

Whisky Live New York

In our continual quest for whisky knowledge, "*The Spirited Travelers*" aka **Debra C. Argen and Edward F. Nesta** attended [Whisky Live](#), "*The World's Premier Whisky Tasting Show*," an evening of tastings, seminars, great food, and live entertainment held at **Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York**.

On April 11, 2012, **Whisky Live** in partnership with [Visit Scotland](#) presented an international evening of whisky tastings at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, at 23rd Street on the Hudson River in New York that included whisky from the heart of Scotland, Irish whiskey, Canadian whiskey, American whiskey, and Swedish whiskey.



Edward Nesta at Whisky Live 2012

Single malts, blends, some with little to no peat, others heavy with smoky peat, there was a style to appeal to every whisk(e)y connoisseurs' palate, and with pricing ranging from moderate to ultra-luxury, one limited edition whiskey carried a price tag of around \$800, there was a price point for every wallet.



Laphraig Peat

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Whisky Live guests had the opportunity to chat one-on-one with master distillers, family members, and brand ambassadors to learn about the diverse selection of products through tastings, cocktails, as well as by attending one of the many master classes.



Cocktails Live at Whisky Live

We made the most of our time and had an informative conversation and tasting with **Evan Cattanach, Master Distiller Emeritus**, who spent 33 years working as a master distiller and created the brands **Caol Ila, The Singleton, OBAN, Cragganmore, Talisker, Dalwhinnie, Lagavulin, Clynelish, and Glenkinchie**. If anyone knows a thing or two about making whisky, that would be him.



Evan Cattanach and Debra Argen

We spoke with **Stephen Marshall**, Senior Global Brand Ambassador for **John Dewar & Sons** who presented Dewar's products dressed in Scottish kilt, as did a number of master distillers and brand ambassadors from Scotland.



Stephen Marshall, Brand Ambassador for John Dewar & Sons

The spirits presented though, went well beyond the whisky category, and expanded to include the categories of bourbon, cognac, rum, gin, vodka, and liqueur at the show, to appeal to as many palates as possible. We tasted products with exceptionally long histories as well as new-to-market products.



Cocktail Live Pouring Knob Creek

We had a great time chatting with **Hollis Bulleit**, 6th Generation Family World Ambassador of Bulleit Distilling Company in Kentucky, who dressed in period costume and wore a silver bourbon decanter tag as a necklace, to present **Bulleit Bourbon** and their latest spirits release, **Bulleit Rye**, which they launched in 2011.



Hollis Bulleit, World Ambassador of Bulleit Distilling

Rum connoisseurs had the opportunity to meet **Ben Jones**, a descendant of Homère Clément, who presented a full complement of his exceptional aged rum agricoles from Martinique which we enjoyed tasting and included [Rhum Clément XO](#), [Rhum Clément Cuvée Homère](#), [Rhum Clément Rhum Vieux Agricole V.S.O.P. Rum](#), and [Rhum J.M. Vieux](#).



Ben Jones, Brand Ambassador of Rhum Clément

The **Celtic Rock and Bagpipe band, [MacTalla Mór](#)** consisting of family members **Patty Devlin Ofgang, Jesse Ofgang, Levon Ofgang, MageErik Ofgang, and Harry 'Dr. O'** created a compelling musical background to complement the swirling, nosing, and spirits tasting throughout the evening. Delicious food, cheeses, and chocolates to pair with the various whiskies, as well as cigars, rounded out the evening's festivities.



MacTalla Mór'



Levon Ofgang

Patty Devlin Ofgang

MageErik Ofgang

First time American exhibitors this year at Whisky Live in New York included **Balcones Distilling** from Texas, **Breckenridge Distillery** from Colorado, **Corsair Distillery** from Tennessee, **Dry Fly Distillery** from Washington state, **Finger Lakes Distillery** from New York, **House Spirits Distillery** from Oregon, **Smooth Ambler Spirits** from West Virginia, **Triple Eight Distillery** from Massachusetts, and **WhistlePig** from Vermont.



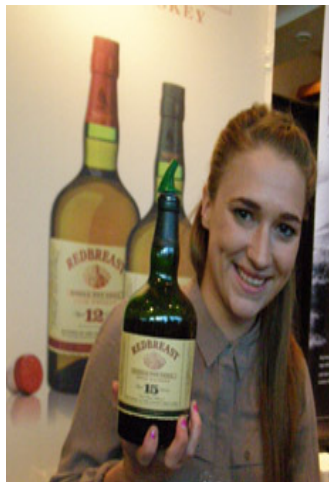
The Notch

Other first-timers included **Fluid Dynamics**, **French Luxury Spirits** who presented cognacs, whisky, and calvados, **Mackmyra Swedish Whisky**, **Rhum Clément & Rhum J.M.** from Martinique, and **RumChata**.



Jonathan Luks, Brand Ambassador of Mackmyra Swedish Whisky

Returning exhibitors included **Aberlour**, **Amrut Distilleries**, **Arbeg**, **Balblair**, **Bellhaven Brewery**, **Bulleit Bourbon**, **Bushmills**, **Canadian Club**, **Caol Ila**, **Classic Malts**, **Crown Royal**, **Dewer's**, **Four Roses**, **George Dickel**, **Glenfiddich**, **Glenglassaugh Distillery**, and **Glenmorangie**.



Mary Anne Byrne, Brand Ambassador of Red Breast Irish Whiskey

Also returning to Whisky Live was **High West Distillery, Johnnie Walker, Knob Creek Bourbon, Laphroaig, Longmorn, Maker's Mark, Michter's Bourbon, Notch Whiskey, Old Pulteney, The Balvenie, The Glenlivet, The Singleton, The Small Batch Bourbon Collection, and William Grant & Sons.**



The Glenlivet Pouring

We left a memorable evening of Whisky Live accompanied by the music of bagpipes wafting in the air. *Slàinte mhah* (pronounced slan-jah vah), which means, "to your good health" in Gaelic.



The Pipes are Calling - See you at Whisky Live

Whisky Live has other upcoming events in the United States taking place in **Boston, Massachusetts** on September 22, 2012, and in **Los Angeles, California** on October 17, 2012.

Whisky Live also has international events taking place in **Sydney, Australia; Casino de Spa, Belgium; Shanghai, China; Paris, France; Leiden, Holland; New Delhi, India; Tokyo, Japan; Moscow, Russia, Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; Singapore, South East Asia; Seoul, Korea; Barcelona and Madrid, Spain; and Taiwan, Taipei.**

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