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Rebuilding Together recognizes outstanding women

The pre-pandemic inaugural Black Dresses and Blueprints event kicked off to raise money on behalf of Rebuilding Together Broward County, a non-profit organization that brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. The event recognized outstanding women who are leaders and have made an impact in the construction industry and the community.

Honorees included: Beth Azor, president and owner of Azor Advisory Services; Debbie Danto, COO and owner of Danto Builders; and Traci Miller, senior vice president and shareholder with Miller Construction. Alexandria Torti was honored with the Young Rebuilder Award.

The event raised \$70,000 for Rebuilding Together Broward County.

Event sponsors included Developer Sponsors JWR Construction, Miller Construction Company; Architect Sponsors Azor Advisory Services, Current Builders, and Durée and Company; Contractor Sponsors MediaLab, and Terranova Corporation; and Superintendent Sponsors Cindy Schutt PR, Florida Palm Construction, Ginsberg Shulman, PL, James The Printer, and US Century Bank.

Rebuilding Together is a leading



Alex and Beth Azor, Lea Lancort and Mario Azor



Ben and Ana Sorenson

national nonprofit in safe and healthy housing that provides low-income homeowners with critical home repairs and revitalizes the communities in which they live. In partnership with the community, Rebuilding Together's primary goal is to eliminate unsafe and deplorable living conditions for low-income homeowners who are elderly, veterans, and/or have disabilities.

Since its inception in 2003 as the local affiliate, Rebuilding Together Broward County



Tom and Ginny Miller, Traci Miller and Troy McHatten



Craig and Debbie Danto, Rosemary Deioma and Barbara Kassidkian

has made immediate, long-term, and significant health and safety repairs to more than 600 homes, changing the lives of more than 1,500 individuals, and providing an estimated \$5 million impact from financial donations, volunteer labor, and donated materials and supplies. For more information, call Rebuilding Together Broward at (954) 772-9945 or visit www.rebuildingtogetherbroward.org.

Frank Art Gallery goes virtual!

The Frank's current exhibition *The Academy* is now going virtual. Due to the closure of the gallery because of the coronavirus pandemic, the community had the opportunity to view *The Academy* in person for only a short period of time. Now guests can enjoy an online 360-degree interactive tour of the exhibition.

The Academy features artwork from Florida International University's Department of Art plus Art History Academy of Portrait and Figurative Art. Presented by The Frank and the City of Pembroke Pines, *The Academy* is on display virtually through

Aug. 8. The virtual exhibition is produced in collaboration with South Florida-based art and technology nonprofit organization Interactive Initiative.

The Academy is inspired by the intense visual drama of Italian Renaissance masterpieces and the

technical precision of 17th

century French académies. A classical art Atelier with courses in drawing and painting, FIU's Department of Art plus Art History is led by founder David Chang, a classically trained artist, professor and chair of the department. The Academy of Portrait and Figurative Art, where students learn one-on-one with a master to perfect their drawing and painting, remains the first of its kind at a public university in the nation. Since its inception, many of FIU's most talented students and alumni have become a part of this unique and competitive experience at the university, establishing it as a leader of visual art in higher education.

"FIU's Academy of Portrait and Figurative Art is a distinguished program and we are so honored to now be sharing their work to a broader audience by moving it online," said Taryn Möller Nicoll, chief curator of The Frank. "This exhibition is so special, and we were so disappointed when we had to close our doors due to the pandemic. We are very excited that *The Academy* can now be experienced virtually and even more thrilled that we are not only sharing it with the South Florida community but



"Philaudia" by Bryanne Torres




"Isos" by Bryanne Torres

also with the global community as well."


In The Frank's Third Space Gallery, which specifically focuses on supporting non-profit organizations, educational partners, underrepresented populations and community advocacy groups, an exhibition of digital paintings by Elton BURGESS is on display. In The Frank Aisles, works by Colby DeGraaf are showcased. Virtual visitors will also be able to view a solo exhibition entitled 'In Between' by Yochi Yakir-Avin. Along with a 360-degree tour of The Frank, guests will be able to see high resolution close-up images of each piece of artwork on view, discover the historical and social relevance of academic techniques today, learn the fundamentals of portraiture and facial proportions in The Frank's project room studio and view the Third Space Gallery exhibitions and related artist presentations and performances.

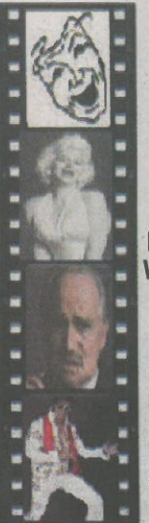
In addition to the virtual experience of *The Academy*, The Frank is offering free fun, engaging and educational virtual workshops, lectures and events for children and adults. For more information, visit thefrankgallery.org/p/other/virtual-classroom. The Frank is located in the Charles F. Dodge City Center in Pembroke Pines at 601 City Center Way. For more information, call 954-392-2120, email thefrank@ppines.com or visit thefrankgallery.org. Follow The Frank on Facebook and Instagram at The Frank Pembroke Pines.



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