

## Celebrating the Greater Good

DECEMBER 30, 2019

*The American Foundation of Savoy Orders Youth Program Chairman Joseph B. Giminaro*, and the **Young Friends Steering Committee of Save Venice** led by philanthropist and activist **Lizzie Asher**, hosted a joint cocktail reception in honor of **H.R.H. Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia, Prince of Venice**. The cocktail reception was held to raise awareness of conservation efforts in Venice following the extreme floods (*acque alte*) that devastated Venice in November. The invitation-only event took place at 10 Corso Como, 200 Front Street, South Street Seaport, New York City. Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia is head of the Council of the Savoy Dynastic Orders.

Notable attendees included: **Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia, Lizzie Asher, Joseph B. and Katherine Giminaro, Carl Morelli, Casey Kohlberg, Anthony Schembri, Christina Senia, Ashlee Harrison, Thomas Zampino, Matteo Bolla, Alexander Hankin, Polina Proshkina, Bernardo Ortiz, Karine Zacharias, Laura Lehmann, Elisa Carollo, Oliver Blodgett, Clayton and Parker Calvert, Hudson Gaines-Ross, Carly Baum, Laron Howard, Shana Davis, Clare Ngai, Mercedes de Guardiola, Michele Rayden, Michael Espiritu, Felipe Victoria, Jay Cheshes, Baroness Sheri de Borchgrave, Joanita Titan, Christopher Liu, Laura Day Webb, Silvia Mella, Wendy McNett, Brie Bobalek, Jasmine Lobe, Kate Mack from Coach, Philip Valles from Moncler.**



Shana Davis, Casey Kohlberg, Lizzie Asher, Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia, Christina Senia, Mercedes de Guardiola, Michele Rayden, and Clare Ngai.

Save Venice Board Member Lizzie Asher, American Foundation of Savoy Orders Youth Program Chairman **Joseph B. Giminaro**, together with **Carl Morelli** and **Anthony Schembri** discussed the importance of their collaboration in light of the historic November floods in Venice. Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia shared what the conservation efforts mean to him and the importance of conserving Venice for the world as part of our shared cultural heritage.

Prior to the event, the American non-profit organization Save Venice jump-started their efforts with the creation of an Immediate Response Fund for artistic and cultural heritage recovery. The Embassy of Italy in Washington DC and Save Venice are partnering to raise funds for the **Immediate Response Fund**, which will support urgent relief efforts and preventative conservation. Donations can be made at [savevenice.org/donate](https://savevenice.org/donate) by selecting the Immediate Response Fund, and will be matched by Save Venice, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 through February 2020.



Anthony Schembri, Joseph B. Giminaro, Lizzie Asher, and Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia.

Save Venice is acting quickly and decisively to address works of art and buildings that are in immediate need and in peril, including churches, museums, *scuole*, and other historic landmarks. The organization's staff is on the ground, working in close collaboration with conservators and local authorities, taking stock of the damage at our conservation sites as well as other affected cultural sites throughout the lagoon and organizing immediate actions.

Thanks to the Immediate Response Fund, artistic and cultural heritage recovery efforts are now underway at Galleria Giorgio Franchetti at the Ca' D'Oro, The Church of Santa Maria Assunta on the Island of Torcello, The Church of Santa Maria dei Carmini, The Church of Santa Maria del Giglio, The Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli, The Church of San Moisè, The Church of San



Polo, The Church of San Sebastiano, The Church of San Stae, Scuola Dalmata di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, and Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista.

Sponsors for the event were: **Macchu Pisco, Valdo Prosecco, Galliano, Q Tonic.**

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Elisa Carollo, Oliver Blodgett, Clayton Calvert, and Parker Calvert.



*L. to r.:* Silvia Mella and Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia; Casey Kohlberg and Lizzie Asher.



Thomas Zampino, Lizzie Asher, Matteo Bolla, Joseph B. Giminaro, and Katherine Giminaro.





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Lizzie Asher and Christina Senia.



Mercedes de Guardiola, Casey Kohlberg, and Laura Day Webb.



Prince Emanuele Filiberto di Savoia, Katherine Giminaro, Joseph B. Giminaro and friends.