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Pérez Art Museum Miami Welcomes Ade Omotosho for Inaugural Ford Foundation Curatorial Fellowship

MIAMI – November 13, 2017 – Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) announced today that **Ade Omotosho** has been awarded the museum's first Ford Foundation Curatorial Fellowship. The Ford Foundation Curatorial Fellowship at PAMM is offered to undergraduate or graduate students of color who have recently completed their studies and wish to embark on a career in the curatorial field. The program supports PAMM's mission to encourage diversity and access in the curatorial field, and seeks to address the under-representation of people of color in positions of leadership in American museums. As PAMM's inaugural Curatorial Fellow, Ade Omotosho will gain in-depth fieldwork experience over the course of two years, working closely with curators and museum leadership to research, design, and produce upcoming exhibitions at PAMM.

"PAMM shares the Ford Foundation's goal of creating a space for diverse voices. As a museum, we believe that authorship in the curatorial field is better served by a varied range of perspectives," said PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans. "With his past experience in the Mellon Curatorial program and as a graduate of the UT-Austin's art history department, Ade is poised for this inaugural position and we look forward to him joining us in our unique environment here in Miami. We are grateful for the vision and support of Ford Foundation as we work to generate exemplary scholarship."

Ade is a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he received his Bachelors in Art History with Honors. He is the recipient of the Fulbright-Hays Grant for intensive Yoruba language study, and spent 10 weeks at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He has previously served as a Fellow at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in the department of photography. At PAMM, Ade will work within the curatorial department to support the organization of the annual reinstallations of the museum's permanent collection, assist with the design and production of upcoming exhibitions, and conduct extensive research in his chosen area.

About The Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization. For more than 80 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

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, find us on Facebook (facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami), or follow us on Instagram/Twitter (@pamm).

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