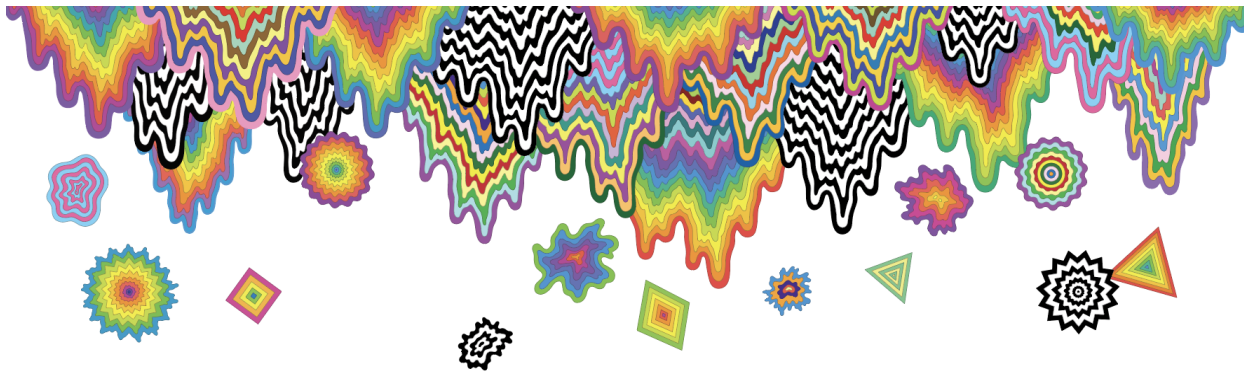


Public Art Exhibition Featuring Works By The Artists Who Made Miami, including Daniel Arsham, FriendsWithYou, and Jen Stark

Presented by Jayaram, *MAKING MIAMI: THE STORY OF AN ART COMMUNITY* Showcases the City's Dynamic Art History Through a New Book, Permanent Digital Archive, and Upcoming Film

—Opening December 6, 2023 in Miami's Design District—



Above: by Jen Stark

(MIAMI, FL — November 14, 2023) — **Jayaram** is pleased to announce *MAKING MIAMI*, a public art exhibition, book, and permanent digital archive presenting work by extraordinary Miami artists who lived and worked in the city between 1996-2012, and who built the foundation for the Miami of today. On view **December 6** through **December 26, 2023** the exhibition will feature work from nearly 50 artists throughout four specifically curated indoor galleries that are connected by a courtyard Sculpture Garden, and accompanied by dynamic on-site programming. Capturing the essence of the Miami Beach art scene from the early 2000s, this cultural event is a love letter to the dawn of Miami's art scene and aims to tell the story of the artistic landscape pre-dating the inception of Art Basel.

Incorporating cultural, artistic, and architectural history while drawing on a multitude of disciplines and mediums, *MAKING MIAMI* pays homage to storied Miami artist-run non-profit spaces **Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI)**, **Locust Projects**, **Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI)**, and **Dimensions Variable** by inviting them to showcase the now world famous artists they were original catalysts for.

The four inside gallery spaces are connected by a Sculpture Garden curated by **Katerina Llanes** featuring works by Miami artists including a sculpture by artist **Daniel Arsham's Snarkitecture**, a collaborative practice known for their multidisciplinary approach that blends art and architecture; a large scale mural by multimedia artist **Jen Stark**; and a massive inflatable by **FriendsWithYou**, the artist collaborative of Samuel Borkson and Arturo Sandoval III. The Sculpture Garden will also showcase works by artists **Loni Johnson**, **Naomi Fisher**, **Carlos Betancourt**, **Antonia Wright + Ruben Millares**, **Cristina Lei Rodriguez**, **Jillian Mayer**, **Rimaj Barrientos**, **Robert Chambers**, **Jason Hedges**, and **Swampspace/ Kenny Scharf**.

MAKING MIAMI is Jayaram's third Art Week exhibition, and the first focusing on Miami's artist community specifically. The exhibition will include a permanent digital archive and a film project which will be released in 2024. The exhibition will be accompanied by a book comprising over 40 conversations, images and ephemera from influential artists, curators, collectors, gallerists, musicians and writers, each telling their story of how Miami was transformed by a compendium of dynamic creative forces.

