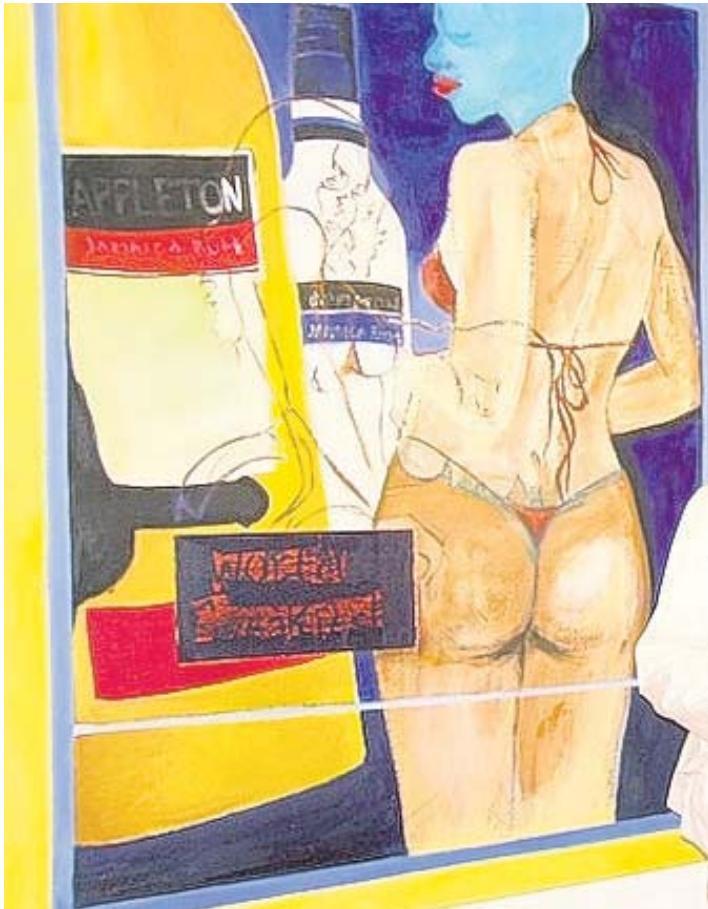


# The Spirit of JAMAICA

**U**nder-represented artists have found themselves a new cheerleader in Jamaican-born, UK-based businesswoman and philanthropist Theresa Roberts who is not only determined to raise the visibility of these artists (especially those from the Caribbean), but has also found a home away from



Entrepreneur and unofficial ambassador to Jamaica Theresa Roberts selling Jamaica as a high-end destination to media, socialites and art enthusiasts at The House Of Lords.



Artist David Begbie and wife Eva stand beside Kristina M Rowe's "Untitled" — mixed media on canvas. (Photos Courtesy of Theresa Roberts)



The quartet of (from left) Victoria Watson, etiquette queen Liz Brewer, Theresa Roberts and Eileen Spence.



Art enthusiast and influencer Pat Ramsay (left) shares a moment with Theresa Roberts.



Theresa Roberts (second right) gathered friends (from left) Liz Brewer, George and Tanya Piskov, David Begbie and Eileen Spence for a photo-op.



Artist Laura Hamilton (left) with Theresa Roberts.



Tanya Piskov (left) and Eileen Spence.



Actress Sonia Benjamin (left) is spotted with Bhashia Briggs and entrepreneur hubby Richard Briggs.



Actress Sonia Benjamin (left), Miss Jamaica Universe 2008 April Jackson (centre) and entrepreneur Theresa Roberts.

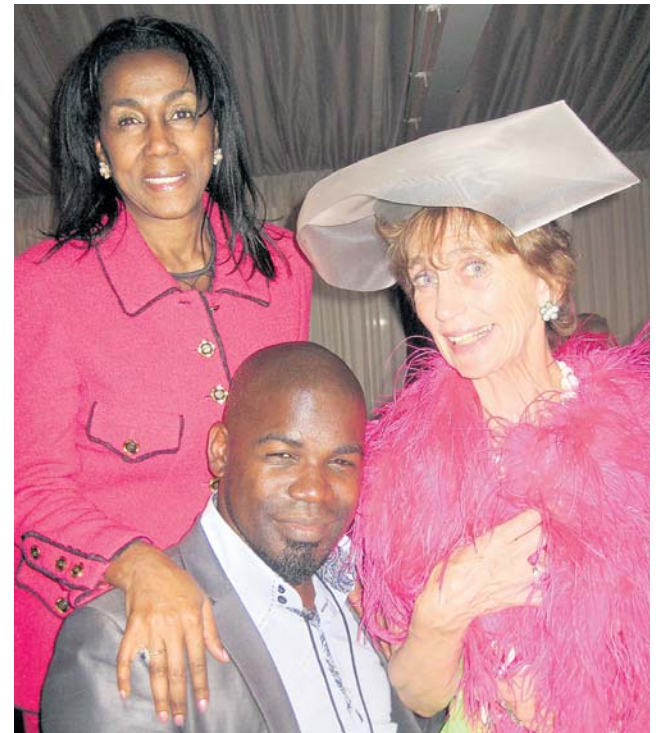
home as it were, at the Black Circle Gallery to display the works. Funded by Roberts, the gallery's single raison d'être is that of promoting artists from countries like Jamaica who are not-so-visible in Europe.

The three-evening event launch kicked off with a private party and viewing of Black Circle Gallery's physical show of Jamaican artists entitled 'Spirit of Jamaica', which ran in London during the Frieze art fair week — for Uniastrum Bank Chairman George Piskov and his wife Tanya. This was followed by an exclusive preview launch party on Tuesday, October 11 at 14 Percy Street, London. There would be more exposure for Jamaica this time as The Lord Northbrook & Dr George Piskov, chairman of Uniastrum Bank, hosted a Champagne and rum cocktail ahead of a buffet dinner with inspiration from Levi Roots for 'The Spirit of Jamaica' at The House of Lords, Cholmondeley Room & Terrace on Thursday, October 13. Roberts used the opportunity to promote Jamaica as a high-end tourist destination and to encourage potential investment.

SO shares exclusive highlights of the preview launch event as well as the opening of the exhibition where the works of Jamaican artists Monique Lofters, Kristina M Rowe, Laura Hamilton, Phillip Thomas and Laura Facey Cooper were on display.



Sponsors of the event, George Piskov and his wife Tanya



Theresa Roberts, chef Collin Brown and Lady Henrietta Rous (right).



Vere Skeete, property investor, and Donna Baker, Black Circle Gallery's Internet administrator.



Nancy Dell'Olio, star of the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*, and renowned hairdresser Terry Jaques.



Entrepreneur and philanthropist Theresa Roberts (right) and Donna Baker, Black Circle Gallery's Internet administrator.



Celebrity freelance journalist Jannelle Oswald enjoys the artwork on display.



Liz Brewer and Andrew Burgess.



Gary Vigee (right) joined Andrew Roberts (left) and Vere Skeete.

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