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## Pérez Art Museum Miami Honors Funding Arts Network, Goya Foods of Florida, and Naeem Khan at its 11th Annual Corporate Luncheon

*Hundreds of Community and Business Leaders Gathered in Support of Arts Education*

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**MIAMI – September 27, 2018** – Yesterday, at the 11th annual Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Corporate Luncheon, presented by STARR Catering Group, South Florida’s most influential business leaders attended the highly anticipated luncheon in honor of Funding Arts Network, Goya Foods of Florida, and Naeem Khan for their vital support of the arts.

This year’s lunch reception featured delicious cuisine by STARR Catering Group in collaboration with Goya, where attendees had the opportunity to network, explore the museum’s newest exhibitions, and view a short film focused on the intersection of art and fashion in Miami’s growing economy, highlighting Mi9 Retail, Naeem Khan, Oscar Carvallo, René Ruiz, Style Mafia, and The Webster. All funds from the luncheon were donated to fund special exhibitions and educational programming for PAMM’s visitors.

“Going into our 35th anniversary year as an institution this winter, it’s remarkable to look back and see the evolution and transformation of this city,” said PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans. “We’re excited to look forward and continue to shape the future of Miami’s cultural landscape – which is all possible with your support. It is an honor to stand here today and celebrate with you: South Florida’s incredible corporate community, and your dedication to ensure that art is accessible for all in this community.”

This year’s honorees have played a fundamental role in the community. **Funding Arts Network**, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing visual and performing arts programs offered throughout Miami-Dade County, provides grants to arts providers, capacity-building workshops for grant applicants, and forums for members which foster arts involvement, appreciation, and awareness. Funding Arts Network has been involved with PAMM since 1998, helping the museum bring world class exhibitions to the community.





**Goya Foods of Florida**, the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the United States, proudly supports nearly 300 charitable endeavors, programs, scholarships, and events that promote culture and benefit overall community wellness. Since 2015, Goya Foods of Florida has supported PAMM's Spanish-language tours, providing free guided tours to visitors.

**Naeem Khan** is an American fashion designer who has dressed former First Lady Michelle Obama, Queen Noor of Jordan, and the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, to name a few. Khan is moving his headquarters and manufacturing facility to Miami as well as building a high school next door for students who want to study fashion—an extension of the fashion program at Miami-Dade's renowned Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH). Khan's goal is to train a future generation of designers and entrepreneurs in an effort to invigorate Miami-Dade's fashion industry. An international advocate of the arts, Khan has a steadfast commitment toward the growth of Miami's economy, the education of our students, and the future of fashion in our city.

PAMM is the largest provider of art education outside of Miami-Dade County Schools System, reaching more than 215,000 children since opening in December 2013. Corporate support has made many of these free programs possible, which include: free family activities every second Saturday; Art Detectives, an arts education program that promotes critical and timely dialogue between community youth and police; Brick x Brick, a program for at-risk teens which takes place at community centers in underserved areas throughout Miami-Dade, and focuses on architecture, design and community planning; PAMM in the Neighborhood, a summer camp program for underserved youth; and more.

For the third consecutive year, STARR Catering Group served as the presenting sponsor of the PAMM Corporate Luncheon. Additional PAMM corporate supporters include Platinum sponsors: Bean Automotive Group and Brightline. Gold sponsors: Bank OZK Real Estate Specialties Group, Deutsche Bank Wealth Management, ESWINDOWS, Medina Family Foundation, Norwegian Cruise Line, Parque Towers, Park One, Podhurst Orseck, PA, Related Group, South Florida Business Journal, and Tory Burch. Silver sponsors: Apollo Bank, Art Basel, Arquitectonica, Art Miami, Context, Bizlin Sumberg, BrightView, CCOM Group, Citi, Crystal & Company, EY, Fortune International Group, Goldman Sachs, Holland & Knight, J.P. Morgan, Liaisons, Magic Leap, McNamara Salvia, Mi9 Retail, Trax, University of Miami, and U.S. Trust

### **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. Led by Director Franklin Sirmans, the nearly 35-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 [pamm.org](http://pamm.org), find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami](https://facebook.com/perezartmuseummiami)), or follow us on Instagram/Twitter (@pamm).

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