

THE PATRICIA & PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM

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The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum on the University Park Campus is an arts resource for the university and surrounding communities in South Florida. Its mission is to enrich and educate diverse audiences through the language of art by collecting, preserving, researching and interpreting a broad range of arts from around the world. The museum is the repository of over 6,000 works of art including the Coral Gables Metropolitan Museum and Art Center Collection, the Oscar B. Cintas Fellows Collection, and the Betty Laird Perry Emerging Artist Collection.

The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum amplifies the impact of its exhibitions with a wide range of regionally unique and nationally recognized educational programs. The Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series and the Latin American & Caribbean Art Lecture Series present South Florida's diverse audiences with programming that includes art world luminaries and renowned artists, critics, curators, designers and scholars. The museum offers event programs such as **Wednesday After-Hours**, which gives visitors the chance to engage with the contemporary and confront the controversial with talks, films, live music and art. The museum also offers guided tours of the current exhibition and the Sculpture Park.

The museum's educational programs are designed to nurture and increase each participant's knowledge of art, honor its mission to serve people of all ages, means and backgrounds, including the culturally diverse FIU community and residents of and visitors to South Florida. The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum develops a significant series of public programs in conjunction with the major exhibitions it borrows and organizes each year.

Additionally, The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum works with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to deliver tours of interdisciplinary training for instructors that reach more than 12,000 teachers and students annually.

In conjunction with the School of Art and Art History, the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies is an 18-credit program intended to prepare individuals for employment in museums, historic preservation, and collection management. The program offers graduate level courses in various associated academic disciplines with special projects and on-line courses appropriate for specific museum work. Courses are for students interested in museum careers and for people currently employed in museums who want to expand their theoretical base and their knowledge of best professional practices. The program is designed to provide the students with a strong theoretical basis and a broad understanding of museum practice and history. For further information on the program, refer to the School of Art and Art History.

Student and faculty exhibitions are an important component of the museum's academic function and present the work of artists who have gone on to receive state and national recognition, including National Endowment for the Arts, MacArthur Foundation, Guggenheim Fellowship Award and Florida Visual Artist

grants and fellowships. The Betty Laird Perry Emerging Artist Collection was established with work acquired through the Betty Laird Perry Purchase Award, which is granted to selected BFA and MFA students graduating from the FIU programs in visual arts.