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The Fifth Year is a Charm

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It's that time of year again. Endless soirées, office holiday festivities, galas—you know the drill around the holidays. So when the fab French café Bruno Jamais Restaurant Club celebrated its fifth anniversary, we jumped at the chance to attend an event surrounding something other than turkey, reindeer, and chestnuts roasting on an open fire. We were especially excited when we learned the Upper East Side restaurant would be transformed into an art gallery of sorts for the event (you know how we love to get our culture on) featuring famed French Artist Cyrille Margarit whose clients have included Ivana Trump and Madonna. Better than drinking eggnog with Aunt Ida right? Speaking of imbibing, guests were served champagne and wine courtesy of Champagne Paul Goerg and MetroWine respectively. Coupled with hors d'ouvres from Bruno's eatery, the treats were swell.



So on Tuesday, November 6, hundreds of media, dignitaries, socialites, and event planners were hosted by Bruno Jamais and Katherine M. Rothman, the CEO of KMR Communications. Czech Republic Trade Commissioner Thomas Hart, socialites Annabel Vartanian and Kristian Laliberte, and music impresario Charles Huggins had their party hats on. And all guests had the opportunity to enter a raffle benefiting RiverKeeper, an organization that was established to safeguard the ecological integrity of the Hudson River, its tributaries and the watershed of New York City by tracking down and stopping polluters. The raffle featured all kinds of luxury prizes including a Suz Andreasen Couture necklace, David Yurman Cufflinks, a Cole Haan handbag, among other things. All in all, we would say the event was a success as \$1,600 was raised through the raffle for RiverKeeper. And all the guests left with goody bags from Parisian skincare company Sothys. So if you ever have a hankering for established contemporary French cuisine, you know where the party's at.

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