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**CELEBRATE WITH LEGENDARY INTERIOR DESIGNER, AUTHOR, AND
JEWELRY DESIGNER HUTTON WILKINSON AT TWO BACK-TO-BACK
EVENTS IN BOCA RATON**

Wilkinson will present his Tony Duquette Jewelry at Jay Feder Jewelers
on January 31, 2019
and

Read from his newest book Tony Duquette's Dawnridge at the Boca Raton
Historical Society on February 1, 2019

Boca Raton, FL -- Two events are better than one... especially when they involve Hutton Wilkinson! This legendary interior designer, author, and jewelry designer will be coming to Boca Raton, Florida, for two days to present his Tony Duquette Jewelry collection and to read from his new book entitled *Tony Duquette's Dawnridge*.

The festivities will kick-off on Thursday evening, January 31, 2019, at Jay Feder Jewelers. After walking the red carpet--as Beverly Hills meets Boca Raton--guests will enjoy viewing exquisite pieces of Tony Duquette Jewelry, that were designed by Wilkinson, while mingling at a reception with this gifted designer. There will be light bites and refreshing libations, at this festive event, which is slated to run from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. This event will benefit the community programs of the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. Guests are asked to "dress to impress" and valet parking will be available. Please RSVP to Jay Feder Jewelers at 561.571.3050. JFJ is located at 6859 S.W. 18th Street in Boca Raton.

The following day--Friday, February 1, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum--Wilkinson will present his new book, *TonyDuquette's Dawnridge*. During this event--which is free to attend--he will be reading excerpts and presenting photos of his home's history and transformation. Wilkinson will also be presenting photos from a renowned cadre of photographers, including John Engstead, Man Ray, Horst, George Platt Lynes, Slim Aarons, and Tim Street-Porter. This enticing hardcover book, which will be available for purchase for \$75, was published by Abrams in October 2018. All book sales, both at this event and at the party at Jay Feder Jewelers, will also benefit the community programs at the BRHS&M. After his presentation, Wilkinson will also be signing copies of his book. Please RSVP to the BRHS&M at 561.395.6766, Ext. 101. BRHS&M is located at 71 North Federal Highway in Boca Raton.

This beautiful book, which sports 256 pages and 300 color illustrations, chronicles the luxe and historic transformation of his home. The book, which is organized by the three main houses,

contains the story of how Wilkinson expanded on Duquettes design vision. The book is enhanced by photographs by Tim Street-Porter and there is also a foreward by Hamish Bowles.

Famed designer Tony Duquette's Dawnridge--which is located in Beverly Hills, California--is one of the most creatively designed private homes in America. Built in 1949 by Duquette and his wife, Elizabeth, the original structure was a modest 30 x 30-foot box. Hutton Wilkinson purchased the home, following Duquettes death in 1999, and he has since breathed new life into the home, broadening the property, adding houses of his own design, and incorporating remarkable objects that were designed and created by the Duquettes.

Wilkinson was a protege of Tony Duquette, who worked with this gifted designer for nearly 30 years, from the age of 17 until Duquette's death at the age of 85. Wilkinson, who has continued to work as an interior designer, jewelry deisgner, and author, now uses the house as headquarters for Tony Duquette Inc., the interior design and jewelry business which Duquette had started in 1941.

Tony Duquettte was a multitalented costume and movie set designer whose early jewelry pieces were created when he was working on musicals for MGM, 20th Century Fox, and Universal Studios. His interior design career was also launched after people admired his interior designs, on movie sets, during the Golden Age of Hollywood. After Duquette's jewelry was displayed at the Louvre in Paris, in 1951, the Duchess of Windsor--who was very impressed by his collection--commissioned him to create a necklace for her. This beautiful creation, with citrine, peridot, and pearls, set in 18K gold, was a much-loved piece which the Duchess wore quite often.

Wilkinson, who worked as a designer and collaborator with Duquette for nearly three decades, continues to create statement pieces of jewelry using their favorite materials, including pearls, emeralds, coral, and malachite, for necklaces, rings, brooches, bracelets, and earrings. He describes these designs as bold, theatrical, and extravagant.

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