Pérez Art Museum Miami Welcomes Naiomy Guerrero as Diversifying Art Museum Leadership Initiative Curatorial Fellow

MIAMI – February 5, 2018 – Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) announced today that Naiomy Guerrero has been awarded the museum’s inaugural Diversifying Art Museum Leadership Initiative (DAMLI) Curatorial Fellowship. This two-year fellowship, made possible by the Walton Family Foundation and the Ford Foundation, is offered to students from historically underrepresented groups in the curatorial and museum profession who have recently completed graduate level studies in art history or a related field. The fellow will have the opportunity to work on at least two major projects at PAMM and will generate at least four written pieces for the curatorial and education departments. The fellow will also work to initiate at least two new community partnerships in pursuit of deeper community engagement in exhibitions, programs, and/or collections.

“We're happy to welcome Naiomy to the PAMMily as the new DAMLI Curatorial Fellow,” said PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans. “Her background and experience in public programming, exhibition installation, public speaking, and more, will be valuable assets to this institution and help us to achieve our mission and vision to create a platform for diverse voices that is reflective of Miami’s multicultural community. We are grateful for the extraordinary support of the Walton Family and Ford Foundations and thankful to be playing a role in the diversification of the field.”

Guerrero has a B.A. in Art History from Depauw University and has begun graduate research and coursework towards a Master’s in Social Thought. The founding editor of the blog GalleryGirl.nyc (2016-present), she has also contributed to several publications and served as a panelist and speaker at functions related to art and writing. Over the course of her two-year fellowship, she will work with PAMM’s curatorial and education staff in all phases of public program development, symposiums, time-based art exhibition development, community outreach, and audience research and evaluations.

About The Ford Foundation
The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization. For more than 80 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With its headquarter in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

About the Walton Foundation
The Walton Family Foundation is a family-led foundation that was established in 1987 with the mission of tackling tough social and environmental problems in order to create access to opportunity for people and communities. The foundation works with urgency to make an impact that improves lives today, while also focusing on long-term approaches to ensure that these changes live on to benefit future generations.

About Pérez Art Museum Miami
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 Instagram/Twitter (@pamm).

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