

**Alain Ducasse at the Essex House, Montgomery Frazier and Island Weiss recently hosted** a champagne reception to celebrate the unveiling of the newly designed art installation in the Essex House dining room, entitled *Célèbre l'Été*.

Image guru Montgomery Frazier of M3 The Image Group, in collaboration with Island Weiss Gallery, conceptualized the installation, featuring Island Weiss Gallery artists **Elizabeth Strong-Cuevas** and **Chunhong Chang**.

The reception brought together the gallery's and artist's friends, and Ms. Strong-Cuevas was on hand to discuss the concepts behind her sculpture. Guests were treated to chef **Tony Esnault's** exquisite hors d'oeuvres and petits fours, paired with sommelier **Andre Compleyre's** superb selection of champagne and wines.



James Curich and Candice Madey

Strong-Cuevas's strong visionary sculptures and Chunhong Chang's floral and still life paintings invigorate the south vitrines of Mr. Ducasse's 58th Street restaurant, offering diners a gallery of fine artworks that will enrich their experience of dining at Alain Ducasse. The forms, fruits and florals of the installation are bright, bold and sumptuous, complementing the cuisine of the summer menu.



Elizabeth Strong-Cuevas sculptures

To experience this fusion of savory delights, visit Alain Ducasse at the Essex House before September 20, when the installation will close with summer's end.



Candice Madey, Island Weiss, Elizabeth Strong-Cuevas, and Montgomery Frazier



Island Weiss and Richard Torrenzano



Elizabeth Strong-Cuevas and Rita Jammet



David Meyer, Meghan Boody, and Montgomery Frazier



L. to r.: Steven Adler and High Voltage; Island Weiss and Audrey Tanzer; James Curich, Gita Sweeney, Candice Madey.



Montgomery Frazier and Andrew Black



Margot Gumpert, Island Weiss, and Rita  
Fredrick Salzman



Susan Kirschbaum and Island Weiss