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Cate Blanchett in Armani Privé.



Tico Muirabi with Shala Monroque in Rodarte at The Wall.

Vladislav Doronin and Naomi Campbell

Beach Boys

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THE ERA OF THE 30-MINUTE HOLD ON A PAINTING at Art Basel Miami Beach might be over, but dealers were still ringing up sales during the annual art fair, which officially kicked off Wednesday.

"I think the spirit is very good compared to last year," said megacollector **Eli Broad**, who picked up a piece from James Cohan Gallery. Others were buying, too: **Blaine Trump** got a piece at satellite fair Art Asia, and developer **Aby Rosen** picked out a sculpture by young artist collective Bruce High Quality Foundation.

"You get a good feeling from buying something inexpensive," said Rosen. Lucky thing he saved money, because the lavish Champagne-soaked dinner he cohosted with **Peter Brant** and **Tico Muirabi** on Thursday at his W hotel's Solea restaurant was not frugal. (Neither was **Stavros Niarchos**, **Alex Dellal** and **Vito Schnabel's** after party in the hotel's Wall nightclub.) Rosen's dinner guests included **Agnes Gund**, **Diana Picasso**, **Calvin Klein**, **Jane Holzer**, **Naomi Campbell** and her Russian oligarch boyfriend, **Vladislav Doronin**, and a puffy-looking **Val Kilmer** palling around with **Stephen Dorff**. Fair first-timer **John McEnroe** was there, too.

"I used to have a tennis competition in London at the same time. Since I'm over the hill and not wanted there anymore, I'm here," explained McEnroe, who earlier in the evening joined **Chuck Close** and Whitney trustees **Brooke Neidich** and **Allison Kanders** at a cocktail party for the museum at The Standard hotel. Meanwhile, Pucci's **Peter Dundas** was feted at high-end boutique The Webster.

The previous night, Campbell put in an appearance at **François Nars'** party for his book, "15x15," cohosted by Chandelier Creative at The Standard, while others hit **Santigold's** performance at the Raleigh Hotel and a fete for artist **Teresita Fernandez** at the Setai.

Dealer **Jay Jopling** and designers **Viktor Horsting** and **Rolf Snoeren** headed to **Jefferson Hack's** Another Magazine dinner on the Delano roof. "I am an Art Basel virgin, and I had to pop my cherry with style," said the publisher with a wicked grin.

Later, everyone headed down to the Florida Room for the Purple magazine/Design Miami soiree hosted by Le Baron. As the 76-year-old Broad said, "The only problem with Art Basel is you stay out late and are fatigued the next day."

Valentino, the man, has been partying all over town, but finally Valentino, the brand, got its moment in the social spotlight Thursday when designers **Maria Grazia Chiuri** and **Pier Paolo Piccioli** hosted cocktails in their showroom. "I love New York," Chiuri said. "I love it more when I can go shopping."

Afterward, a select group including **Dree Hemingway**, **Erin Fetherston**, **Matt Tyrnauer**, **Jennifer Creel** and **Allison Sarofim** supped at the Waverly Inn.

Natalie Portman, **Kate Winslet** and **Anne Hathaway** were on hand to support **Cate Blanchett** when she began her much-anticipated run in Brooklyn Academy of Music's "A Streetcar Named Desire" Thursday night. Despite the three-hour runtime, Blanchett gamely headed to the Howard Gilman Opera House after taking her bow for an Old South-themed dessert reception with big-band music and rattan lounge chairs.

Still, Blanchett — hoarse by the night's end — admitted to being a little worse for wear. "I know listening to actors complain about their jobs is a little dull," said the actress, who will be doing eight performances a week until Dec. 20. "But I am exhausted."



Blaine Trump and Michael Kors.



Maria Grazia Chiuri and Valentino.



Peter Dundas and Pharrell Williams



Viktor Horsting, Jefferson Hack and Rolf Snoeren.



Tony Shafrazi, Stephen Dorff and Val Kilmer.



Erin Fetherston and Pier Paolo Piccioli



Samantha Rosen, Calvin Klein, Aby Rosen and Ghislaine Maxwell.

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