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Inside the Houston Arts and Culture Parties That Had People Talking — Celebs, Causes and Creative Moments

A High-Gloss World Of Buzzy Happenings

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Dora Maar Cultural Center Celebration

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Host Krista Dumas and Martha Claire Tompkins at the Dora Maar Cultural Center celebration.

Dora Maar Cultural Center Toasts Its Houston Supporters

What: A cocktail reception and book signing to celebrate the Dora Maar Cultural Center

Where: The art-filled home of **Krista** and **Michael Dumas**

PC Moment: Following Michael Dumas' recent induction to the DMCC's board, the family hosted an evening for more than 40 friends and supporters. Based in Ménerbes, France, the Dora Maar Cultural Center offers residencies in arts, literature and scholarship for extraordinary creatives.

Artist **Kate Mulholland**, a DMCC fellow sponsored by Houston's **Paola Creixell**, spoke about her experience at Dora Maar. DMCC executive director **Gwen Strauss** also presented her latest nonfiction novel *Milena and Margarete: A Love Story in Ravensbrück*.

PC Seen: Dora Maar Cultural Center newly appointed deputy director and chief curator **Frauke Josenhans**; **Heidi Gerger**; **Joe Havel**; **Karl Cogard**; The Menil Collection's **Édouard Kopp**; **Mary** and **Bernardino Arocha**; **Beverly** and **Howard Robinson**; **Sharon Lederer**; **Ellis Mills**; **Howard Sherman**; **Alice Major**; **Melissa Sandor**; **Kim** and **Roy Steinhagen**; and **Carla Knobloch**.