What Carried Us Over
Gifts from Gordon W. Bailey

Pérez Art Museum Miami
Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) is pleased to present *What Carried Us Over: Gifts from Gordon W. Bailey*. Since 2016, Gordon W. Bailey, a Los Angeles-based collector, scholar, and advocate, has gifted 60 artworks to PAMM. This exhibition features selections from Bailey’s gifts and includes works by Leroy Almon, Eddie Arning, David Choe, William Dawson, Thornton Dial Sr., Sam Doyle, Minnie Evans, Roy Ferdinand, Dilmus Hall, Lonnie Holley, Clementine Hunter, Harry Lieberman, Mario Mesa, Sister Gertrude Morgan, Daniel Pressley, Sulton Rogers, O. L. Samuels, Welmon Sharlhorne, Herbert Singleton, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose Tolliver, Rev. Albert Wagner, Willie White, Jane “In Vain” Winkelman, and Purvis Young.

Few of these artists received formal instruction. Most overcame hardship, particularly those living in the Deep South during the Jim Crow era. Still, in spite of the challenges before them, as the title of this inclusive exhibition confirms, they have been carried over by their respective commitments to their unique practices, creating inspiring works in a variety of media such as drawing, painting, and sculpture.

“I am thankful for Gordon’s scholarship and leadership in the discussion about these very important artists, for his generous patronage that has brought the works of many of these artists to museum collections around the country, and, most especially, for this significant gift to Miami,” said Director Franklin Sirmans. “His gifts allow PAMM’s permanent collection to present new, expansive art historical narratives that are inclusive of artists who maintained a practice and produced work outside of the art-world ecosystem.”
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Harry Lieberman, No Man is an Island, 1966. Oil on canvas, 26 1/2 x 22 1/2 inches. Collection Pérez Art Museum Miami, Gift of Gordon W. Bailey

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