These Dining Installations Fight AIDS and Look Fabulous [SLIDESHOW]

DIFFA's Dining by Design event in New York raises over $700,000.

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More than 30 of the design industry's top architects, manufacturers and brands created extravagant dining installations for the 21st annual Dining by Design HIV/AIDS fundraising event in New York. Hosted by DIFFA: Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, this year's event raised more than $700,000. According to a DIFFA press release, the money funds grants that are awarded to more than 30 organizations across the country.



Pratt’s installation at DIFFA’s Dining By Design 2018Courtesy of DIFFA/Alan Barry

Participants in the event transformed a raw space inside the Architectural Digest Design Show into a unique dining installation, each with a theme. For example, a sculptural elephant hovering above the table in Pratt’s installation represents the elephant in the room and the difficult discussions we must be willing to have in order to move forward. At the Gensler-Knoll-Evenson Best table, 1,000 folded paper cranes symbolized the 123,887 people diagnosed and living with HIV in New York City.

The displays were on view for the public from March 22 to 26; a cocktail party kicked off the fundraiser, and a gala dinner wrapped up the event.

DIFFA, which has chapters across the country, has been a fixture in the HIV community since its founding in 1984. Dining by Design events are its signature fundraisers. The event originated in the Kansas City chapter in 1990. To date, DIFFA has raised over $43 million in grants for HIV/AIDS

organizations.

Check out photos from the event in the slideshow above, and click here to learn more about DIFFA's newest grantees.

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