

## UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS

### THE PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM

The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus has served as an arts resource for the university and surrounding communities in South Florida for over 35 years. The Frost Art Museum enriches and educates diverse audiences through the language of art with its collections of a broad range of over 6,000 works of art from around the world and exhibitions and public programs which enhance the collections. The collection includes a strong representation of paintings by important American artists including Hans Hofmann, William Merritt Chase and Roy Lichtenstein; American printmaking from the 1960s and 70s; a growing number of artworks by contemporary Caribbean and Latin American artists. The non-Western collections include Pre-Columbian objects, Japanese netsukes and prints, and Benin bronzes and other African pieces. In addition, through the Betty Laird Perry Emerging Artist Awards, works by graduating art students at FIU are collected. An important part of the Frost collection is the Sculpture Park installed throughout the Maidique Campus.

The Frost was founded in 1977 as a gallery to introduce FIU students to original works of art. As interest grew, it expanded to an active display space in an administrative building in the heart of campus. The Museum's exhibition program, along with associated public programs, drew audiences and acclaim from all of South Florida. In 2008, after 10 years of planning, it moved to its own dedicated, world-class museum building. The Frost Art Museum offers a robust series of changing exhibitions to the public throughout the year. Since its opening, the Museum has organized exhibitions of Modern Masters from the Smithsonian Institution; Taiwan Art; The Missing Peace: A Tribute to the Dalai Lama; Volf Roitman; Modernism from Venezuela; a Baroque Selection from Dutch and Flemish Masters; The Figure, Past and Present - a Permanent Collection exhibition, and many others. Other, smaller changing galleries allow for the display of the Museum's permanent collections, collaborative exhibitions with The Wolfsonian-FIU; video installations and site-specific works. Student and faculty exhibitions are an important component of the Museum's academic function. They present the work of student and faculty artists and alumni, many of whom have gone on to receive state and national recognition, including National Endowment for the Arts, MacArthur Foundation, Cintas Award, Guggenheim Fellowship Award and Florida Visual Artist grants and fellowships.

The Frost Art Museum presents a significant series of public programs in conjunction with the major exhibitions it borrows and organizes each year. **The Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series** brings art world luminaries and renowned artists, critics, curators, designers and scholars to South Florida's diverse audiences. Other on-going programs provide visitors the chance to engage with the contemporary and confront the controversial with talks, films, live music and art.

The Museum's varied educational programs nurture and increase each participant's knowledge of art for groups of all ages and backgrounds, including the culturally diverse FIU community and residents of, and

visitors to, South Florida. More than 12,000 students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools participate in tours and hands-on activities at the Museum annually. The Museum also offers guided tours of the current exhibition and the Sculpture Park. Another aspect of the Museum's education programs is the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies, offered in conjunction with the Department of Art & Art History. This program prepares individuals for employment in museums, historic preservation, and collection management. Students in the program curate an exhibit every spring from the Museum's permanent collection.

Please visit the Museum's website at <http://thefrost.fiu.edu> or call (305) 348-2890.

### THE WOLFSONIAN-FIU

Located in the heart of Miami Beach's Art Deco District, The Wolfsonian-FIU is a museum and research center that uses objects to illustrate the persuasive power of art and design, to explore what it means to be modern, and to tell the story of social, political, and technological changes that have transformed our world. It encourages people to see the world in new ways, and to learn from the past as they shape the present and influence the future. The Wolfsonian achieves its mission through exhibitions, publications, educational programs, and individual scholarship.

The Wolfsonian became part of FIU in July 1997 when its founder, Mitchell Wolfson Jr., donated his extraordinary collection, as well as the museum building and an off-site storage annex, to the University. The core of The Wolfsonian's holdings consists of decorative arts, fine arts, propaganda, architectural materials, and industrial and graphic design from the period 1850s through the 1950s. The United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands are the countries most extensively represented. There are also smaller but significant collections of materials from a number of other countries, including Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Japan, and the former Soviet Union. The collection includes works on paper, furniture, paintings, sculpture, glass, textiles, ceramics, lighting and other appliances, and many other kinds of objects, as well as a rare books library with more than 120,000 items.

