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Above: Throughout the fall, tours of the *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* exhibition at Hillwood Estate hosted by Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle (third from left), formed a key component of the Embassy's cultural diplomacy program. Pictured above are members of the D.C.-based Women's Diplomatic Series headed by Cristina Hilsenrath (fourth from left). See article on [page 5](#).

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Diplomatic Rounds



Diplomatic Rounds



To mark their Constitution Day, on September 8 the Embassy of Slovakia invited envoys and colleagues to attend a special tribute to Milan Rastislav (MR) Štefánik.

Ambassador Radovan Javorčík welcomed ambassadors from Turkey, Luxembourg, Monaco and Liechtenstein, (pictured left) and US government officials to a touching ceremony to unveil the statue of MR Štefánik, a proud Slovak, diplomat, aviator, astronomer and French General in the First World War.

Above: (l-r) Ambassadors from Turkey, Luxembourg, Monaco and Liechtenstein on Slovakia's Constitution Day.

The event highlighted the intertwined European links and strong relationship between Slovakia and its European neighbors.

A bittersweet farewell lunch was held on September 10 for France's Ambassador to the OAS, Anne de La Blache, graciously hosted by French Ambassador to the USA, Philippe Etienne and his wife, Patricia, at the French residence.

Ambassador de la Blache was a strong supporter and good friend to the Embassy with whom we collaborated on several interesting and successful projects over several years. We wish her well in her next chapter.



Above: (l-r) Ambassador Maccario Doyle with Ambassadors de La Blache and Etienne, and Mrs. Patricia Etienne.



Diplomatic Rounds *continued...*



As we celebrated Queen Elizabeth II’s historic 70 years on the British throne throughout 2022, so we mourned in solidarity on her passing.

On September 21, Ambassador Maccario Doyle joined hundreds of mourners representing Washington, D.C.’s diplomatic, government, ex-pat and business communities at the Washington National Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving for the remarkable life of Her Majesty, Britain’s longest serving monarch.

Throughout the fall, numerous invitation-only tours were hosted by Ambassador Maccario Doyle of the *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* exhibition at Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens. On September 23, a champagne reception followed one such tour featuring guests from the Women’s Diplomatic Series, headed by journalist Cristina Hilsenrath. The tour was led by the exhibition’s curator, Megan Martinelli, with remarks by Hillwood’s executive director, Kate Markert (all pictured at right).



It was followed one week later with another visit and curator-led tour for more than 20 members of the prestigious International #1 Club, including several women ambassadors, and partners of leading government and diplomatic officials. The tour was hosted in conjunction with the Club’s leadership, Megan Beyer, wife of Virginia Congressman Don Beyer, in support of the Embassy’s cultural diplomacy and friendship efforts.



Right: Members of the International #1 Club gather for a private tour of the *Grace of Monaco : Princess in Dior* exhibition at Hillwood Estate.



Diplomatic Rounds *continued...*

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II received Her Excellency Denise Campbell Bauer, the new non-resident US Ambassador to Monaco, on September 29 at the Princely Palace.

Ambassador Bauer was accredited to France and Monaco in February 2022, and travelled to Monaco to present her credentials to Prince Albert in September.

She is based in Paris and is an experienced diplomat, non-profit executive, advocate for women in politics and foreign policy, and served as the US Ambassador to Belgium from 2013-2017.



Above (l-r): H.S.H. Princess Charlene of Monaco, H.E. Denise Campbell Bauer, H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, and US Consul General Kristen Grauer. Photo by Éric Mathon, Palais Princier.



Above: (l-r) Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason with former Governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe and Ambassador Maccario Doyle.

On October 1, to welcome Ireland's newly arrived Ambassador, Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason, public diplomacy leader and UNESCO's former goodwill ambassador for the UN Secretary General, Esther Coopersmith, hosted an elegant evening at her residence in Washington, D.C.

Many high-ranking officials, diplomats and friends gathered to welcome Ambassador Nason who assumed her office in August 2022. Ambassador Nason previously served at the United Nations in New York, Vienna, Geneva, and Helsinki.



Diplomatic Rounds *continued...*

Throughout the December holiday season, friends and colleagues gathered at receptions and functions to celebrate business and social connections, and a return to 'normalcy' after the last few years of COVID-19 enforced restrictions. Some events represented by Monaco's Ambassador included:



(Left): On December 8, sharing 'happy holiday hours' with friends like NASA Administrator Senator Bill Nelson and Associate Administrator for the Office of International and Interagency Relations, Karen Feldstein.



