



## **Pérez Art Museum Miami Receives \$15 Million in Cash and Art from Anonymous Donor at Museum's Annual Corporate Luncheon**

**MIAMI – May 17, 2013** – The capital campaign for Miami Art Museum's new, state-of-the-art facility, opening as Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) this December, has now reached 85 percent of its total \$220 million goal, following a gift of \$15 million in cash and art that was announced today at the Museum's annual Corporate Luncheon. An anonymous donor pledged \$12 million to Pérez Art Museum Miami's capital campaign, as well as an additional \$3 million in art, selected by the Museum's curatorial staff. With all necessary funds for bricks and mortar already raised, this gift will support the endowment for expanded exhibitions and educational programming in the Museum's new, 200,000 square foot, Biscayne Bay front campus designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects Herzog & de Meuron.

"As the construction of our new home nears completion, we are gratified to see members of Miami's business and philanthropic community step up in such a significant way to ensure the success of this museum," said Museum Director Thom Collins, who announced the gift together with Board of Trustees Chairman Aaron Podhurst at the Luncheon. "Thanks to this incredibly generous donor, along with Miami-Dade County, Jorge Pérez, the Fernandez family, the Knight Foundation, members of our board of trustees, and many more of our friends in the private sector, this city will finally have the public art resource and world-class center for the visual arts it deserves."

The Sixth Annual Miami Art Museum Corporate Luncheon Presented by South Motors celebrated the corporate community's integral support of the arts throughout the region. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez welcomed the 350 business, cultural and civic leaders in attendance, and thanked them for their commitment to the County's cultural vitality: "The public sector can't do it alone – we rely on the corporate community's generosity, too. Our corporate citizens have played a huge role in this community's transformation into a global destination for arts and culture, and I commend today's honoree, MBF Healthcare Partners, for their contributions."

Corporate Honors was presented to Miami-based private investment firm MBF Healthcare Partners, whose leadership in corporate philanthropy has made a major impact on the South Florida community. MBF Healthcare Partners Senior Associate Alex Fernandez accepted the award. Last December, MBF Healthcare Partners Chairman Miguel B. 'Mike' Fernandez and family announced a \$5 million donation to the capital campaign for Pérez Art Museum Miami.

Craig Robins, president of development company Dacra, and Museum Director Thom Collins discussed how the arts have transformed South Florida. Dacra played an integral role in the repositioning and revitalization of Miami's South Beach through the restoration of Art Deco landmarks and developed mixed-use projects on Lincoln Road and Española Way, and transformed a once abandoned neighborhood – the Miami Design District – into one of the most

important global centers for cutting edge design, fashion, food and art. Robins is also a principal of the leading international design show Design Miami/ and Design Miami/ Basel.

The MAM Corporate Luncheon honorary chair was Craig Robins, president of Dacra, and chairs were: Alex Espenkotter, partner, Heller Waldman, P.L.; Pedro A. Fernandez, principal, Bernstein Global Wealth Management; Sarah Johnson, senior client executive, Aon Private Risk Management; and Daniel Novela, president, Novela Law. Corporate Luncheon committee members were: David Barkus, Greenberg Traurig; Jack Chadam, Node7 Advisors; and Jeffrey Gutches, Bilzin Sumberg.

For the third consecutive year, presenting sponsor of the MAM Corporate Luncheon was South Motors Automotive Group. Additional Miami Art Museum Corporate Luncheon supporters included: platinum sponsor Citi Private Bank; gold sponsors Bernstein Global Wealth Management, Bilzin Sumberg, Crystal & Company, Dacra, Greenberg Traurig, Grossman Roth, P.A., Hall, Lamb & Hall, P.A., Inktel, J.P. Morgan, John Moriarty & Associates of Florida, Marcum LLP, Podhurst Orseck, P.A., Related Group, Sabadell Bank & Trust, and UBS; silver sponsors Bank of America, Cisneros Group, Ernst & Young, Evensky & Katz Wealth Management, Heller Waldman, Hunton & Williams, Morgan Stanley, Northern Trust, Novela Law, One Sotheby's International Realty, RBC Wealth Management, U.S. Trust, Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L., and Wells Fargo; and in-kind support was provided by WLRN 91.3 FM.

#### **About Pérez Art Museum Miami**

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) was originally founded as the Center for Fine Arts, and was strictly an exhibiting organization with no collection of its own. In 1996, as part of an institution-wide reorganization, the museum was renamed Miami Art Museum and dedicated itself to collecting and exhibiting international art of the 20th and 21st centuries with a special emphasis on art of the Americas. Since then, the collection has grown steadily and now comprises more than 1,300 works across a range of media. The new Pérez Art Museum Miami in downtown Miami's Museum Park will strengthen the Museum's role as a vital cultural and educational center and provide generous spaces to showcase the Museum's art holdings and attract more top caliber exhibitions. Opening as Pérez Art Museum Miami in recognition of a landmark leadership gift of cash and art from Jorge M. Pérez—now valued at \$40 million—the Museum will serve as a resource commensurate with Miami's thriving community of artists, designers, collectors, and arts-engaged public.

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the 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. It 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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