



CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2022-23 EXHIBITION SEASON

Sixteen inspiring exhibitions featuring local artists and thought-provoking discussions will be presented at the Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Lake Worth Beach

October 17, 2022 (Lake Worth Beach, Fla.) — The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is bringing a dynamic season of arts, culture and community to The Palm Beaches!

Reflecting the Cultural Council's mission to champion, engage and grow the arts in Palm Beach County, the Council's 2022-23 season of exhibitions and events will showcase a spectacular variety of work by local artists at the Council's downtown Lake Worth Beach headquarters. Opportunities to experience the magic include a full schedule of engaging exhibitions in the Council's three gallery spaces.

"We are ecstatic to welcome everyone in the community to the Cultural Council to experience our upcoming exhibitions," said Dave Lawrence, the Council's president and CEO. "Our new season kicks off with our Main Gallery exhibition 'Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora' this fall, an innovative exhibition that highlights works from 24 Palm Beach County artists of Latin American descent. In January, we will present 'Visualizing Climate Disruption,' a profound look at the local effects of climate disruption, followed by our highly anticipated '2023 Biennial' that will highlight some of the best artists in the county. We'll close our Main Gallery season in the spring with our '2022 Artist Innovation Fellowship Showcase' that will showcase new work created by six creative professionals who received fellowships in 2022."

Twelve other vibrant exhibitions will also be featured throughout the season in the Council's Solo Gallery and Donald M. Ephraim Family Gallery. Art Talks — or panel discussions with artists and members of the community — will also be offered with each Main Gallery exhibition. All Art Talks are free and open to the public. The Council will also host a series of Culture Talks in partnership with *Palm Beach ArtsPaper*.

Fall programming highlights include:

Main Gallery: From October 28 to January 14, visitors are invited to experience *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora*, highlighting diverse works by 24 local artists from a wide range of Latin American and Hispanic origins. Guest curator Juliana Forero, Ph. D (founder of Nomad Art Projects) has woven a story with the work of artists whose families come from Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guatemala, and Cuba, among others. This exhibition aims to highlight the range of Latin American experiences by celebrating the art of its people. The exhibition will include didactic materials and opportunities for tours in Spanish and English.

Art Talks: The Council's new series of Art Talks will feature in-depth panel discussions with visual artists and community leaders about each exhibition in the Council's Main Gallery. The first Art Talk will be held with *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora* curator Juliana Forero, Ph. D, on Nov. 5. Free admission; registration recommended by visiting palmbeachculture.com/council-events/.

Solo Gallery Exhibitions: Celebrate the work of individual artists, starting with *Michelle Drummond: Systems*, featuring imaginative multi-dimensional sculptures made of colorful yarn by Delray Beach artist

Michelle Drummond now through December 2. Next up is an exhibition of artist David Rubinson's mesmerizing computer-generated work from December 9 through January 21.

Exhibitions in the Donald M. Ephraim Family Gallery: This fall, visitors can take in *Pattern and Process*, a juried exhibition presented in collaboration with Women in the Visual Arts and currently on display through November 12, followed by an exhibition of work by multimedia artist Gabino A. Castelán — one of two artists from Palm Beach County to earn a 2022-2023 grant from the South Florida Cultural Consortium — from November 18 through December 31.

Palm Beach ArtsPaper Culture Talks: *Palm Beach ArtsPaper*, a publication founded in 2008 by a group of Palm Beach County-based arts journalists, will host their first-ever discussion series at the Cultural Council this season. Sessions include talks with Andrew Kato, producing artistic director and chief executive of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, in conversation with Hap Erstein on (October 29), and David Walker, general and artistic director of Palm Beach Opera, in conversation with Greg Stepanich (December 3). All Culture Talks will take place at 2 p.m. Free admission; registration recommended by visiting palmbeachculture.com/council-events/.

Additional events will be offered by exclusive invitation to members of the Cultural Council. The Council offers opportunities to individuals, creative professionals, small businesses and large corporations to get involved in the local arts community through its membership program. Members enjoy benefits such as red-carpet treatment at previews for exhibitions, a subscription to the Cultural Council's award-winning magazine and an exclusive member discount card offering savings to area museums and ticket discounts for dance and theatre performances. Certain levels of membership also include admission to the Culture & Cocktails series and complimentary access to hundreds of cultural organizations across the world.

For more information on upcoming events or to become a member of the Cultural Council, please visit www.palmbeachculture.com.

About the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the official support agency for arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. Headquartered in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach, the Council presents exciting year-round exhibitions and performances featuring artists who live or work in Palm Beach County. The Council features spectacular work by local artisans in its Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store, offers complimentary resources for visitors in its Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center and hosts frequent events in its outdoor Project Space, offering views of the building's iconic Martin Luther King Jr. mural by renowned Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra. The council is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and a comprehensive calendar of cultural events in The Palm Beaches, visit palmbeachculture.com.

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