(Right and below): On December 10, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, his wife Evan Ryan, and US Chief of Protocol Rufus Gifford hosted D.C.'s diplomatic community at an elegant holiday party in the State Department's Benjamin Franklin Room.



(Left): Ecuador's Ambassador Ivonne A Baki hosted a well-attended reception on December 19 for President Lasso Guillermo of Ecuador and First Lady Maria de Lourdes de Lasso. Also in attendance was Ecuador's Foreign Affairs Minister Juan Caholguin and Senator Bob Menendez (NJ-D) and his wife Nadine.



Above: During a day-long trip on November 2 to Washington, D.C., H.S.H. Prince Albert was given a private tour of the *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* exhibition at Hillwood Estate, by its curator Megan Martinelli (both pictured above). An homage to His mother, Princess Grace, and her close relationship with the House of Dior, the exhibit attracted many thousands of visitors according to Hillwood staff (see [page 10](#)).

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Cultural Affairs



Cultural Affairs



Above: (l-r): The Kennedy Center’s Hall of States which housed the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation’s Environmental Photography Award 2021 submissions in the Fall; Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter, US Chief of Protocol Rufus Gifford, H.S.H Prince Albert, US Ambassador to Monaco Denise Bauer, and Monaco’s Ambassador to the USA Maguy Maccario Doyle; Photo from the “Wildlife in Crisis” category, *Brenda, a Victim of Trafficking, 2019* by Joakim Odelberg (Indonesia, 2019). Photographs by Zaid Hamid/© 2022 Courtesy of the Embassy of Monaco

In conjunction with its presentation of Les Ballets de Monte Carlo, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Embassy of Monaco, presented 32 stunning photographs on exhibit, free and open to the public, from October 24 through November 20. Estimates from Kennedy Center organizers put the approximate number of visitors to the Center’s Hall of States during the exhibition at between 10,000 - 50,000.

Highlighting both the beauty and the environmental challenges of our world, the photos had competed for the Foundation’s Environmental Photography Award in 2021, focusing on the theme *Humanity & Wildlife: Crossed Destinies, Shared Territories*.

The exhibition coincided with the launch of the third edition of the Foundation’s Environmental Photography Award in 2022-2023, dedicated to the reflection on the human relationship towards nature and interrelation between human health and planetary health.

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Cultural Affairs *continued...*

In an interesting coincidence, the winner of the 2021 award was local D.C.-area photographer, Kathleen Ricker, for her portrait of *Gorilla on the River* pictured at right with H.S.H. Prince Albert and her prize-winning photograph.



During His day-long trip on November 2 to Washington, D.C., H.S.H. Prince Albert visited the Kennedy Center to view the photographs and was welcomed by US Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Rufus Gifford, US Ambassador to France and Monaco, Denise Bauer, and Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter. The Sovereign Prince toured the exhibition and also met with Ms. Ricker and senior Kennedy Center staff including Ms. Alicia Adams, head of International Programming, who was responsible for supporting Les Ballet's debut tour to the world-renowned cultural institution.

(Click [here](#) & [here for more photos](#) and view the Monaco Info news clip [here](#) - in French).



Afterwards, Prince Albert was given a private tour of *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* at Hillwood Estate, which showcased His mother, Princess Grace's special relationship with the House of Dior, and its creative director, Marc Bohan. Prince Albert, along with US Ambassador to Monaco Denise Bauer (second from left) were greeted by Hillwood leadership (from left) Chief Curator Wilfried Zeisler, Executive Director Kate Markert, the exhibit's Curator Megan Martinelli, and Hillwood Board President Amy Meadows.

Prince Albert was in the USA to attend, with H.S.H. Princess Charlene, the annual Princess Grace Foundation Awards Gala in New York City on November 3.





Cultural Affairs *continued...*



Above: Ambassadors Philippe Etienne and Maguy Maccario Doyle.

On November 1, the Embassy of Monaco, in partnership with the Embassy of France, hosted a VIP reception and special screening of *Monaco Grand Prix, The Legend* a documentary film narrated by H.S.H. Prince Albert. It is billed as the story of a bluff. Or how the smallest country in the world managed to become the world capital of motorsport when it didn't even have the space for a real circuit! This incredible story of the Formula 1 race all drivers dream of winning is by Yann-Antony Noghès and produced by Alexandre Rougier of Check Productions.