In addition to its permanent collection galleries, The Wolfsonian presents temporary exhibitions that address broad themes of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, such as nationalism, political persuasion, industrialization, architecture and urbanism, consumerism and advertising, transportation, and world's fairs. Although drawing primarily on its own holdings, The Wolfsonian also features exhibitions and objects on loan from other collections.

Through its public programs, The Wolfsonian offers a range of lectures, films, symposia, tours, and workshops geared to visitors of all ages. It has paired with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to develop activities and interpretive materials for students and teachers in the arts and social sciences. To inquire about an exhibition (present, past, upcoming), program, or the general calendar, please visit <http://www.wolfsonian.org> or call (305) 531-1001.

The Wolfsonian offers important resources to the FIU community. The museum hosts classes in its classrooms, offers tours of its galleries to student groups and courses,

and makes the collection of its rare books library (305-535-2641) available to students and faculty members for research projects. Students interested in learning more about these resources should contact the museum's assistant director for research and academic initiatives at (305) 535-2613 or [jon@thewolf.fiu.edu](mailto:jon@thewolf.fiu.edu).

## THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA-FIU

The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU (JMOF-FIU) is the only museum dedicated to telling the story of more than 250 years of Florida Jewish history, arts and culture, with a growing collection of more than 100,000 items. It is located in the trendy SoFi area of South Beach at 301 Washington Avenue. The Museum is housed in two restored historic buildings that were once synagogues for Miami Beach's first Jewish congregation. The original synagogue was built in 1929, and the second, built in 1936, was designed by Art Deco architect Henry Hohaus and features 80 stained-glass windows, a copper dome, and a marble *bimah*. The two buildings are joined together by Bessie's Bistro, named after former Miss America, Bess Myerson.

While reflective of the Jewish experience in Florida, JMOF-FIU creates understanding of the shared immigrant experience in our multicultural society. The Museum's core exhibition, *MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida, 1763 to Present* began as a statewide grassroots collecting effort, which included gathering photographs, artifacts and oral histories from descendants of pioneer families, as well as the state's more recent arrivals. Mosaic traveled to 13 Florida cities from 1990-1994 and generated so much interest that by 1995, it evolved into the Jewish Museum of Florida.

JMOF-FIU became part of the FIU in 2012, creating a historic partnership that leverages the resources of the Museum and FIU to ignite a new era of interdisciplinary education and research. Using the lens of the evolving immigration experience of Jews in Florida, JMOF-FIU serves as a forum to promote tolerance, further global understanding and create connections to Jewish culture, history, arts and contemporary civic life for diverse audiences. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, JMOF has achieved a standard of excellence in its methodology for research, collecting, conservation, archiving, storing and interpreting its holdings.

The Museum's extensive collection focuses on the people who have shaped and continue to influence the development of our state, drawing crucial links between their contributions and the social, political, economic, cultural and religious aspects of Jewish life in Florida and the relationship of Jews to the dominant non-Jewish population. As such, the collection offers a wealth of opportunity for students and faculty for scholarly research across subject matters, from the arts and sciences to gender and religious studies, with artifacts, ephemera, documents, photographs and oral histories from every region of the state.

JMOF-FIU presents a vibrant schedule of thought-provoking history and art exhibits that change periodically, paired with a dynamic array of programs including: lectures, concerts, workshops, family activities, walking tours and presentations of contemporary topics of Jewish issues and interests worldwide with international scholars and presenters and local movers and shakers. Many of the programs are in collaboration with FIU departments

including the Green School of International and Public Affairs, Global Jewish Studies and School of Music as well as various cultural and community organizations.

JMOF-FIU is also an extended classroom for thousands of Miami-Dade County Public School students, inspiring them to explore their own cultural heritage and traditions and those of all ethnic groups in our multicultural society.

For more information, please visit <http://jmof.fiu.edu/> or call (305) 672-5044.