THE SERPENTINE SUMMER PARTY 2023

The legendary annual party returns, gathering a host of UK and international luminaries and artists

Tuesday 27 June 2023
7PM – 10PM
Serpentine Pavilion 2023 designed by Lina Ghotmeh — Architecture

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Hosted by Michael R. Bloomberg, Bettina Korek, CEO, Hans Ulrich Obrist, Artistic Director, the legendary Serpentine Summer Party took place on Tuesday 27 June 2023 on the Serpentine grounds and the Serpentine Pavilion from 7pm to 10pm.

This year’s Serpentine Summer Party was an artist-led path through Kensington Gardens, bringing contemporary culture’s most eminent generation of patrons together with leaders from the arts and public sectors.
Leading figures from the worlds of international art, fashion, music, film, sports and business attended the most significant patronage fundraiser event of the season.

Guests in attendance included:

**Leadership:**

Bettina Korek, CEO, Hans Ulrich Obrist, Artistic Director, Serpentine, Michael R Bloomberg, The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Lady Elena and Lord Norman Foster, Anna Wintour and Lisa Love.

**Artists:**

Lina Ghotmeh, Gabriel Massan, Sissel Tolaas, Tomás Saraceno, Es Devlin, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, Anthony Gormley, Sumayya Vally, Yinka Shonibare, Grayson Perry, Isaac Julien, Tomma Abts, Michael Craig Martin, Mary McCartney, Julian Knx, Yinka Ilori, Larry Achiampong and more.

**VIPs:**

Diane Kruger, Venus Williams, Andrew Garfield, Orlando Bloom, Nile Rodgers, Ruth Wilson, Ellie Goulding, Natasha Lyonne, Lena Dunham, Minnie Driver, Damson Idris, Russell Tovey, Caroline Polachek, Munroe Bergdorf, Duro Oluwu, Amelia Dimoldenberg, Charithra Chandran, Sope Dirisu, Self-Esteem (Rebecca Lucy Taylor), ASAP Nast, Aitch, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Zadie Smith, Bianca Jagger, Georgia May Jagger, Jourdan Dunn, Alexa Chung, Benji B, Major League DJz and Aga Khan Master Musician Trio, Lennon Gallagher, Justin Theroux, Anna Cleveland, Erin Wasson, Pixie Geldof, Olaolu Slawn, Jessica Gomes and David Harewood, Kai-Isaiah Jamal, Olivia Grant, Ozwald Boateng and Matt Berry, Emma Weymouth, Anna Cleveland, Russell Tovey, Abigail Spencer, Julian Knx, Ikram Abdi Omar, Mary Charteris and more.

Selected VIPs were chauffeured by BMW to and from the event in electric vehicles.

**Fashion designers and their squads:**

David Koma with Diane Kruger, Paul Smith with Orlando Bloom, Emilia Wickstead with Alexa Chung, Vivienne Westwood’s Andreas Kronthaler with Vivienne's granddaughter Cora Corré, Roksanda Ilincic with Golda Rosheuvel and Arch Hades, Erdem Moralioglu with Ruth Wilson, Chet Lo with Tsunaina and Susie Lau, Priya Ahluwalia with Sope Dirisu, Dominique Tipper, Saffron Hocking and Charithra Chandran, Molly Goddard with Ellie Rowshell and Theo Ellis from Wolf Alice, Anissa Kermiche, Anna Jewsbury of Completedworks and Samuel Ross.
Bettina Korek, CEO and Hans Ulrich Obrist, Artistic Director, Serpentine said: “We’re delighted to see the return of the legendary Serpentine Summer Party. It is London’s cultural calendar’s apogee and the most significant patronage event of the season. Centred around artists and Lina Ghotmeh’s elegant Pavilion, this year’s prestigious fundraiser was a unique and exciting opportunity to bring the Serpentine community closer together by making connections between our supporters and artists. We thank our patrons, our partners, and artists for their incredibly vital support.”

Lina Ghotmeh’s Pavilion À table

Central to the event was Lina Ghotmeh’s architectural Pavilion À table inaugurated in early June. The Serpentine Pavilion’s theme of conviviality and unity took centre stage through Ghotmeh’s creative direction for The Summer Party with a tailored programme for the night, a specially painted photo backdrop by Ghotmeh, and event design inspired by her Pavilion.

On Ghotmeh’s invitation, the event was initiated with a live performance by the Aga Khan Master Musicians produced in partnership with the Aga Khan Music Programme. The Soriana Project brings together eminent performer-composer-improvisers from Syria and the West who created contemporary music inspired by the rich cultural heritage of the Middle East, and for The Summer Party, was performed by Basel Rajoub, saxophone, dudar; Feras Charestan, ganun; and Andrea Piccioni, frame drums.

Ladurée was delighted to support Serpentine and Lina Ghotmeh’s 2023 Pavilion with limited-edition macarons featuring a design by the architect. La Maison Ladurée has always been closely connected to the art world; its pâtisseries and macarons combine creative inspiration from around the world and the French Art de Vivre. For both Lina Ghotmeh and Ladurée, sitting together ‘À table’ created a moment of conviviality, a moment to savour the joys of good food, conversation, style, and the art of being together.

Exclusive activations

As an ode to British Fashion, the UK’s most innovative and up-and-coming designers dressed their muses and other cultural figures as their guests, spotlighting friendships, collaborations, and inspiration.

Guests experienced a truly immersive and multi-sensorial happening, with a range of interactive installations, surprises and experiences created by artists for one night only. The event culminated with a set by DJ Benji B and an exclusive performance by Major League DJz.

Real-life incarnations of Followers, playful and curious characters invented by artist Gabriel Massan, whose co-created game, exhibition, and token Third World: The Bottom Dimension powered by Tezos is showing at Serpentine North, will be interacting with guests at The Summer Party throughout the evening.
To celebrate the release of their video game and worldbuilding project *Third World: The Bottom Dimension*, Gabriel Massan has minted a momento on Tezos exclusively for The Summer Party guests.

The celebratory evening honoured artists and rotated around Serpentine’s Pavilion and summer exhibition: Tomás Saraceno’s *Web(s) of Life* showing in Serpentine South. Whilst enjoying a glass of R de Ruinart from the oldest champagne house and patron of contemporary art, guest were treated to a film screening of Tomás Saraceno’s Aerocene for Ruinart. A commission, originally part of Ruinart’s COUNTDOWN series, born out of a shared concern about change and highlighting the climate emergency.

For The Summer Party, eminent olfactory artist Sissel Tolaas presented a special preview of her upcoming project: a volcanic stone carrying a smell from 79AD. INVISIBLE POMPEII is an ongoing investigation into the possibilities of olfactory heritage, conceived and commissioned in 2020 by the Nicoletta Fiorucci Foundation, Team Partner of the *Pompeii Commitment. Archaeological Matters* programme pompeiicommitment.org at the Archaeological Park of Pompeii, Italy.

Guests enjoyed Casamigos Tequila throughout the evening: Spicy Cucumber Jalapeño Margaritas and Ginger Mint Palomas served from the exclusive Casamigos bar, provided a true taste of summer for all attendees of the Kensington Gardens soirée.

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