On the night, guests were welcomed to La Maison Francaise for a champagne reception by France’s Ambassador Philippe Etienne and Monaco’s Ambassador Maccario Doyle. Following the screening, the audience was invited to view *Monte-Carlo Legends*, a photographic tribute of black and white images featuring personalities who have helped write the Monte-Carlo story.



This exhibition, which has previously been on display in New York City, San Francisco, and New Orleans, pays tribute to the enduring appeal of Monaco's best-known district, Monte-Carlo, through more than 40 vintage photographs of many iconic personalities including Princess Grace, Frank Sinatra and Peter Lawford (pictured at left) as well as Steve McQueen, Winston Churchill, Rudolph Nureyev, John Wayne, and Liza Minelli, who have all graced its streets and helped define this international symbol of luxury, elegance and glamour.



(If you would like to view the trailer of this film, please click [here](#). For more event photos, [click here](#).)



Cultural Affairs *continued...*



For their long-awaited debut in the Eisenhower Theatre at the renowned John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts from November 17 to 20, Monaco's national ballet company, Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo - under the Presidency of Her Royal Highness The Princess of Hanover (Princess Caroline of Monaco) - enthralled audiences with their magical presentation of *Cendrillon (Cinderella)*.

On Monaco's National Day, November 19, the Embassy arranged pre- and post- performance receptions to welcome the company with dozens of VIP guests and friends from across the USA attending. Special pre-recorded messages were sent by His Serene Highness Prince Albert and Princess Caroline with Les Ballets choreographer/director, Jean-Christophe Maillot.

To reflect the truly international character of the ballet company, and the Principality, envoys from more than 20 nations whose dancers make up the company, agreed to lend their names to the Honorary Diplomatic Committee, and many attended the National Day festivities including those from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Estonia, European Union, France, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, and Switzerland. Following the final matinée performance, a farewell reception for the company and guests was held on the penthouse deck of the Dupont Circle Hotel, hosted by the Doyle Collection's chair, Mrs. Bernadette Gallagher, and its US managing director, Mr. Joel Freyberg.

Event partners for these events included: Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo, Christian Dior Couture, Consulate General of Monaco in New York, Dupont Circle Hotel, Washington, D.C./The Doyle Collection, Embassy of France & La Maison Francaise, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, Moët Hennessy, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, and the Princess Grace Foundation-USA. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and photographs.



Cultural Affairs *continued...*



Take a bow, Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo!



Above: (l-r) Ireland's Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason, Australia's Ambassador Arthur Sinodinos AO, Monaco's Ambassador Maccario Doyle, and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador H.R.H. Princess Reema Bandar Al Saud at Les Ballet's post-performance soiree. They were joined at the ballet and after-party by envoys from Belgium, Brazil, Estonia, European Union, France, Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia, and Switzerland and more than 100 VIP guests.



Left: H.S.H. Prince Albert's address at Les Ballet's soiree on Monaco's National Day; **Below:** members of Les Ballets and guests at the farewell reception following their triumphant performances at the Kennedy Center in November.





Cultural Affairs *continued...*

In September, Ambassador Maccario Doyle, during an official visit to Monaco, attended the presentation of the Monte-Carlo Opera's 2023 season which was announced by the director-designate, the acclaimed Italian-born coloratura mezzo-soprano opera singer, Cecilia Bartoli (pictured at right). The event was held at the Opéra de Monte-Carlo, Salle Garnier. For more about the Monte-Carlo Opera season program, which runs from January through April, please click [here](#).



In related news, a fascinating conversation with Francesca Zambello, the Artistic Director of the Washington National Opera was moderated by renowned professor and author, Antonio Monda in the Villa Firenze at the Embassy of Italy on December 12 (both pictured at left). The well-attended lecture was hosted by Italian Ambassador Mariangela Zappia, and was a highlight in the capital's cultural calendar for the season.

Early in the fall, the esteemed American Academy of Arts and Sciences inducted Professor Pierre-André Chiappori. Professor Chiappori, a Monégasque, is the E. Rowan and Barbara Steinschneider Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at New York's Columbia University.

An honorary society and policy organization founded in 1780, the Academy elects exceptionally accomplished individuals and engages them in advancing the public good. Professor Chiappori signed the Book of Members at an Induction Ceremony (pictured at right) that celebrated recently elected artists, scholars, scientists, and leaders in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Congratulations!





