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Art Collective, Yemenwed, Transforms Pérez Art Museum Miami's Learning Theatre into a Wellness/Cultural Center with Month-Long Schedule of Lectures, Tea Ceremonies, Guided Meditations and More

**YEMENWED EMPATHEATRE
October 16 – November 16, 2014**

MIAMI – September 29, 2014 – As the culmination of their Research-in-Residence at Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), the art collective Yemenwed will create an installation called EMPATHEATRE in the museum's Learning Theatre. Merging themes of a wellness/cultural center and a more traditional entertainment venue, Yemenwed will host a month of music shows, lectures, film screenings, performances, tea ceremonies and other interactive sessions, from October 16 to November 16, 2014. Throughout the duration of the installation, a sculptural character named *ICE*, who has been a central figure in Yemenwed's past works, will deliver daily lectures and lead museumgoers through visualizations and guided meditations. These daily activations of the space will also include projections and music.

Yemenwed is an art collective founded in 2006 in New York City. They create collaborative works, which synthesize the artistic focus of its varying members in the fields of architecture, painting, sculpture, animation, performance and music. The group maintains an active interest in the vocabulary of mainstream popular culture and its conventions, as well as entertainment value and notions of beauty. Each piece invariably reflects the different personal aesthetic and conceptual interests of the individual artists forming the work. Yemenwed has released several publications and has participated in exhibitions and performances at Palais de Tokyo, Tate Modern, MOMA P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art TBA:10, Performa 09, Fake Estate Gallery, 179 Canal, Hessel Museum of Art, Asia Song Society, and Jack Hanley Gallery, among other venues.

Pérez Art Museum Miami's PAMM Researcher-in-Residence program invites individuals active in the creative and cultural sector around the world, to South Florida to explore ideas relevant to their work and to engage with the community through public programs guided by each researcher's personal practices and points of interest. Through an ongoing partnership, downtown Miami arts organization, Cannonball, houses the visiting artists, curators, critics, writers and collectives, and presents related programs.

PAMM Researcher-in-Residence program is directed by Pérez Art Museum Miami Deputy Director for Education and Public Programs Emily Mello. YEMENWED EMPATHEATRE is organized by Pérez Art Museum Miami Time-Based Art Coordinator Katerina Llanes.





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 29-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 and 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 Twitter (@pamm).

Related Programs

YEMENWED EMPATHEATRE

October 16 – November 16, 2014

PAMM PRESENTS: DUTCH E. GERM X YEMENWED

Thursday, October 16, 7-9pm

Free to the public with museum admission

Avant-electronic musician Dutch E Germ will play a live set inside the art collective Yemenwed's new installation piece, titled EMPATHEATRE. The set will feature compositions from his new album IN.RAK.DUST and visuals created by Yemenwed. Dutch E. Germ is a founding member of the band Gang Gang Dance and has been a long-time collaborator with Yemenwed. Germ's technical, cinematic and percussively complex music has been used in fashion shows and films and will be featured in Yemenwed's upcoming performance *Heavy Flow*, debuting at PAMM on November 6, 2014.

YEMENWED PRESENTS *HEAVY FLOW* at the EMPATHEATRE

Thursday, November 6, 7-9pm

PAMM is free every first Thursday of the month

The art collective Yemenwed's new live performance piece will feature movement, song, dialogue, animations, and sculpture. Drawing inspiration from televangelism, wellness centers, variety shows and Bollywood, *Heavy Flow* is a spectacle of expression that aims to speak to many of our contemporary concerns from healthcare and climate change to depression and self-improvement. The EMPATHEATRE becomes a shape-shifting entertainment venue – a theatre set that is part cultural center part cabaret and part live television studio. *Heavy Flow* features three live performers, who use gesture and vocalizations to communicate a personal and at times ecstatic relationship to their own physiology and to society. A talking sculptural object and character named *ICE*, who made his debut as a nightclub MC in a previous Yemenwed performance, will play the role of the show's host. The main set piece is a massage chamber built for four, which evokes contemporary Miami architecture and serves as an experiment in wellness design. A projection of live-feed close-ups will be used to highlight details throughout the show.





YEMENWED PRESENTS EMPATHY SESSIONS at the EMPATHEATRE
Saturday, November 8, 1-4pm at PAMM Free Second Saturdays
Free and open to the public

(PAMM is free every Second Saturday of the month with family art-making, entertainment and other activities for visitors of all ages)
and

Tuesday, November 11, 4-6pm
Free with museum admission

Museumgoers are invited to participate in interactive performances called *Empathy Sessions*. These sessions will feature tea ceremonies, guided meditations, calming transmutational music and interactive movement within the EMPATHEATRE installation. Medicinal teas made from local plants will be served.

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