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Sandford Biggers and his fiancée at the Cool Culture Ungala. Courtesy of Meg Stacker.



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Eschewing the traditional trappings of the snooty art gala, Cool Culture celebrated diversity and art at Phillips New York on May 18. The festivities, which included a live and silent art auction, benefit Cool Culture's efforts to provide low-income New York city children free access to local museums and cultural institutions.

Guests included Phillips head Edward Dolman, the Jewish Museum's JiaJia Fei, curator Isolde Brielmaier, designers Ricky and Dee, and honorees Sanford Biggers and Ayqa Khan. Etch-a-Sketch artist Bryan Lee Madden, who made their commemorative plaques (frozen for posterity) was there creating additional work live throughout the night.

Arnold Lehman, the former Brooklyn Museum director and current Phillips senior advisor, a special guest speaker for the event, appeared to have a good evening. As the festivities wore down, artnet News spotted him entering the elevator, with smears of bright pink lipstick marking both cheeks.

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JiaJia Fei and Sir Sargent at the Cool Culture Ungala. Courtesy of Meg Stacker.



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