Embassy Activities

Film & the Media



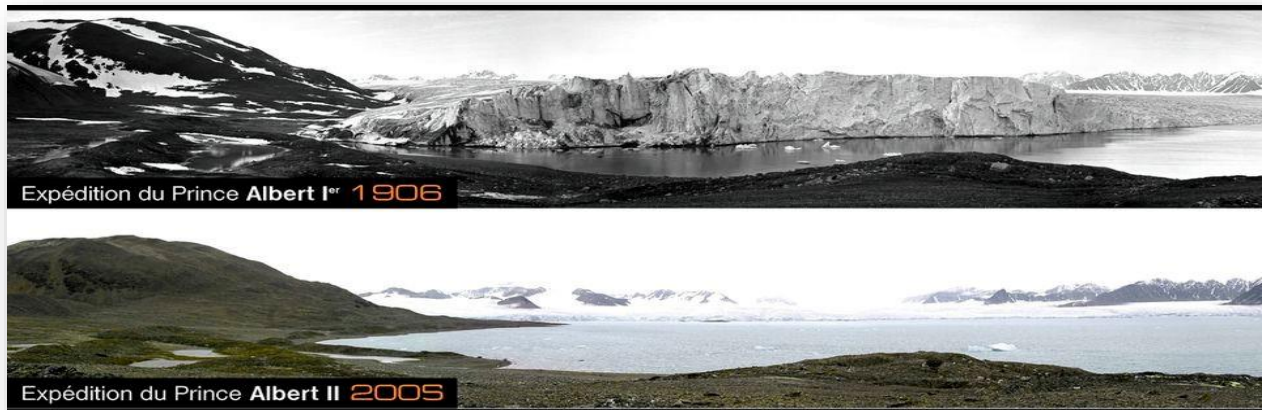
Film & the Media

At the end of July, Ambassador Maccario Doyle was a special guest at the premiere screening of a compelling new documentary film, *Jean-Michel Basquiat, Africa At The Heart (L'Afrique au coeur)*, presented by TV5 Monde in conjunction with the French Villa Albertine and held at Washington, D.C.'s Hotel Eaton.

The broadcast was followed by a Q & A session featuring the film's French director Cyril Berard and producer Rachel Kahn (pictured with the Ambassador and at far right is TV5 Monde's Patrice Courtaban who serves as Chief Operating Officer for all their operations in the United States).



TV5 Monde was a media partner for several November events hosted by the Embassy in Washington, D.C.



Above: Lilliehook Glacier, Svalbard Bay in the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Ocean depicting a century of change. Photograph © 2005 Courtesy of H.S.H. Prince Albert

A thought-provoking Op-ed penned by HSH Prince Albert of Monaco was published in the Opinion section of the October 12 edition of the Boston Globe newspaper.

Titled, “The climate crisis in the polar regions doesn’t stay in the polar regions”, the piece highlighted the fact that global warming occurs two to three times faster at the poles than anywhere else in the world due to the “polar amplification process.”

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Film & the Media *continued...*



Above: H.S.H. Prince Albert in Svalbard Bay in 2005

Here is an excerpt from Prince Albert opinion piece:

In 2005, I stood in front of the Lilliehook Glacier in Svalbard Bay, in the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Ocean; the same location my great-great-grandfather explored 100 years prior.

The integrity of glaciers and ice caps I observed, compared to his photographs, presented the reality that a climate crisis was coming sooner than most believed and inspired my decision that the polar regions would become a priority for the foundation I founded in 2006, the [Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation](#).

While my expedition to the South Pole in 2009 emphasized the need to accelerate global action, my latest visit to the Arctic in June confirmed that the world community has not been paying enough attention to these remote areas and is not fully cognizant of the changes they are experiencing that will impact all nations worldwide...

Read the complete article [here](#).



Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo's debut of *Cendrillon* at the Kennedy Center generated wide interest from the media. Links to a selection of press, reviews and featured listings of the ballet and also Embassy events throughout November may be found →

MONACO INFO TV:

- November 3 edition [see link here](#)
- November 21 edition [see link here](#)
- November 22 edition [see link here](#)

TV5 MONDE:

- Rendez-vous d'Amerique [see link here](#)

PRINT

- [MD Theatre Guide](#)
- [Ballet Herald](#)
- [Broadway World](#)
- [Washington Post](#) Going Out Guide - Featured Listing
- [Metro Weekly](#) Featured Listing



Embassy News



Return of the Annual Consular Meeting

In mid-November the Embassy hosted Monaco's North American-based consular corps for the first in-person annual gathering since October 2019. A series of meetings, tours and events were held over four days to coincide with Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo's tour of Washington, D.C. and to celebrate Monaco's National Day. Events included the annual consular conference with (remote) participation and presentations given by Mr. John B. Kelly, president of the US chapter of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Monaco Economic Board (MEB), and the International University of Monaco.



