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*On August 2, 2013, not-for-profit art museum, sculpture garden, and art education organization **LongHouse Reserve** hosted a spectacular evening of late summer artistic treats and treasures on its sprawling East Hampton property. The Friday evening extravaganza celebrated the opening of two of its much-anticipated 2013 exhibits: internationally acclaimed Chinese contemporary artist and dissident **Ai Weiwei**'s *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold* and top emerging Cuban sculptor **Yoan Capote**'s *RERUM ALTER NATURA*. The Reserve kicked off these two noteworthy exhibits with an enchanting garden concert by the inventive **Voxare Quartet**.*

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Friday evening's festivities included the new exhibit from famed contemporary Chinese artist and political activist **Ai Weiwei's *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold***. The twelve-piece art installation is the gold patina-plated 'collector' series of his internationally touring body of work. A collaborative project between **Ai Weiwei**, his studio, and private New York art organization **AW Asia**, the exhibit will reside at LongHouse until October 12th.

The second exhibit is from top Havana sculptor and UNESCO prize-winning artist **Yoan Capote**. *RERUM ALTER NATURA*, or *The Other Nature of Things*, is Capote's most recent work, completed during his current residency in the states. Like much of Capote's energetic, psychologically-driven, and superbly well-crafted work, *RERUM ALTER NATURA* features two bronze sculptures, and grapples with immigration, exile and the emotional and psychological plight of the wandering traveler. The exhibit will also run through the end of the season.



Emily Ondracek-Peterson and Jack Lenor Larsen



Galina Zhdanova, Dianne B, and Adrian Daurov

The art-filled evening was made complete with a passionate performance by **Voxare** quartet, comprised of violinists **Emily Ondracek-Peterson** and **Galina Zhdanova**, violist **Erik Peterson**, and cellist **Adrian Daurov**. The group performed not only standard repertoire, but also contemporary works by living composers as well as their own arrangements of popular and rock music.

Guests included Guns N' Roses guitarist **Richard Fortus**, photographer **Michael Halsband**, President and Founder of Fundación Amistad **Maria 'Luly' de Lourdes Duke**, **Ralph Pucci**, **Asia Dyrkacz**, **Rolf Heitmeyer**, **Ellen Wesibrud**, **Nancy Singer**, **Angela** and **Eric Firestone**, **Fiona Moore** and son **Declan Slonim**, **Claudia Spinelli**, **James Solomon**, **Larry Warsh** and **Jonah Warsh**, **Sandra Becker**, **Victoria Exnicios**, **Howard Farber**, **Lillian Heidenberg**, **Melissa Armstrong**, **Melissa Mapes**, and **Katerina Benzoba**.

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