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Image featuring detail of Robert Hudson's *Running Through the Woods*, 1975. Courtesy of di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art.

## di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art Invites Art and Fashion Fans to Join Expression Ball on June 22

*Attendees Will Raise Funds in Support of di Rosa Programs and Exhibitions*

Napa, CA (May 2, 2024) – di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art (di Rosa) invites lovers of art, fashion, food, and wine to an enchanting evening under the stars at the [Expression Ball](#), a fundraising gala to benefit the Napa, CA art center on Saturday, June 22, 2024. The event will be hosted by Honorary Co-Chairs Christian Cowan and Jock McDonald.

The Expression Ball is a fusion of imagination, art, nature, and creative expression, set amidst the stunning backdrop of di Rosa's galleries and sculpture gardens. Guests are encouraged to dress to impress, from flamboyant to funky, Dadaist to postmodern, and raise funds in support of di Rosa's ambitious exhibitions, engaging public programs, and crucial collection of Northern California art. Details and tickets are available at [www.dirosaart.org/expression-ball/](http://www.dirosaart.org/expression-ball/).

The evening kicks off at 5:30 pm with a red-carpet arrival. After making their way to the Courtyard, guests will be treated to a wide-ranging culinary palette from some of the Sonoma-Napa region's best chefs and restaurants, including Angèle, Celadon, Elaine Bell Catering, Mustards Grill, Oakville Grocery, The Q Restaurant & Bar, Southside Café, Valley Bar



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& Bottle, Visconte Catering, and Zuzu, and wineries, including Atelier Ilaria, Alpha Omega, Bella Union, Bouchaine, Buena Vista, B. Wise Vineyards, Chimney Rock, DANA Estates, The Donum Estate, Groth Vineyards & Winery, JCB by Jean-Charles Boisset, Laurel Glen Vineyard, Mt. Brave, Muscardini Cellars, Opus One, Raymond Vineyards, Stags' Leap Winery, Truchard Vineyards, and more.

At 8 pm guests will enjoy opening remarks from fashion designer Christian Cowan and artist Jock McDonald, followed by a live auction featuring unique works of art and unforgettable experiences. The evening will conclude with drinks and dancing under the stars.

#### **About Christian Cowan**

Christian Cowan is the founder and creative director of CHRISTIAN COWAN, a collection of womenswear and accessories that is available online and at select retailers around the world. Renowned for his ability to create pieces that are at once fabulous and wearable, Cowan has been described by *Vogue* as “the go-to New York designer for high-octane glamour”. He was a finalist of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) / *Vogue* Fashion Fund in 2018, the year after he relocated to New York.

#### **About Jock McDonald**

Jock McDonald is a fine art photographer whose work has been widely published and exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the world. Born in Vancouver, Canada, and based in the San Francisco Bay Area, McDonald is a self-taught photographer whose work has achieved acclaim for its distinctive understanding of humanity, our shared commonalities, and its qualities of connectivity and empathy. His photographs are held in numerous institutional and corporate collections including the Smithsonian Museum of American Art; the Museum of Fine Arts Houston; the Santa Barbara Museum of Art; and Fototeca de Cuba in Havana. His video projection work, *We the People*, was recently exhibited at di Rosa.

#### **About di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art**

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art is a non-profit art center and nature preserve specializing in the art of Northern California. Located at 5200 Sonoma Highway, on 217 acres in the Carneros region of Napa, di Rosa includes two large art galleries, a beautiful lake, abundant birding, walking trails with vineyard views, outdoor sculptures, and picnic grounds.

di Rosa presents contemporary exhibitions by Bay Area-based artists in addition to maintaining a permanent collection of notable works by artists with ties to the Bay Area from the mid-twentieth century to the early 2000s.

di Rosa offers an array of public programs and events for all ages to inspire creativity and curiosity. di Rosa is open to the public without reservations Thursday through Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm, and by appointment Tuesday through Wednesday. Visitors are encouraged to bring picnics. Children and educators are always free at di Rosa. For more information visit [www.dirosaart.org](http://www.dirosaart.org).

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