

SE25 JEWELLERY MAKERS SHOWCASE FUNDRAISER FOR DOMINICA HURRICANE MARIA RELIEF FUND

London 20.7.18: ELIZABETH JAMES® GALLERY IS TO HOST THE 2ND SE25 JEWELLERY MAKERS SHOWCASE FUNDRAISER FOR DOMINICA HURRICANE MARIA RELIEF FUND

The showcase at the gallery is the 2nd of its kind at the gallery where emerging jewellery designers are helping to raise money to help rebuild homes and lives of the Commonwealth of Dominica after the devastation of hurricane Maria in October 2017. At the event you will be able to meet the designers who will all be donating 20%+VAT of all sales to the official Dominica Hurricane Maria Relief Fund and enjoy a glass of wine whilst browsing some exquisitely designed jewellery & accessories. Jewellery Designers: Jessica Seal - Julie Nicaisse - Ms James London - Orlando Francis - TM Boutique. Designer Orlando Francis will be sending over some of his authentic handmade jewellery for the showcase directly from Dominica.

Also attending the fundraiser is the Dominica Acting High Commissioner, Ms Janet Charles.

Elizabeth James® Gallery est December 2016 as part of Croydon regeneration is hidden gem in SE25 providing monthly group art exhibitions, workshops for all ages / skill levels, & Live Art Saturday's. It welcomes the community with a relaxed, fun, friendly vibe. It is also a boutique gift shop where locals can find a unique gift for someone special or a treat for themselves.

Elizabeth James, Owner at Elizabeth James® Gallery comments: *"My father is Dominican and I have family that have had their lives turned upside down and inside out by hurricane Maria. This fundraiser is just a small step in helping the islanders to recover from the disaster, all exhibiting designers will donate 20%+vat to the official Dominica Hurricane Maria Relief Fund. We plan to host the event very couple of months so we can continuously donate to such a worthy cause."*

Janet Charles, Acting High Commissioner London added:

'After last year's tragic events we have seen the pain and destruction suffered by many families and businesses first hand. The community as a whole has pulled together and we have had support from those in surrounding islands as well as abroad assisting our people in the immediate aftermath. People are beginning to shape some kind of future for themselves. But as the story fades from the international media it is important that people continue to show their support. Places like Elizabeth James Gallery who are hosting regular fundraisers in support of Dominica really do help make people aware of the need that still exists whilst raising much needed funds, Thank you.'

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Notes to Editors

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About Dominica Relief Fund

The Dominica High Commission, in response to the state of emergency declared by the Honourable Roosevelt Skerit, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, wishes to inform and appeal to nationals and friends of Dominica across the UK to mobilise efforts in obtaining resources to aid Dominica.

Maria made landfall on the tiny island of 72,000 on the evening of 18 September, with maximum sustained winds of nearly 160 miles per hour. Permanent Secretary - Minister of Housing, Lands & water Resource

Management- Mr Lucian Blackmore announced on October 20th that wind measuring devices on island recorded sustained wind speeds of 220 mph.

The Government has estimated 90% of housing stock has suffered damage, either from partial roof collapse to complete destruction. 100% of crops and Dominica's much admired green rainforest has been completely destroyed.

<http://www.dominicarelief.org>

Designers:

Jessica Seal is a Croydon based emerging jewellery maker. She will be showcasing her Bubble beads. These beads are a bold, happy statement to add to your daily adornment. They're made with wood and ceramic beads, are lightweight with African undertones. They use different coloured cords and lobster clasps for fastening. Select from the range of styles and request a specific colour of your choice to be made to tailor it to your taste and vibe.

Julie Nicaisse a jewellery designer - maker based in Stockwell London.

Each of my piece is handcrafted with love and passion in my studio using traditional jewellery making techniques to achieve my bold signature style jewellery. Each piece is designed to perfection and finished to the highest standard before getting hallmarked by the London Assay Office to guarantee the best quality possible. Julie Nicaisse Jewellery is a conscious brand using sustainable & ethical material and environmental friendly methods that are kind to the planet and all its inhabitants. Registered with the Fairtrade foundation

Ms James London Handmade Jewellery Inspired by nature & dreams of the Nature Island of Dominica made onsite at Elizabeth James Gallery in SE25 UK. Pieces are colourful, lightweight, contemporary yet elegant. 20%+vat of all sales is donated to The Dominica Hurricane Maria Relief Fund on a continuous basis.

Orlando Francis from the village of Morne Prosper in Dominica, just about 3.5km away from the capital city of Dominica. He has been working independently in the art and crafts industry for the past 10 years. Orlando has been supplying the local and regional market (French antilles) with his handmade jewellery.

TM Boutique Colourful, Fun, Unique & Handmade with Love. TM Boutique is crazy over all types of fabric and usually upcycle fabrics to create my accessories. When TM Boutique started the vision was to have a creative place to display their ideas. Simple styles all reflected through bright, bold, unique fabrics, patterns and prints.

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25th August 2018 5-9pm

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