

VIPs preview art auction event at Sotheby's

A good barometer of how seriously the art world views Dallas' Two by Two for AIDS and Art auction was last week's VIP preview of the event in New York.

More than 250 people came to a reception at Sotheby's auction house to look at works of art that will be offered for sale both live and online during the Oct. 20 Two by Two gala at the Dallas estate of art collectors Cindy and Howard Rachofsky.

The Rachofskys were at the New York event, welcoming prominent guests including actor and Broadway star Cheyenne Jackson (*Danny on 30 Rock*), Dallas Museum of Art director Max Anderson, model-actress China Chow (daughter of the late Tina Chow), Two by Two chair-



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woman Amy Phelan and Two by Two director Melissa Meeks.

Also on hand at Sotheby's was accessories designer Nancy Gonzalez. She's commissioned 10 well-known contemporary artists to each create a signature tote bag from matte crocodile to be auctioned at the gala.

Well-composed Buffett

A reminder that composer Peter

Buffett will headline next Thursday's Lunch With a View benefit for Ursuline Academy at the Sheraton Dallas. Having released 16 albums, Buffett has had little trouble escaping the shadow of his famous father, financier Warren Buffett.

An Emmy winner, Buffett composed the "Fire Dance Song" for the film *Dances With Wolves*.

In this luncheon presentation, he refers to the \$90,000 worth of Berkshire Hathaway stock that he received when he was 19. (Last week, I wrote incorrectly that the stock came from his father, when in fact, it was from his grandfather, who left all of his grandchildren the equivalent of \$90,000 worth of stock.)

Warren Buffett helped his son invest that money to pursue his music career.

In his talk, Peter Buffett says, "If I had sat on my hands and done nothing with that \$90,000 worth of stock, I would have \$70 million today. ... Never once did I wish I had the money. I am Exhibit A, living proof of your money or your life."

Our town Crier

Former state district judge turned TV news star Catherine Crier popped up in her Dallas hometown this week dining on her favorite stuffed jalapeños at E Bar, the new Tex-Mex joint from former Primo's owner Eddie Cervantes and his

brother-in-law Ernie Quilantan.

In '89, Crier made a famous career change when she left her judgeship in Dallas to become co-anchor of the evening news on CNN. Soon she moved to ABC, where she regularly filled in for Peter Jennings on *World News Tonight*.

She came through Dallas for a speaking engagement and to promote her fifth book, *Patriot Acts: What Americans Must Do to Save the Republic*.

A former patron of Primo's, she made time to come by E Bar Tuesday evening with longtime Dallas pals Randy Washam and John D. Ward.

"I've come for your stuffed jalapeños," she said. "I've been thinking about them."