gallery at Windsor, a weekend-long celebration was hosted by Galen and Hilary Weston, founders of the Vero Beach, Florida, enclave known as Windsor. The opening on Jan. 14 marked the start of a three-year curatorial partnership between the gallery and London's Royal Academy of Arts. The academy's Tim Marlow led a conversation with Perry, who was dressed as his alter ego, Claire, before a private dinner at the Weston's oceanfront home.



Hilary Weston and Grayson Perry.

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Barbara Cirkva-Schumacher and Drew Barrymore.

AN ANNUAL BIG APPLE ANTIQUE DO

Every January for nearly 65 years, fascinating and magnificent objects hailing from around the globe have filled Manhattan's Park Avenue Armory for the 10-day Winter Antiques Show. New York society, interior designers and antique aficionados came en masse for the annual must-attend opening-night party on Jan. 18, which once again acted as the annual benefit for East Side House, a community organization based in the South Bronx.



Martha Stewart with students from the East Side House Settlement.



Patricia Fox and Cindy Wheat.

DIOR TOASTS COUTURE CONFECTIONS IN PARIS

Hours after Maria Grazia Chiuri's spring haute couture collection for Christian Dior was presented on a tented runway in the magnificent gardens of the Musée Rodin in Paris on Jan. 22, an extravagant masked ball celebrating the surreal spirit of the collection was given in the very same space. Willow Smith performed for the glittering crowd, made up of international patrons of Dior and familiar faces from the world of fashion, many hidden behind fanciful masks.



Willow Smith.



Maria Grazia Chiuri and Sasha Pivovarova.



Monica Bellucci.