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Swords, Scarves and a Fierce Artist Make this Cocktail Party Beyond Colorful

When Armor Meets Art

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$\frac{1}{11}$ *Jessica Beasley, Emily Barnes, Niña Barbier-Mueller Tollett, Jessica Young*

What: Cocktail party for **Hermès'** new scarf collection, Parures de Samourais

Where: Hermès boutique in Highland Park Village

PC Moment: It was a kaleidoscope of color at Hermès' Dallas store as guests gathered to fete its exquisite new collection, which pays homage to the ornate armor of medieval Japanese samurai warriors.

Inspired by Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Muellers' Samurai Collection, which artist **Aline Honoré** saw during its first traveling exhibition at Paris' Musée du quai Branly in 2011, Honoré incorporated 14 elements from the collection into the scarf's design.

Such intricate details include floral motifs; clan coats of arms; and a suit of armor in bronze, iron, gold, leather, silk, and lacquer, all ranging from the 14th to the 18th centuries.

"It is the combination of art and armor, the boundless creativity of the objects' forms, and the aesthetics used by these fierce and cultivated warriors that drew us in to assemble our collection," says Gabriel Barbier-Mueller, whose private collection of nearly 1,000 samurai armor pieces (housed in the Ann & Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Museum in **Harwood district**) is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

The silk twill scarves, which retail for \$395 in 12 different colorations, are available at the Hermès boutique in Highland Park Village and online.

Swathed in Silk: Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller, daughter **Niña Barbier-Mueller Tollett**, daughter-in-law **Katelyn Barbier-Mueller**, **Caroline Harrison**, **Alison** and **Nick Mesec**, and **Louisa Harwood**.

