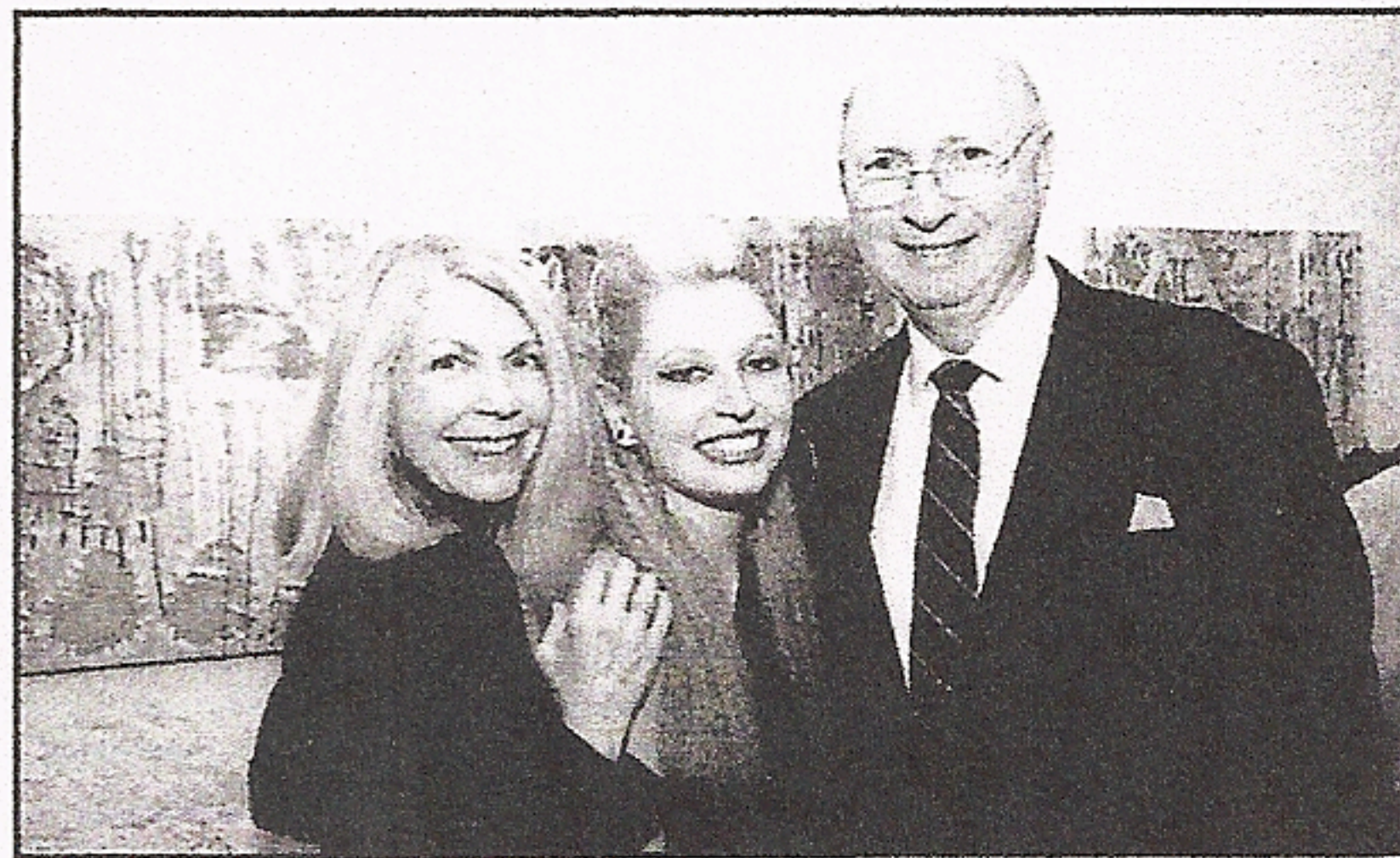


# Amanda Dolan, Young Artist on the Rise

The year 2009 had been a busy year for up and coming mixed-media artist Amanda Dolan, daughter of Club Members Michael & Jennifer Dolan. Soho's Ward-Nasse Gallery was the venue for Amanda's latest exhibition: "Heart Attack," a collection of paintings using forms of the heart in each piece to take the viewer, as explained by the artist, on a powerful journey "to explore the many sides of love, happiness, friendship, relationships, sex and human emotion." Friends, family and collectors all enjoyed the vibrant colors and uplifting themes displayed in works ranging from comical portraits of the artist's beloved French bulldog, Pearl—to the coolness and structure of the "Ice Queen," which all sold during the show and can be viewed on the artist's website.



**Amanda Dolan** with her parents **Michael** and **Jennifer Dolan** enjoying their daughter's exhibition, "Heart Attack" in New York City.

From her time as an Honors Art student at Greenwich High School to developing her artistic talent at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University, where she earned her degree, Amanda has always been drawn to the avant-garde and to mixed-media art to complement her interests in poetry, rock and roll, fashion and creative writing. Her artworks often incorporate a feminine twist in order to capture the inside of a woman's heart and mind and to celebrate the fact that women can be strange and chaotic which, at the same time, makes them beautiful and courageous. Amanda's collage portraits of Courtney Love and Janis Joplin were exhibited through January of this year by the Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur, Texas (birthplace of Janis Joplin and home to a permanent collection of works by Robert Rauschenberg) in conjunction with an exhibit on loan from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Following the exhibit, the Museum added Amanda's Janis Joplin painting to its permanent collection. Quite an achievement for this young artist.