



## **Miami Art Museum Hosts Student Art Exhibition**

### **Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition January 24 through February 14, 2010 Awards Ceremony, January 24, 2010 at 3pm**

Miami – January 6, 2010 – Miami Art Museum presents the 2010 *Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition*, featuring artworks by Miami-Dade County middle and high school students, from January 24 through February 14, 2010. The annual exhibition, featuring artworks in all media including paintings, photographs, video and sculpture, will kick off with an awards ceremony on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 3pm when school district officials will announce awards in each category as well as artworks and portfolios that will be submitted for national competition. The 2010 *Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition* is part of MAM & Schools presented by Target.

“Miami Art Museum wants to give every Miami-Dade County student the opportunity to learn about art and experience the museum,” said Peter Boswell, Miami Art Museum assistant director of programs and senior curator. “*The Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition* is a special component of MAM & Schools programming because it allows us to showcase these incredibly talented students’ artworks for the entire community to enjoy, and it enables the students to experience the museum not just as visitors but as artists.”

Miami Art Museum has the largest museum-based art education program in Miami-Dade County and the largest art program outside the school system. During the 2008-2009 school year, MAM & Schools increased its audience levels by 30 percent, serving nearly 13,000 participants through the museum’s free program: free buses to visit MAM, free guided museum tours for students and their teachers, free classroom visits, free support materials for teachers at Teacher Workshops, and more.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the longest running, largest and most prestigious student recognition program in the United States. Alumni include Andy Warhol, Donald Lipski and Zac Posen. The Awards offer students recognition, exhibition, publication and scholarship opportunities. Students from Miami-Dade County schools consistently rank among the top winners at the national level – setting records for the number of awards won by the students of a single school district. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have been conducted annually since 1923 to honor the creative achievements of students in seventh through twelfth grade and to recognize excellence in teaching. At the conclusion of this regional exhibition, top award-winning artworks are forwarded to the national competition in New York City. Works of art and writing are submitted from 80 regions across the United States. A distinguished panel of prominent artists, writers and arts professionals selects the national award recipients.

Miami Art Museum is located at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130. Museum hours are: Tuesday through Friday, 10am - 5pm; Saturday through Sunday, Noon - 5pm. MAM is closed on Mondays. Admission is free for MAM members, children under 12 and students (with valid ID); adults \$8; seniors \$4; and Second Saturdays are Free for Families. Parking is \$5 at 50 NW 2nd Ave. Overflow parking is available at 270 NW 2nd Street. Miami Art Museum is accessible via Metrorail, Metrobus and Metromover through Government Center Station. For more information about Miami Art Museum, please call 305.375.3000 or visit [miamiartmuseum.org](http://miamiartmuseum.org).

### **Miami Art Museum**

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. Miami Art Museum embraces its role as a cultural anchor and touchstone in a city that welcomes countless ethnic and age groups, lifestyles and ideas. Miami Art Museum's far-ranging vision is expressed in the breadth and depth of its exhibition program, and 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 Miami Art Museum at Museum Park, designed by Herzog & de Meuron, is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

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 Miami Art Museum's education department 305.375.4073 at least five days in advance. Materials in accessible format may be requested.

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