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Launch Of The Krasner Fund for the BFI at The Ivy

The Krasner Fund for the BFI: supporting film treasures in the BFI Collections. The Krasner Fund for the BFI will underpin a series of events throughout the year which, in turn, will leverage additional support for the unparalleled collections held in the BFI National Archive. Amanda Nevill, BFI CEO said, “We are delighted to welcome Ella Krasner to the BFI. Her donation will support the work of the BFI collections and the fund we are launching with her at the Archive Gala will act as a meaningful catalyst to leverage additional significant funds for the same cause. We are very grateful to her for initiating a new concept of support for our Archive in a sustainable way.” Read further.

Launch Of Voice Of The Angel by Karen Ruimy

On October 17th, Karen Ruimy an Xquisitus member launched her new book at the Groucho Club. Karen Ruimy was a financial broker. A really, really good financial broker. But she wanted to be a musician and dancer, so she left the square mile for the arts and now she's just published her second book, The Voice Of The Angel. Yay! Bit of a superwoman, no? At its launch party in the Groucho Club, Karen didn't stop mingling all night until Mariella Frostrup arrived and they retreated to a corner to have a girly catch-up. Lots of champagne-sipping later, it was declared the best book launch anyone had ever been to. See? Karen - bit of a superwoman. Read further.

The GREAT Initiative Boodles Campaign and Launch Event

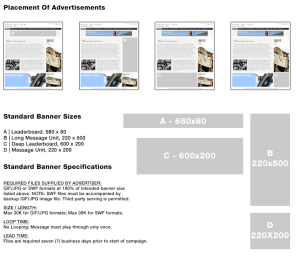
On November 6th, Great Boodles host a photographic exhibition and party to celebrate the women we value and support at the Corinthia Hotel. At the GREAT Initiative they are committed to altering the status quo for these millions of, too often invisible women, for whom equal rights remain a distant dream. The money they raise supports small grassroots female focused projects along with all important advocacy, amplifying the voices of capable but powerless sisters so that they can be heard across the globe and through the corridors of power. The GREAT Initiative have decided to partner with the wonderful family run Bond Street institution, BOODLES jewellers to design a bracelet, beautiful enough to make your mouth water, set to become an iconic symbol of female friendship. Read

The Place for Peace Dinner and Auction

On November 10th, Mrs Ella Krasner an Xquisitus member, Forest Whitaker and IIP’s other co-founder will host the Star Diamond Place for Peace Dinner and Auction at Banqueting House at the Palace of Whitehall. IIP’s objective is to focus on the problem of urban violence and work with people around the world to foster community and peace-building among educators, community and religious leaders, entrepreneurs, local police, and young people affected by violence. The Institute also aims to engage citizens in diplomacy and to encourage them to participate in building peace through research, practice and public engagement. Read further.

Restaurant Review - Sushi Samba

Sushisamba has sashayed into town like some spectacular Las Vegas stage show, parked itself atop the vertiginous Heron Tower and claimed one of the world’s most spectacular dining locations. The view from the 39th-floor bar resembles a twinkling Asian megalopolis – although vistas from the restaurant itself are less gob-smacking. Unclothed tables, tiled floors and tomato-red seating do nothing to distract from the sight lines, while perma-smiling, model agency-grade staff demystify the menu’s ethnic mix of Japanese, Brazilian and Peruvian influences. Our green-bean and rock-shrimp tempura benefited from light, crisp batter, three tiraditos (amberjack, salmon, yellowtail) were good and zingy, and a plate of sushi was fresh but not especially flavoursome – although everything was beautifully presented. Despite variable cooking and punchy prices, this is a restaurant that all Londoners should experience just once – especially for a summer table on the terrace. Read further...



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