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Pérez Art Museum Miami Celebrates Fifth Anniversary of the PAMM Fund for African American Art

***Tickets on Sale Now for Art + Soul Celebration
Saturday, February 17, 2018 7pm-midnight***



LEFT: Kevin Beasley, *Untitled (parade)*, 2016. Collection Pérez Art Museum Miami, museum purchase with funds provided by Jorge M. Pérez and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and PAMM Ambassadors for African American Art. Photo: Oriol Tarridas. RIGHT: Reception for the PAMM Fund for African American Art. Photo: WorldRedEye.com.

MIAMI – January 18, 2018 – On February 17, 2018, Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) will welcome arts supporters and the PAMM Ambassadors for African American Art to the museum for Art + Soul, an evening celebrating the fifth anniversary of the PAMM Fund for African American Art. This event also marks the one-year anniversary since the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation provided a matching grant challenge that doubles donors' gifts and ensures that works by African American artists will always be represented in the museum's permanent collection.

"We are proud to be a museum with a collection that is reflective of our diverse Miami community," said PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans. "Through the Fund and this annual event, we are able to continue to shape the institution's collection of contemporary African American art and support its growth for generations to come."

This year's celebration will unveil the fund's most recent acquisition, a new painting by Tschabalala Self, and will offer special evening programs in three parts. Knight Foundation will match dollar to dollar all of the proceeds generated by the event to help support the fund.

The Dinner | cocktails 7pm, dinner 8pm: The evening will begin with an intimate cocktail hour and seated dinner in Paresky Hall, with introductory remarks made by ABC Local 10 Anchor and Reporter Neki Mohan. Dinner guests will also have access to the Reveal and the Celebration. Tickets: \$1,000 per person.





The Reveal | 9-10pm: The celebration will continue with a reveal of the fund's most recent acquisition in the presence of the artist Tschabalala Self, with remarks by artist and scholar David C. Driskell. Guests will also enjoy entertainment, champagne, and dessert. Guests of the Reveal will also have access to the Celebration. Tickets: \$500 for non-members (includes Ambassador membership) and \$250 for Ambassador members.

The Celebration | 9pm-midnight: The festivities will conclude under the stars on the East Portico with cocktails, canapés, and dancing. Tickets: \$100 per person (\$50 tickets are also available on limited capacity).

The PAMM Fund for African American Art was established in 2013 with a \$1 million donation, funded equally by Jorge M. Pérez and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, for the purchase of contemporary art by African American artists for the museum's permanent collection. Through the Fund, the museum first acquired works by Al Loving, Faith Ringgold, and Xaviera Simmons, which joined other significant pieces in the museum's collection by African American artists such as Leonardo Drew, Sam Gilliam, Rashid Johnson, Lorna Simpson, James Van Der Zee, Carrie Mae Weems, Kehinde Wiley, and Purvis Young. At the last Annual Reception for the PAMM Fund for African American Art, the museum acquired works by Kevin Beasley, Theaster Gates, Sam Gilliam, Martine Syms, and Juana Valdes.

Art + Soul Committee

Deryl McKissack, chairperson;; Florence and Sheldon Anderson; Suzanne and Chris Armstrong; Julia Brown; Barron Channer; Mireille Chancy and Tomas Gonzalez; Curb Gardner; Rosie Gordon-Wallace; Carole and Ira Hall; Debi and Larry Hoffman; Marilyn Holfield; Jumaane N'Namdi; Nedra and Mark Oren; Darlene and Jorge M. Pérez; Dorothy and Aaron Podhurst; Toni and Carl Randolph; and Dorothy Terrell.

For event and ticketing information, please visit pamm.org/fifthartsoul.

For more information about the PAMM Fund for African American Art, or to join the PAMM Ambassadors for African American Art, visit pamm.org/artfund.

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 and 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).

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