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Pérez Art Museum Miami, HistoryMiami Museum and WLRN Team up to Tell the “Miami Stories” of Cuban Exiles

MIAMI – October 10, 2017 – Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), HistoryMiami Museum, and WLRN are partnering on a special project to preserve and record the history of Cuban exiles living in South Florida, in connection with PAMM’s latest exhibition, *On the Horizon: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*.

Inspired by HistoryMiami Museum’s “Miami Stories” program, the collaboration invites members of the Cuban exile community to share their personal memories and experiences at a series of upcoming PAMM Free Second Saturdays events. HistoryMiami and WLRN will be on site during the events with a recording booth, operated by an interviewer asking a series of questions, to capture voices from Miami’s Cuban exile community.

The recordings will become a permanent part of HistoryMiami’s ongoing program, “Miami Stories,” that allows current and former Miami-Dade County residents to share their unique Miami-related experiences, with the mission to collect, preserve, and disseminate these stories to illuminate the past and enlighten the future. The edited recordings will be made accessible at WLRN.org in 2018.

The project coincides with the second and third chapters of PAMM’s yearlong Cuban art exhibition, *On the Horizon. Chapter 2: Abstracting History*, currently on view through January 7, 2018, includes artists whose work explores the spiritual and political histories of Cuba, and examines past and contemporary realities within the context of Cuba and its diaspora. Chapter 3: *Domestic Anxieties* opens January 18, 2018, and presents artworks that reflect on the stresses and anxieties of everyday life, in addition to work that uses language and graphics to create spaces of aspiration, critique, and doubt.

“Museums should serve as arenas for advancing critical dialogue and discussion to promote inclusivity across our communities, backgrounds, and experiences,” said PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans. “Through this ‘Miami Stories’ collaboration, in connection to *On the Horizon*, we hope to engage members of the community in sharing their uniquely personal experiences and reflections about Cuba.”

“HistoryMiami Museum’s mission is to tell Miami stories. One of the ways we do that is through our Miami Stories program. We look forward to supporting our colleagues who are partnering with us and supporting our mission by collecting the stories that make Miami, Miami,” said HistoryMiami Museum Director Jorge Zamanillo.

“As South Florida’s storyteller, WLRN is proud to partner with PAMM and HistoryMiami to hear the stories of Cuban exiles in South Florida. These personal experiences are part of the fabric of our community. It is important to collect, save and share them. They represent our history, but also help us understand our future,” said WLRN’s Vice President of News Tom Hudson.

“Miami Stories” at PAMM’s Free Second Saturdays will take place from 1-4pm on October 14, November 11, February 10 and March 10.

About *On the Horizon: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*

PAMM opened the first chapter of *On the Horizon: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, an exhibition of over 170 works of art, spanning painting, drawing, photography, mixed-media, and sculpture on June 9, 2017. The exhibition is on view through April 8, 2018 at PAMM.





On the Horizon celebrates the recent generous gift of Cuban artworks donated to the museum by Jorge M. Pérez in December 2016, and includes a significant number of recent acquisitions purchased during the last year with funds provided as part of Pérez's donation.

About PAMM

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) promotes artistic expression and the exchange of ideas, advancing public knowledge and appreciation of art, architecture and design, and reflecting the diverse community of its pivotal geographic location at the crossroads of the Americas. A nearly 35-year-old South Florida institution formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), Pérez Art Museum Miami opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, in Downtown Miami's Museum Park on December 4, 2013. The facility is a state-of-the-art model for sustainable museum design and progressive programming and features 200,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor program space with flexible galleries; shaded outdoor verandas; a waterfront restaurant and bar; a museum shop; and an education center with a library, media lab and classroom spaces. For more information, please visit www.pamm.org, find us on Facebook (facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami), or follow us on Twitter/Instagram (@pamm).

About HistoryMiami Museum

HistoryMiami Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is the premier cultural institution committed to gathering, organizing, preserving and celebrating Miami's history as the unique crossroads of the Americas. We accomplish this through education, collections, research, exhibitions, publications and City Tours. Located in the heart of downtown Miami, HistoryMiami Museum is a 70,000 square foot facility and home to more than one million historical images and 30,000 three-dimensional artifacts, including a 1920's trolley car, artifacts from Pan American World Airways, and rafts that brought refugees to Miami. For more information, call 305-375-1492 or visit historymiami.org.

About WLRN

WLRN Public Media is committed to being the most trusted source of information and entertainment in South Florida's diverse community. Licensed to the school board of Miami-Dade County, WLRN is best known for its award winning public radio and television programs, but its services go well beyond the airwaves. It's a complex media enterprise consisting of radio and television stations, www.WLRN.org and educational channels offering you a variety of high quality programming and advanced learning services making WLRN a valuable public media source.

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