



Miami Art Museum

Miami Art Museum Offers Free Admission On *Smithsonian* Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day

MIAMI, September 22, 2009— On Saturday, September 26, 2009, Miami Art Museum will participate in the fifth annual Museum Day, presented by *Smithsonian* magazine. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, *Smithsonian's* Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Doors will be open free of charge to *Smithsonian* magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors at museums and cultural institutions nationwide.

Last year, upwards of 200,000 people attended Museum Day, with all 50 states plus Puerto Rico represented by over 900 participating museums, including 84 Smithsonian affiliate museums. This year, the magazine expects to attract over 1,000 museums.

Miami Art Museum is currently exhibiting *Recent Acquisitions*, an exhibition showcasing the Museum's growing permanent collection. In its second rotation, the exhibition will remain on view through October 11, 2009. The new additions, most of which are on view in Miami for the first time, bring an infusion of excitement and innovation to MAM's collection. Among the artists represented in the reinstallation of *Recent Acquisitions* are: Ingrid Calame, Julie Davidow and Carol Prusa, Sean Duffy, Fernanda Gomes, William J. O'Brien, James Siena and Mette Tommerup. *Recent Acquisitions* is organized by Miami Art Museum and supported by MAM's Annual Exhibitions Fund.

To download your Museum Day Admission Card, visit www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Attendees must present the Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to participating institutions. Each card provides museum access for two people, and one admission card is permitted per household. Listings and links to participating museums' can also be found at www.smithsonian.com/museumday.

About Smithsonian Media

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Miami Art Museum serves one of the most diverse and fast-growing regions of the country, where a confluence of North and Latin American cultures adds vibrancy and texture to the civic

landscape. MAM embraces its role as a cultural anchor and touchstone in a city that welcomes countless ethnic and age groups, lifestyles and ideas.

MAM's far-ranging vision is expressed in the breadth and depth of its exhibition program, to its ambitious education and public programs. The Museum continues to build its collection of holdings from the twentieth century through the present, as it embarks on a major new building and expansion project. The new MAM designed by Herzog & de Meuron is scheduled for completion in downtown Miami's Museum Park in 2012.

Miami Art Museum is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts; with the support of Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Affairs Council, the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners. Miami Art Museum is an accessible facility. For sign language interpretation or assistive listening devices please call MAM's Education Department 305.375.4073 at least five days in advance. Materials in accessible format may be requested.

Miami Art Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5pm and every Third Thursday until 8:30pm for JAM@MAM. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is: Free for MAM members, children under 12 and students (with valid ID); adults \$8; seniors \$4; JAM@MAM \$10; free admission every second Saturday.

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