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**Book launch for "Silk and Steel Women at Arms" at Holland & Holland in London**



Niels Van Rooyen and Larry Wilson



Herve Verhoosel and Baroness Marie Claire von Alvensleben

**They launched RL Wilson's new book, *Silk and Steel Women at Arms*, (Random House), appropriately at the flagship store of one of the world's finest and oldest gunmakers: Holland & Holland in London.**

Among the women present were **Piffa Schroder, Diana Keith Neal and Wendy Dyson** — all members of the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers (founded in 1637). Several lords and ladies were among the large crowd of elegantly attired shooters on hand, as well as a number of women present were featured in the book.

Also attending was **Peter Hawkins**, Antique Arms and Armor expert for Christie's, who was extremely helpful to the author in the complex 125,000 word project. The book is 340 pages, with over 3,500 images, many in complicated collages by the legendary **Peter Beard**.

Larry Wilson is author of 45 books and is the most published author in the history of firearms. Six of his books have featured collages by Peter Beard.



Larry Wilson (left) with the Barroness Marie Claire von Alvensleben, and Silvano Giraladin

His career began with internships at the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the Royal Armouries, H.M. Tower of London.

Frequently seen on the History Channel, he was co-executive producer, with the **Hon. William E. Simon, Sr.**, of "In the Blood," a documentary film directed by **George Butler** ("Pumping Iron") on hunting and conservation - filmed in Africa with **Theodore Roosevelt IV** and his son, **TR V.**

In the spring of 2003, Wilson's alma mater, Carleton College, presented a retrospective display of his varied career, which has included vintage automobile racing, and hunting expeditions on five continents.

*Silk and Steel Women at Arms* is available at book stores, Amazon.com and other on-line sources; or for a signed copy with a 4-page insert (featuring a special Introduction by Her Grace The Duchess of Northumberland), copies are available directly from the author at \$65 postpaid; toll free order number - (866) 278-2888 ; mastercard/visa/AmEx; or directly from the author at 1730 Kearny St, San Francisco CA 94133. Fax: 415 835 5998. A deluxe leatherbound edition, limited to 1,000 numbered and signed copies, is at \$225, postpaid.



Peter Hawkins and Larry Wilson



Charles and Chloe Delevingne



The Hon Maurice Ronson and Charlotte Hammerback

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**"Splash Into The Friends of Afghanistan Foundation" launch party at Soho House for the Friends of Afghanistan Foundation, hosted by Bill Richards, Susan Shin, and Reinaldo Bibolini**



Lionel von Richthofen, Sessa von Richthofen, Susan Shin, and Richard Johnson



Susan Shin, Jean Shin, Tom Allen, and friend



Zani Gugelman, Kat Cohen, and Shad Azimi



Amanda Friedman and Mark Langrish



Pablo Jendreski and Margarite Krikaar



Kari, Alex Lithgow, and Anna Miller

Reinaldo Bibolini and friend

Claire Fitzgerald, Susan Shin, and Beatrice Baatz



Poolside at Soho House



Anna Miller and Kari

Photographs by Djamilla Rosa Cochran

### Proenza Schouler and Maurice Villency hosted a 2003 Holiday Party



Lazaro Hernandez, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Jack McCollough



Jamie Johnson and Hope Atherton



Paul Seigniy

**Proenza Schouler's Lazaro Hernandez and Jack McCollough**, the design team behind the celebrated New York label teamed up with **Maurice Villency** to ring in the season with some of New York's most fashion savvy people. The event was held at the sprawling glass

front all white Maurice Villency flagship store on 200 East 57th Street.

A strong supporter of innovative design in the worlds of fashion, art and interiors, luxury contemporary furniture retailer Maurice Villency has also previously worked with Imitation of Christ, Alice Roi, Daryl K, and Cynthia Rowley. Sponsors include Cointreau, Shiseido and Chantecaille Cosmetics.



Olivia Chantecaille, Lazaro Hernandez, Eric Villency, and Jack McCollough



L. to r.: Yolanda Ross; Eric Villency, Olivia Chantecaille, and Evan Handler with his wife; Jazz Johnson and Alex Chantecaille.



Eric Villency, Olivia Chantecaille, Susan Shin, Thom Filicia, and Mandy Stein



The Rapture

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