

Kodachrome Ritz Celebrates Vibrant Homer Community

Homer, Alaska (October 10, 2024)

The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc. Hosts Signature Benefit Event at the Pratt Museum



On Saturday, October 5th, *The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc.* Board of Directors and the Pratt Museum staff were proud to once again bring people together for Kodachrome RITZ. “As a community museum, this was a special opportunity to bring people together in support of our facility and our educational exhibits and programs,” said Pratt Museum Executive Director, Patricia Relay, who was thrilled to be part of this year’s event.

Each gallery in the Museum held something special for attendees to experience while they sipped their wine and enjoyed hearty hors d’oeuvres. The Main Gallery featured special exhibition *Rarefied Light 2023*, a series of award-winning photographs from across the state of Alaska, as well as enchanting piano pieces performed by local musician, Erica Ono Hasche. Online and Live Auction items were displayed in the Marine Gallery. A live-art demonstration featuring local artist Sharlene Cline was held in the Gallery *Kachemak Bay: An Exploration of People and Place*, culminating in the creation of Japanese Shikishi rice paper panels painted with delicate fireweed blooms.

The event was a tremendous success thanks to the widespread support from sponsors, from the 44 businesses and individuals who donated auction items, and from the 110 community members who participated in the event. This vibrant community celebration helped raise nearly \$17,000 in support of the Museum’s critical efforts to explore and preserve the traditions, cultures, science, and art of Kachemak Bay.

About the Pratt Museum The mission of the Pratt Museum is to explore and preserve the culture, science, and art of the Kachemak Bay region. Our vision reflects our sense of place within our community; collaborative and inclusive. We strive to strengthen the interconnected relationships between people and place by sharing and preserving stories and materials relevant to the communities we serve. The Museum is open daily from 10am-6pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day and Tuesday-Saturday from 11am-4pm the rest of the year. Visit the Pratt Museum at 3779 Bartlett Street in Homer. Tel (907) 235-8635. More information is available at <http://www.prattmuseum.org/>.