



**Paolo della Puppa**

here with former President Bill Clinton and his wife, presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, at Via Quadrorno.

**Culinary arts**

**V**ia Quadrorno, the first authentic Paninoteca Milanese in the US, which opened its doors back in 1999 in Manhattan, has now officially become a more than welcome fixture at **Art Basel Miami Beach**.

In a joint venture with the **Pelican Hotel**, their local partners on Ocean Drive, they launched their operation under the appropriate name of **Art Café** during Art Basel's 2005 edition, and it was an instant smashing success. Their delectable food and refreshing drinks certainly made a huge difference at the international event, and this year they will be back for a third round with their delicious food fare and sponsors, all made in Italy:

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It's art for your taste buds!

**Mischka's** '40s swimwear revival, a tribute to Hollywood's more glamorous days of yore. Wintertime—the "hottest" season on the Beach—is still a few months away, but this summer offered an entertaining alternative to all those foodies, who could hardly wait for the **Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival** to get their gastronomic fill. I'm referring, of course, to the highly anticipated third season of Bravo's smash hit **Top Chef**, which aired back in June and July and was entirely filmed in Miami Beach. June 13<sup>th</sup> was officially declared Top Chef Day in Miami, with plenty of fanfare and libations led by one of the show's hosts, leggy beauty **Padma Lakshmi** (the newly separated Mrs. **Salman Rushdie**). Most of the filming took place at one of the beach's most significant landmarks, the Fontainebleau Hotel, where the cutthroat competition kept

viewers on the edge of their kitchen counters. Although it took place in paradise, where the warm ocean beckons and the palm trees whisper their song in the breeze, Top Chef third season was not for the faint of heart. Eliminations were par for the course for all those contestants who couldn't keep up with the arduous contest, and by the end, the obvious analogy between the hottest TV cook-off and the hottest city on the East coast could be summed up with one single slogan: if you can't take the heat, get out of the Beach! But enough about food and wine. The fall is almost here, and in October, a new **Fashion Week** will sashay down this beautiful sandy strip. So hold the Pinot Noir and drop the foie gras, people. It's time to fast and hit the gym, if you all want to squeeze into the latest fashion and party in style for the next 12 months right here in sunny, fabulous Miami Beach.