For the last 14 years, Jayaram has been dedicated to serving and partnering with creatives, brands, and their communities, to foster the creation of enduring and remarkable work. In recognition of artists as the centripetal force that center, organize and enliven a city, *MAKING MIAMI* seeks to recognize the artworks, spaces, and communities that were the starting point for many now famed artists. Positioned within the celebrated Design District, a neighborhood to which Jayaram has a longstanding connection and a commitment to pioneering fashion, design, art, and architecture, the space has been generously provided by none other than the founder of the Design District, **Craig Robins**. *MAKING MIAMI* will act as an acknowledgement of the debt that modern Miami owes to the multidisciplinary artists who have long come to the city, and be an archive of voices that birthed the Miami art community.



Left: FriendsWithYou "Little Cloud". **Right:** Antonia Wright + Ruben Millares "Patria y Vida".

"Like all great cities, Miami's rise has been driven by its creative community, and artists are the centripetal force that center, catalyze, organize and enliven the city," said **Vivek Jayaram, Founder of Jayaram**. "I've had the great pleasure of working with so many of these talented individuals who built the foundation of culture in Miami, and am honored to get the chance to bring their work and stories to the forefront."

"Miami has always been a city for visionaries and dreamers, with the early aughts belonging to the local artists and the community that nurtured and championed them," said **Carolina García Jayaram, Co-Producer of MAKING MIAMI**. "Like any dynamic city, a lot has changed over the years, yet the strong attraction of creative souls has stood the test of time. *MAKING MIAMI* invites viewers to go back in time, celebrate the pioneering artists who lived and worked here and appreciate their unique imprint on what we now proudly experience as a global community."

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI): Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI): A.L. Steiner, Alejandro Cardenas, Donzii (Jenna Balfe & Dennis Fuller), GISMO (Jessica Gispert & Crystal Molinary), Jenna Balfe, Jessica Dickinson, NUN (Deon Ruby & Jessica Martin) Benefit Print Editions by: Alejandro Cardenas, Cory Archangel, Jen Stark, Jessica Dickenson, K8 Hardy, Naomi Fisher, Olaf Breuning, Seth Price, Sharon Hayes, and more.

Dimensions Variable: Agustina Woodgate, Carlos Rigau, Erik Smith, Erin Thurlow, Francisco Masó, FriendsWithYou, Jamilah Sabur, Jose Reyes, Kevin Arrow, Marcos Valella, Tom Scicluna

Locust Projects: TM Sisters: For its participation in Making Miami, Locust Projects invited the TM Sisters (Tasha and Monica Lopez de Victoria) to create a new installation that revisits and reflects on their 2009 WHIRL CRASH GO! kaleidoscopic installation of light, sound, and action that was Locust Projects' first major activation in the Design District. WHIRL CRASH GO! combined the artists' athleticism in synchronized swimming and roller skating along with animated video projections and a vivid Miami spirit brought to life through collaborations with Miami-bass audio composer, Otto Von Schirach, designer Karelle Levy of Krelwear, and a supporting crew of performers who came together to make an unforgettable Miami moment happen.

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator (DVCAI): Asser Saint-Val, Juan Gonzalez, Marjaries Marmolejos, Rimaj Barrientos, Rock Jackson

Sculpture Garden: Antonia Wright + Ruben Millares, Carlos Betancourt, Cristina Lei Rodriguez, Daniel Arsham's Snarkitecture, FriendsWithYou, Jason Hedges, Jen Stark, Jillian Mayer, Loni Johnson, Naomi Fisher, Rimaj Barrientos, Robert Chambers, Swampspace/Kenny Scharf

MAKING MIAMI EXHIBITION

75 NE 39th Street | December 6-December 26
Monday to Saturday, 11am-8pm; Sunday, 12-6pm

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

DESIGN TALKS

3800 NE 1st Ave, Suit 500 | Dec 6, 3-6pm

Ezequiel Pini (6n5) x Alexander Bruckneridge (Snarkitecture) moderated by Vivek Jayaram

Felix Burrichter (PIN-UP) x Jillian Mayer & Special Guests

ARTIST TALKS & FILM PROGRAM

75 NE 39 Street, Miami Design District | Dec 9, 1-6pm & 6-11pm

ABOUT JAYARAM

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