# Pérez Art Museum Miami Announces George Clinton as Headliner for PAMM Presents 2023

# Museum's Signature Art Week Bash to Take Place Thursday, December 7, 2023



George Clinton. Courtesy the artist.

(MIAMI, FL — November 20, 2023) — **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** is pleased to announce **George Clinton** as the headliner for **PAMM Presents**, the museum's signature art week party taking place on **Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 8-11pm**. The highly-anticipated event welcomes guests from around the world for an evening of exhibition viewing, live music, and dancing.

PAMM Presents draws in nearly 5,000 guests annually to celebrate the museum as a collecting institution with an ongoing commitment to diversity, presenting art from Latin America, the U.S. Latinx experience, the Caribbean, and the African diaspora.

This year will feature a special performance from **George Clinton**, a musician, singer, bandleader, and record producer most known for his collective, Parliament-Funkadelic, which developed an influential and eclectic genre of funk music during the 1970s. Clinton is also a visual artist and will have an exhibition of

15 paintings on view at Jupiter Contemporary from November 30, 2023-December 31, 2024. A selection of work will also be on view at Jeffrey Deitch's booth at Art Basel.

"In the 1990s, Afrofuturism was a significant topic of discussion, and we're at another high point in that cycle today. George plays a fundamental role in this discourse, contributing to it through his current art practice and not just as an icon of the past or an influence, but as an active member enriching the conversation from a contemporary standpoint. It's truly remarkable," said **PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans.** 

In addition to George Clinton's headlining performance, the evening will also feature live DJ sets. From 8-10pm, **DJ DLuxe**—known for her craft blending genres from house, funk, jazz, disco, soul, world music, and more—will perform an opening set. Born in Seville Spain, and raised in Chicago before spending 12 years in Barbados, DLuxe is now based in Miami. Her music reflects her eclectic and international experience, and she exudes an aura of sophistication and elegance that sets her apart as a tastemaker. Starting at 10:45pm, **CHARLIE SOUL CLAP**, the principal songwriter of musical duo Soul Clap, will perform a closing set. With over 20 years of experience as a musician, Charlie is best known for thematic dance music that is both eclectic, unexpected, and contemporary.

Throughout the evening, attendees will have the opportunity to view the museum's current exhibitions, which will include the newly opened *Gary Simmons: Public Enemy* presented by Citi, the most in-depth presentation of Simmons's work to date, covering 30 years of the artist's career and encompassing 75 sculptures, paintings, works on paper, and installations, as well as a number of large-scale wall drawings the artist will create on site. Additional exhibitions include *Joan Didion: What She Means*, an exhibition curated by acclaimed writer Hilton Als featuring nearly fifty artists including Betye Saar, Vija Celmins, and Felix Gonzalez-Torres; *Madeleine Hunt-Ehrlich: Too Bright to See*, an experimental film installation focusing on the artist's extensive research of the overlooked female writer and activist Suzanne Roussi-Césaire; *Marcela Cantuária: The South American Dream*, the artist's first solo exhibition featuring all newly commissioned painting works; and *Jason Seife: Coming to Fruition*, featuring all new site-specific works including a custom wallpaper, triptychs, and a large-scale canvas.

PAMM Presents is sponsored by JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery, Brugal 1888, BLESS Hotels, OutFront, Miami DDA, and La Croix Sparkling Water.

By invitation only. Open to PAMM Sustaining and above-level members (check your email for your invitation) and VIP pass holders to Art Basel Miami Beach, VIP pass holders to Art Basel Miami Beach, Art Miami + CONTEXT, Design Miami/, Nada Miami 2023, Pinta Miami, Red Dot Miami / Spectrum Miami, SCOPE Miami Beach 2023, and Untitled Art, Miami Beach 2023 (quantities are limited). Art fair VIP pass holders to verify access with each individual fair. RSVP is required to gain entry to this event. Become a Sustaining or above-level member to receive your invitation.

If you are interested in attending and discussing coverage opportunities for PAMM Presents, please email Andrea Bruce (<a href="mailto:andrea@culturalcounsel.com">andrea@culturalcounsel.com</a>).

# **ABOUT GEORGE CLINTON**

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"Clinton's visual artwork is a mix of funkadelic mythologies and utopian fantasies," said Spring McManus, an art advisor who manages Clinton's visual art practice. "As a founder of the Afrofuturist movement, Clinton inspired some of contemporary arts' leading figures today." He has had solo exhibitions at Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles; George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center, Austin; and The National Museum of African American Music, Nashville. His Mothership is on permanent display at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and he is currently featured prominently throughout their Afrofuturism exhibition. He will have a solo exhibition at Savannah College of Art and Design Museum of Art next September. Spring McManus Art Advisory represents and manages George Clinton's visual art practice.

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#### **ABOUT PAMM**

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), led by Director Franklin Sirmans, 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 nearly 40-year-old South Florida institution, formerly known as Miami Art Museum (MAM), opened a new building, designed by world-renowned architects Herzog & de Meuron, on December 4, 2013 in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré 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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