



Haute 100: Park West Gallery Teams Up With Romero Britto, Guy Harvey & Andrew Bone to Better Society

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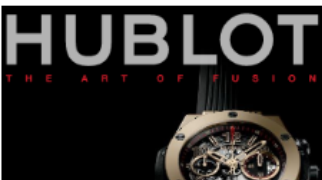


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Park West Gallery VIP Art Director Jason Betteridge presents a \$50,000 check to Romero Britto that will benefit Best Buddies International. (Credit: Park West Gallery)

Haute 100 lister **Romero Britto** has teamed up with Park West Gallery, which is known for fine art auctions on cruise ships, live art auctions in metropolitan areas and art galleries in Detroit and Miami, to support organizations that encourage conservation and bettering society. The Miami-based artist will be working along side fellow artists Guy Harvey and Andrew Bone.

As a means to support these philanthropic efforts, the gallery's non-profit organization, the Park West Foundation, has donated \$115,000 to three non-profit organizations. The gallery's organization donated \$50,000 to both the **Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation** and **Best Buddies International**. The Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, which was founded by artist and scientist Harvey, works to support efforts that protect marine habitats and environments. As for the Best Buddies International, it is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-on-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is an organization that Britto has supported for more than 20 years.

In a statement released by the gallery, Britto said, "Good will and kindness are contagious. It's wonderful to see the Park West Foundation giving generously to Best Buddies, an important organization that I have held dear to my heart for many years."

Harvey is also pleased with the donation from the Park West Foundation. He said, "Park West Gallery has done a tremendous job in supporting my artwork and is now furthering their commitment to our oceans by making a generous financial contribution to benefit the research and education work of the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation."

The last \$15,000 will be given to the Bone's Forever Wildlife Foundation, which is working with the **Wildlife ACT Fund Cheetah Project**. According to Bone, who is a wildlife artist and conservationist, the project will help to protect South Africa's cheetah population.

"What we need to do is get in there and collar four or five of these cheetah to start monitoring them, because we have absolutely no idea what their conditions are or where they are," Bone said. "Park West is in a position to be able to donate, and I know it's going to be a win-win."