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## Pérez Art Museum Miami Kicks off Summer of Free Admission for Military Families with Memorial Day Barbecue



**MIAMI – May 19, 2017** – On Monday, May 29, Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) will host its annual Memorial Day BBQ on the terrace overlooking Biscayne Bay. From 1-4pm, enjoy live music by the Wynwoods, barbecue specials by Verde and a special appearance by the Coast Guard Air Station Miami. Inside the iconic museum, explore newly opened exhibitions by Toba Khedoori, John Dunkley, Youssef Nabil and more.

The lively daytime celebration will kick off PAMM's second year of participation in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The national summer initiative compliments PAMM's year-round policy of extending free admission to U.S. military with identification. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their community, especially after a military move. With this program, PAMM is able to give complimentary admission to active duty military personnel, veterans and family members.

PAMM's Memorial Day BBQ is open to the public, and general museum admission rates apply (\$16 adults; \$12 for youth, seniors, students; Free for members, active duty military personnel, veterans and





family members). Verde barbecue and drink specials are available for purchase. Active duty military personnel and veterans will receive a voucher for a complimentary hotdog.



The museum will remain open from 10am–6pm, with live entertainment and barbecue from 1-4pm. Arrival by free Miami-Dade Metromover is recommended due to high expected attendance for special events. For more information about special event parking, visit [pamm.org/parking](http://pamm.org/parking).

### **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 33-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 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](http://www.pamm.org), find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami](https://facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami)), or follow us on Twitter/Instagram (@pamm).

### **About Blue Star Museums**

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America. The program runs from Memorial Day, May 29, 2017 through Labor Day, September 4, 2017. The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and up to five family members. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly. To find participating museums and plan your trip, visit [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

All summer long, Blue Star Museums will share stories through social media. Follow Blue Star Museums on Twitter @NEAarts and @BlueStarFamily, #bluestarmuseums, on Facebook, and read the NEA Art Works blog for weekly stories on participating museums and exhibits.

This is the latest NEA program to bring quality arts programs to the military, veterans, and their families. Other NEA programs for the military include the Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network.

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