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**ART WORLD CONVERGES ON HOTEL MATILDA FOR EXHILARATING  
EVENING WITH FAMED PHOTOGRAPHER SPENCER TUNICK**

*He Unveils His Latest Images, Shot Here in San Miguel and Nearby Guanajuato*

**SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO:** Artists, art collectors, socialites, gallery curators, members of the press and other VIPs gathered at Hotel Matilda ([www.hotelmotilda.com](http://www.hotelmotilda.com)) on August 4, 2011 to celebrate the career of photographer Spencer Tunick, whose famous – and controversial – photos depicting nudes en masse in locations around the world have rocked the art world for decades.

Harold “Spook” Stream, owner of Hotel Matilda and noted collector of contemporary art, and Casa Dragones (<http://casadragones.com/>), maker of premier handcrafted tequila, hosted the extraordinary art evening that featured a retrospective of Mr. Tunick’s work and the artist talking about his creative process and inspiration. And even more exciting, he premiered his latest images, which were shot locally in San Miguel and in nearby Guanajuato.

Notables from across the Mexican art world joined the festivities. In addition to the artist and Spook Stream, among the VIPs were curator Mireya Escalante, Isabel Goldsmith, Sara Galindo, Enrique Castillo Pesado, Donatella Caracciolo, Anne Sanchez Osorio and Sandra Chollet.

The guests savored exceptional culinary artistry as well – a six-course gourmet dinner with wine pairing was created by Hotel Matilda’s innovative Executive Chef Bernie McDonough. For dessert, the Chef paired Casa Dragones with a flourless dark chocolate cake with milk chocolate ganache and white chocolate cream. Mr. Tunick also was presented with his own personalized bottle of Casa Dragones tequila.

Mr. Stream envisioned Hotel Matilda, which opened in September 2010, as an art-focused hotel that would become a cultural hub of San Miguel de Allende with such events as the Spencer Tunick art night. The hotel is framed and defined by works by noted contemporary artists in every space of the property, and was named for a painting by Diego Rivera. Mr. Stream is a major patron of Mr. Tunick and not only has the photographer’s most famous mass nude shot – showing some 18,000 people in the *zocalo* of Mexico City – hanging in the hotel but also adapted it as wallpaper for the bar bathroom.

Hotel Matilda is a cutting-edge boutique hotel offering a lifestyle-focused guest experience combining everything from innovative international dining and a cutting-edge holistic spa to a vibrant, gallery-like ambiance filled with eye-popping contemporary art. For more information and reservations: toll free 855-MATILDA (855-628-4532) or [info@hotelmotilda.com](mailto:info@hotelmotilda.com).