

Eroticism: Studies of desire and sexuality

Presented by the Roundtable Committee and co-chairs for the night, **Danielle Schachter, Annika Connor, and Helga Kopperl**, We celebrate the human form as it has evolved through the years, from the social perspective of society itself to the artists that chose to capture it. This evening the Roundtable Committee creates an environment that explores the powerful effect of eroticism in the arts and the many forms of expression that it encompasses. *Eroticism: Studies of Desire and Sexuality* will delve into such burning questions as:

- * What is erotic, who decides, and how have different cultures and time periods expressed this?
- * How has erotic art been received in the art community?
- * Why does the focus of erotic art changed through the years and why?
- * How has eroticism influenced the work of the world's great artists, artisans and writers?

On May 21st this one-night affair includes:

- *Art presentation and lectures by **Danielle Schachter, Annika Connor** and **Carolyn Weltman**
- *Erotic readings directed by **Helga Kopperl**, performances by actors **Tony Travostino** and **Memory Contento**
- *Exploration (and tasting) of chocolate conducted by lifestyle expert **Thomas P. Farley**
- *Exhibition by photographer **Sol Lang**, and other various artists
- *Vocal performance soprano **Katharina Hagopian** with piano accompaniment by **Ye Duan**

DATE: May 21, 2009

TIME: 8:00 p.m. (press arrivals start at 7:30)

PLACE: National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South, off 20th St between Park & Irving Place

GIFT BAGS: For first 100 guests and members of the press, will include chocolate, lingerie, etc.

AFTER-PARTY: 11:00 p.m.–3:00 a.m. at Mr. West (559 West 22nd Street) mention event