

Pérez Art Museum Miami Honors Citi and the Citi Foundation at Twelfth Annual Corporate Luncheon

Networking Event Highlights Miami Business Leaders' Contributions to Art and Technology



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(MIAMI, FL — October 24, 2019) — Yesterday, **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** celebrated its twelfth annual **Corporate Luncheon**, presented by Constellation Culinary Group, honoring **Citi** and the **Citi Foundation** for its embodiment of PAMM's mission and their longtime support of the arts. Converging around the theme of art and technology, the annual networking event hosted nearly 250 of South Florida's most influential business leaders to highlight their vital support of Miami's arts community.

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“At PAMM, we aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve, from the art on the walls to the programs we create. Without support from our local, county, and state government, PAMM would not be able to operate at its current level, touching as many lives as we do. We are deeply grateful for the support of Miami's corporate community,” said **PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans**.

After enjoying a special technology-inspired menu, featuring technology-inspired dishes by Constellation Culinary Group, guests were able to network, explore the museum's newest exhibition, *Teresita Fernández: Elemental*, and view a short film featuring Miami's top business leaders on the intersection of art and technology. The film featured speakers **Chris Barr** of the **Knight Foundation**, **Felicia Hatcher** of

Black Tech Week, Amy Renshaw of Code/Art, artist Leo Castaneda, Diego Berta of Magic Leap Inc., Creative Fusionist Asta Roseway of Microsoft, and PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans.

This year's honoree **Citi** has been a presenting sponsor of PAMM's annual exhibitions since 2013. This year, **Citi Foundation** chose PAMM as one of three national partners in the expansion of its museum internship program, which will launch in 2020. PAMM will spearhead a pilot arts administration internship program that offers local undergraduate students immersive work experience in museums in the hopes of removing financial barriers and creating a diverse pipeline of rising talent, ensuring that the museum's staff can continue to reflect the diversity of the community it serves.

All proceeds from the luncheon fund the museum's art and education outreach programs, the largest in Miami-Dade County outside the public school system. Corporate support has made many of these free programs possible, which include: free family activities every second Saturday; Made at PAMM, a weekly art-making program centered on the museum's current exhibitions; 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.

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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. The 35-year-old South Florida institution, formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM) and led by Director Franklin Sirmans, opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, on December 4, 2013 in Downtown Miami's Museum Park. 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.

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