



Voluptuous Panic *The 18th Annual Watermill Summer Benefit*

Saturday, July 30
6:00 p.m.

The Watermill Center
39 Watermill Towd Road
Water Mill, New York 11976

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The Watermill Center will once again bring together the worlds of theater, art, fashion, design, and society for ***Voluptuous Panic : The 18th Annual Watermill Summer Benefit***. Benefit artists and Watermill International Summer Program Participants from over 30 different countries will create six acres of installations and performances throughout the grounds of Watermill during the event. The funds raised will support The Watermill Center's International Summer Program and Fall / Spring Residency Program, providing a unique environment for young and emerging artists to explore and develop their work.

Beginning at 6pm, the evening will include cocktails, courtesy of **Bacardi USA**, a silent auction, performances, art installations, dinner, dancing and a live auction hosted by auctioneer **Simon de Pury**, Chairman, Phillips de Pury & Company. The evening will end with guests dancing under the stars in the auction tent. This year's silent and live auction will include over 85 lots from emerging and established artists including **Marina Abramović, Ross Bleckner, Tom Burr, Peter Coffin, E.V. Day, Mary Heilmann, Peter Hujar, Alfredo Jaar, Ray Johnson, Robert Mapplethorpe, Adam McEwen, Yoko Ono, Walter Pfeiffer, Anri Sala, David Salle, Kenny Scharf, Cindy Sherman, Taryn Simon, Inez van Lamsweerde & Vinoodh Matadin, and Aaron Young**, with special lots created in celebration of **Robert Wilsoh's 70th Birthday**.

Voluptuous Panic will be **fearless** this summer and will inspire the fashion, as it is the dress code for the evening. It will be a true festival of the arts and performance all to benefit Watermill and it's mission to provide a unique environment for young and emerging artists to explore new ideas and foster their career development. The grounds of Watermill will feature installations and performances by **Peter Coffin** (USA), **Vassilis Zidianakis** (Greece), **Charlie Le Mindu** (France), **Nazanin Fakoor** (Belgium), **Jakob Oredsson** (Sweden), **Santiago Taccetti** (Argentina), among others.

Peter Coffin (USA) will present a giant moving music box with a full sized steamroller that has been modified to generate music while it rolls on sand, leaving a musical imprint in its path. Atopos Contemporary Visual Culture and Charlie Le Mindu, French-born hairstylist and headpiece designer based in London who has worked with Lady Gaga, will present their new creations, "the Voluptuous Panic Attackers", from the Atopic Bodies series curated by Vassilis Zidianakis, who will invade the 18th Annual Watermill Summer Benefit showing off their sensual personas.

Honorary Chairs: Marina Abramovic, Jane Adams, Pedro Almodóvar, Laurie Anderson, David Bowie & Iman, Steve Buscemi, Chuck Close, Bob Colacello, Alan Cumming, Willem Dafoe, Antonio Damasio, Christophe de Menil, Jimmy Fallon, Jonathan Safran Foer & Nicole Krauss, Frank Gehry, Philip Glass, Nan Goldin, Zaha Hadid, Antony Hegarty, H.R.H. Princess Caroline of Hanover, Anjelica Huston, Jenny Holzer, Bianca Jagger, Norah Jones, Harvey Keitel, Kylie Minogue, Jessye Norman, Mary-Louise Parker, Charlotte Rampling, Lou Reed, Charles Renfro, Isabella Rossellini, Sharon Stone, James Turrell, Viktor & Rolf, Dita von Teese, Rufus Wainwright.

Benefit Chairs: Shaikha Paula Al-Sabah, Lisa Anastos, Wallis Annenberg, Lisa de Kooning, Steven DeLuca, Carla Emil & Rich Silverstein, Wendy & Roger Ferris, Anke & Juergen Friedrich, Barbara Goldsmith, Anne Hearst McInerney & Jay McInerney, Calvin Klein, Dorothy Lichtenstein, Lisa & Richard Perry, Maria Pessino, Tatiana & Champion Platt, Leila & Melville Straus, Christine Wächter-Campbell & William I. Campbell.

Contemporary Chairs: Valerie Boster, Martin Dawson, Amanda Hearst, Dalia Oberlander.

Contemporary Committee: Alexander Acquavella, Genevieve Bahrenburg, Fabiola Beracasa, Edward Chapman, Peter Davis, Zev Eisenberg, Brooke Geahan, Allison Gorsuch, Trisha Gregory, Julie Henderson, Cena Jackson, Terrence Koh, Stephanie Lacava, Katie Lee, Damion Luayie, Josephine Meckseper, Sara Moonves, Karline Moeller, Mark Mullett, Natalie Obradovich, Monique Pean, Richard Phillips, Lauren Remington Platt, Hilary Rhoda, Mary Alice Stephenson, Luigi Tadini, Andrea Tese, Alexandra Vickers, Harley Viera-Newton, Luke Weil, Arden Wohl.

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Special partnerships in celebration of Robert Wilson's 70th birthday with
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The gift bag will be provided by Aesop USA, Inc. in collaboration with The Watermill Center.

cocktails courtesy of Bacardi USA
wine provided by Mouton Rothschild
additional beverages provided by Stella Artois, Izze, S.Pellegrino and Acqua Pana

Tables start at \$10,000, dinner tickets at \$1,000. For tickets, please call [\(212\) 253-7484](tel:212-253-7484).

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ABOUT THE WATERMILL CENTER

Watermill is a laboratory for performance founded by Robert Wilson as a unique environment for young and emerging artists from around the world to explore new ideas. Watermill draws inspiration from all the arts and cultures as well as from social, human and natural sciences. Watermill is a global community of artists. Living and working together among the extensive collection of art and artifacts lies at the heart of the Watermill experience. Watermill is a haven for

the next generations of artists, supporting their work among a network of international institutions and venues that embrace new interdisciplinary approaches.

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