



THE
VENDUE
CHARLESTON'S ART HOTEL

**CHARLESTON'S ART HOTEL ANNOUNCES NEW ART EXHIBITION
"Lions and Tigers and Bears" to Open October 2016**

CHARLESTON, SC (September 19, 2016) – Charleston's Art Hotel, [The Vendue](#), today announced the opening date for their newest art exhibition, "Lions and Tigers and Bears". The dynamic show, co-curated by [Robert Lange Studios](#) and the hotel's art director, Emily Rigsby, will be revealed to the public on October 20, 2016.



Transfiguration – Kevin Taylor

"Lions and Tigers and Bears" is anchored by an animal-related theme - specifically focusing on the surreal and nontraditional. This exhibition combines artists from a diverse range of artistic disciplines at differing levels of their careers. More than

thirty artists were selected for the show, including renowned painters Kevin Taylor, Karen Hollingsworth, and Elicia Edijanto, many artists are showing their work in Charleston for the first time.

This show comes on the heels of a highly academic exhibition "From the Academy: New Works from the Faculty and Alumni of the New York Academy." The new exhibit will embrace whimsical features and offer one of the most relatable themes possible - animals. Each of the participating artists have taken a fairly straightforward concept and let it spark something magical. The result is thirty pieces of art offering a glimpse into their perception of the theme.

"The caliber of artists creating work for this show is top notch and with the reputation of the hotel as an art lover's dream destination spreading, I'm excited to see how the art experience will continue to grow," says Robert Lange, artist and owner of Robert Lange Studios.

In an effort to foster a connection between the participating artists and the public, The Vendue has organized two events in correlation with the opening of "Lions and Tigers and Bears." On Wednesday, October 19th from 7-9pm, Drawing Room will host a preview dinner which pairs four of the participating artists with a thoughtfully curated menu by renowned chef, Forrest Parker. Acclaimed artists, Ethan Diehl, Erik Johnson, Mary Engel, and Kevin Earl Taylor will speak about their interpretation of the theme and their creative process. Tickets are \$65 and space is limited. Call 843-414-2334 to reserve your seat at this highly anticipated dinner. The following night, Thursday, October 20th from 6-8pm, The Vendue will host the opening reception for "Lions and Tigers and Bears" and will feature live music, cocktails, and passed hors d'oeuvres.

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ABOUT THE VENDUE

Situated in Charleston's historic French Quarter, Charleston's Art Hotel, displays over 300 original works of art as well as rotating art installations. The hotel employs a full-time art director and art docent, as well as an artist-in-residence in the hotel's art studio. After undergoing extensive multimillion-dollar renovations in 2014, both 19 and 26 Vendue Range, dating back to the 18th century, collectively offer 84 unique guest accommodations. With its prime location in the city's Gallery District, The Vendue is a perfect base from which to explore Charleston's famed mansions, gardens, houses of worship and museums, as well as its celebrated dining and retail establishments.

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