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On November 10th, Forest Whitaker and Mrs Ella Krasner in partnership with Star Diamond and Dom Perignon hosted Place for Peace Dinner and Auction at Banqueting House at the Palace of Whitehall. Founded in May 2011 by Forest Whitaker and Conflict Resolution expert, Aldo Civico, with UNESCO to foster a global culture and practice of peace by strengthening the human potential through dialogue and peace negotiations.



The PeaceEarth Foundation is recognised as an Institute under the auspices of UNESCO which brings to UNESCO a unique focus and expertise in addressing the violent conflicts that take place in cities and urban areas, particularly among youth and gangs in virtually all regions. The PeaceEarth Foundation will design, implement and evaluate innovative methods for strategic community and peace building to effectively prevent and reduce violence and conflict affecting societies and urban areas. The Place for Peace Dinner and Auction will be an opportunity to support the mission of the PeaceEarth Foundation, founded by Forest Whitaker, and to raise funds for numerous projects the Foundation is developing towards peace. The PeaceEarth Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to global and community peace-building and citizen empowerment in conflict zones worldwide especially towards the youth experiencing the aftermath of violence, war and trauma.



THE PEACEARTH FOUNDATION

Forest Whitaker is a distinguished artist and humanist; he is the founder and Chair of the PeaceEarth Foundation and is the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation. Forest Whitaker is also a talented, versatile performer and one



of Hollywood's most accomplished figures. He has received prestigious artistic distinctions, including the 2007 Academy Award for Best Actor for performance as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland", as well as the BAFTA, SAG Award and Golden Globe for Best Actor and the Cannes Film Festival Award for Best Actor for Bird. For the last decade he has dedicated most of his time to extensive humanitarian work. He currently serves as a spokesperson for the Ugandan child soldier orphanage Hope North, providing community and hope to young victims of the civil war. In 2001, Forest was awarded the Humanitas Prize for his selfless and on-going advocacy for child soldiers, as well as his work with inner-city youth. In 2008 he served as a member of the Urban Policy Committee and currently sits on the board of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH). Committed to work for peace in all its facets, Forest Whitaker, founded in 2012 the Los Angeles based PeaceEarth Foundation, to help societies affected by destructive conflicts and gang violence rejuvenate into safer and more peaceful communities. Working in partnership with international organizations grassroots communities and network of experts, the Foundation seeks to promote youth empowerment, access to knowledge, capacity-building and cultural diversity. The work of the Foundation is instrumental to further the mission of Mr Whitaker as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador



for Peace and Reconciliation. **Ella Krasner**, the event chairperson, is an internationally recognised philanthropist, charitable fundraiser and an advocate for human rights, children's charities and the Arts. This Autumn Mrs Krasner founded, in partnership with the BFI, The Krasner Fund for the BFI, supporting film treasures in the BFI Collections.



AUCTION PRIZES

- Signed guitar – Jon Bon Jovi
- Day of portrait being painted by Jake & Dinos Chapman
- Suit from John Travolta
- Walk on role in Jonathan Rhys Meyers, 'Dracula' television series
- Jacket worn by Arnold Schwarzenegger in 'The Terminator'
- Signed guitar – Kasabian
- Two tickets for paddock at Monaco Grand Prix courtesy of Ferrari
- Flying lesson by John Travolta in his plane



"The continued pursuit of peace on this planet, in this lifetime is a mantra and goal that allows all of us to gather for a night of peace building. Thank you for recognizing the connection that exists between us and being willing to deepen the connection through giving of your time, money and heart. I join you with my co-host Ella Krasner with the desire to 'build peace in the hearts and minds of men and women.'" Forest Whitaker – UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation