

## UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS

### THE PATRICIA & PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM

The Frost Art Museum's vision is to spark curiosity and dialogue through art. We bring great art to our South Florida community. We are a campus resource for our entire FIU community, and we serve as a premier cultural destination for residents and visitors to one of America's most vibrant cities. We complement our exhibitions with a wide range of educational programs tailored to our varying constituencies.

As one of the few art institutions in Miami-Dade with free admission as well as programs and events, we serve all our community members with meaningful engagement in an arts institution, often providing our visitors with their first museum experience.

Over the years, the museum's permanent collection has grown more than 6000 objects thanks to several notable donations of important works of art. From Pre-Columbian artifacts to twenty-first-century prints and photography, the extensive range of the collection allows the museum to provide in-depth research opportunities and diverse exhibitions. In 2018, the museum will open its permanent collection exhibition, and as the museum looks forward, we aim to make our collection available online and develop projects that will engage users through digital platforms.

Because the Frost Art Museum is part of one of the nation's largest research universities, education comprises a major component of the museum's mission. Each academic year, our curators and staff provide ongoing curriculum support to many faculty across departments in FIU.

The Frost Art Museum continually reaffirms its commitment to promoting the excellence of its collections, exhibitions and educational programs, by striving to discover innovative ways to reach and serve an increasingly larger and more diverse constituency - both nationally and internationally. Please visit the museum's website at <http://frost.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 1850 through 1950. 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 of over 180,000 objects includes works on paper, furniture, paintings, sculpture, glass, textiles, ceramics, lighting and other appliances, as well as a rare books library.

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 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 Hohauser 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.