

Miami DDA ushers in art season with seventh annual Art Days Weekend



The Miami Downtown Development Authority (DDA) along with the cultural institutions, galleries and artists in Downtown are coming together to present three fun-filled days of special programs and free events during the seventh annual DWNTWN Art Days, Sept. 7-9.

Featuring exhibitions, performances, children's programming, guided tours, pop-up galleries and art parties, Art Days is a celebration of Downtown's robust cultural and artistic community.

New this year, Fringe Projects has commissioned artist Keith Allyn Spencer to create a series of five hand-painted car covers to provide surprising and delightful encounters for passersby and Art Days participants throughout Downtown Miami. The five covers will be created by the artist in response to his impressions visiting Miami, and expanding on his interest in car culture, regional aesthetics, and border relationships.

Art Days begins with a party on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Southeast Financial Center, 200 S Biscayne Blvd. The event is open free to the public.

“Art Days has always united Downtown residents and visitors around a shared passion for art,” said Alyce Robertson, executive director of the Miami DDA. “This is an opportunity for the entire community to celebrate Downtown’s cultural renaissance, while exploring the many attractions the urban core has to offer.”

All events are open to the public and most are free. For a complete lineup of Art Days 2018 events and additional details, visit www.miamidda.com/artdays.

The Miami Center for Architecture and Design (MCAD) at its new location, 310 SE First St., again will serve as this year’s Art Days HUB. Art Days staff will be available to help plan your itinerary and find the best routes to travel via the free Metromover and City of Miami Trolley to each venue.

Examples of events include:

- Downtown Improv Day at the Olympia: A day of improv classes and shows with the Society Circus Players;
- Acapella Corner: If you love NBC’s The Voice, this one is for you. Miami’s most talented high school acapella groups will provide an afternoon of vocal harmony;
- Dancepalooza: The worlds of visual art and dance fuse together at PAMM as local dancers lead pop-up performances that respond to the museum’s artwork;
- Mall Daze at The 777 Mall: Daily programming by Mana Contemporary will include performances, live music, poetry readings, zines, workshops, films, special guest exhibitions, and local and residency artists’ open studios, and
- Capture Miami 2018: A photography exhibit featuring and documenting the ongoing growth and changes taking place in Downtown Miami.