Above: Members of Monaco's consular community in the USA.



Above: Monaco's honorary vice consul in Los Angeles, Raffaella de Laurentiis and honorary consul in San Francisco Thomas Horn kick up their heels at the Ambassador's evening soirée following the annual consular corps meeting, the first in three years.



A private welcome event was held at the Christian Dior Boutique for visiting guests to celebrate the reunion of the North American-based consular community and the partnership with the *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* exhibition at Hillwood Estate. At left, the Ambassador welcomes guests to the Christian Dior Boutique reception.

An evening soirée was also hosted at the Monaco residence by the Ambassador for out-of-town and local guests.



International Business News

In September, the Monaco Economic Board (MEB) and high-ranking executives from several Monaco enterprises, travelled to Canada as part of an international trade and economic mission. The group visited Montréal and Toronto, meeting with local business and government officials.

Whilst in Montréal, under the aegis of Monaco's Ambassador Maccario Doyle, the MEB's Guillaume Rose signed Memorandums of Understanding with two entities (pictured at right): the French Chamber of Commerce (Québec chapter) in Canada, and the Rimouski Economic Promotion Company (SOPER). During the trip, the Monegasque delegation also held B2B sessions and networking events.

During their visit to Toronto, the group was hosted by the Ontario Cooperative Association, and met Mrs. Catherine Tadros, the head of post of Québec's office in Toronto (pictured at right with DCM Jean-Philippe Bertani) who gave an in-depth presentation on the international cooperation and external actions of Québec.

An indirect result of this economic mission was the introduction to the President of Télé-Québec, Ms. Marie Collin, and a partnership between the Embassy of Monaco and CINEMANIA Film Festival which held its 28th annual festival in early November. CINEMANIA, a non-profit organization established in Montréal in 1995, strives to promote culture and the arts throughout the international francophone community.





A Princely Visit to Fort Lauderdale

In late December, Their Serene Highnesses Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene visited Fort Lauderdale in Florida during a post-Christmas trip where they inspected the city's world-renowned Aquatic Center. The private visit, in advance of the Center's grand opening, followed a multimillion-dollar revitalization project. During the trip, the City also announced a future partnership with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation.

They both have a keen interest in Fort Lauderdale's Aquatic Center and the adjoining International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF). H.S.H. Prince Albert is a 2011 gold medallion ISHOF honoree, and his uncle, Jack Kelly Jr., served as the ISHOF president in the 1980s.

"We hope these ties will continue even beyond the celebration here today. We have wonderful plans of maybe getting one our major events both in Monaco and here in Fort Lauderdale, the Boat Show and the Monaco Yacht show, to collaborate in a much more fruitful way. We really look forward to all these opportunities," said Prince Albert during his remarks at the event.

H.S.H. Princess Charlene is a former Olympic swimmer who founded the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation in 2012 which includes, among its missions, saving children's lives by teaching swimming and water safety classes. For their support, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis presented Prince Albert with the key to the City and Princess Charlene with a crystal engraved with an image of the dive tower acknowledging her dedication to children's swim safety (all pictured below). Click here for more [photos](#) and a [video](#).





Coming Up in 2023...

The Monaco Boys Choir To Tour the USA's East Coast This Summer!

Under the High Patronage of H.S.H. Prince Albert, through the generous support of the Monégasque government, and in collaboration with Monaco's Embassy and its Consulates in New York and Miami, the Monaco Boys Choir will perform a series of free concerts open to the public from July 5 – 23, 2023.



They will kick off their tour in New York City, then travel to Princeton NJ, Philadelphia PA, Washington, D.C, Savannah, GA, Orlando FL, Port St. Lucie FL, Palm Beach FL, and conclude in Miami FL.

Visit www.MonacoEventsUSA.com for dates, ticket information and more.



In October 2023 the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation will return to the United States for its annual Gala and Awards event. Stay tuned for more details...

As we approach the end of the first month of 2023, we wish all our readers and friends a joyous and peaceful New Year and thank you for your support.



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