

Artist John Ross Palmer: Career & Personal Milestones 2016

- **Gallery dog Bobby Palmer got a little sister named Nancy. Nancy, also an English Pointer, was born in Georgia and driven home to Houston by Palmer's husband Ryan;**
- **In its 8th year, Palmer's Escapist Program featured 3 talented artists: Tatiana Escallon, Alonzo Karahamuheto and Hugo Perez. Perez was named 2016 Escapist of the Year by a collection of secret judges that attended and ranked each Escapist solo show;**
- **John Palmer Art released two new publications: *Havana 2016* and *Escapism 2016*;**
- **John Palmer Art & filmmaker Neiman Catley produced 2 films: *Havana 2016* and *Escapism 2016*. It was the first time in history that an Escapist documentary was released on the evening of the black tie gala graduation;**
- **Terri Robinson's Construction & Design, Inc. was the 2016 Corporate Sponsor. Robinson is a long-time friend of the gallery and the builder responsible for the bungalow renovation, gallery addition and Chrysalis construction;**
- **The 5th annual *Palmer's Prestigious Ladies Luncheon* had notable attendees including 2015 Escapist Stephanie Gonzalez, FCC Members Judy Lindsay & Carolyn Watts, activist Januari Leo, attorney Lauren Waddell and entrepreneur Tammi Wallace;**
- **The Museum of Coastal Carolina unveiled Palmer's "Ocean Isle Memories" in April followed by a popular museum series run through Labor Day weekend. The solo show highlighting the Texan artist garnered regional print and television media;**
- **In August, Palmer painted plein air on the grounds of the Hartwell House Inn in Ogunquit, Maine as its featured artist before being an honored guest at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art's gala "Art by the Sea." The following month, Palmer visited his mother's ancestral homeland in Montreal to create a series of exotic butterflies;**
- **John Ross Palmer and Ryan Lindsay co-founded Art Launch, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that manages and funds the growing Escapist Mentorship Program. For the first time, the October Escapist graduation gala was a nonprofit fundraiser. It was a booming success with over \$60,000 raised and only 11% of funds going to administrative costs. Palmer serves as Art Launch's Board of Directors Chairman;**
- **John Palmer Art named Houston Habitat for Humanity as its 2016 Charity of the Year and gave more than \$7,000 in cash donations to this worthy non-profit;**
- **Palmer achieved a notable artwork presentation to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett in Havana, Cuba. He created a couture hardhat for Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott for her Houston Habitat build. And, First Lady Laura Bush was proud to add a piece of Palmer couture jewelry to her collection;**
- **The Emmy award-winning Ernie Manouse interviewed Palmer for the Arts Insight segment "The Painted Life of John Palmer" which aired in November 2016;**
- **Palmer's summer adventure took him to Havana, Cuba as a special guest of the Texas Lyceum. Palmer was also honored when the Lyceum selected him to create the featured artwork for their May public conference in Fort Worth where his piece "Texas Football" was presented to Heisman winner Ricky Williams; and**
- **For a second time, famed Houston restaurateur Tony Vallone selected Palmer's menu design for his flagship restaurant, Tony's. The collaborative process between Vallone & Palmer took over three years before the menu release in November 2016.**