

The Betsy-South Beach Announces Art Basel Miami Beach 2019 Exhibitions

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The Betsy Hotel (thebetsyhotel.com), one of the world's leading arts hotels, announces an incredible line up for Art Basel Miami Beach 2019, curated by Lesley Goldwasser. Six photography collections will be featured across the property, in 15,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space, to include new and archival work by global photographers.

The line up for Art Basel Miami Beach 2019 @ The Betsy Hotel includes work by:

- Pete Turner (1934-2017) – images from a collection called The Color of Jazz
 - Turner was recognized as a pioneer in color photography and produced legendary record covers.
- Andy Sweet (1953-1982)– images as seen in the recent documentary The Last Resort
 - Sweet immortalized the life of Holocaust survivors on Miami Beach.
- Ike Ude (1962)– images from the Sartorial Anarchist and Nollywood collections.
 - Ude's focus is representation and construction of identity; he exploits the medium in new ways.
- Michael Halsband (1956) – images from the Basquiat/Warhol series, and more.
 - Sabrina Hahn curates an exhibit of iconic works from Halsband's opus.
- Andrew Kaufman's archival presentation about Muhamed Ali's as a quintessential Miami Beach Champ.
 - Kaufman is an image-maker who developed and compiled this collection by iconic peer artists.

Throughout The Betsy's hallways, stairways, and rooms, the hotel will feature works from its permanent collections, including the celebrity photographs of Robert Zuckerman, travel photographs by Richard Bluestein, and digital reproductions of Illustrations by Ricardo Cavolo from his collection, *101 Musicians to Listen to Before You Die*, presented in 26 light boxes.

In the breezeway between Ocean Drive and Collins, are The Betsy's two public art installations: The Betsy Orb and The Betsy Poetry Rail. Sandwiched in between those two pieces and visible through the hotel windows are two iconic works by artist/actor Val Kilmer – one a photograph of David Bowie and the other called Neon Gandhi. And finally (last, but not least) dog-loving guests are invited to a small underground gallery located behind the hotel check-in desk to see images by global dog photographer and philosopher, Carlos Andres Cruz; he immortalizes The Betsy's Canine Executive Officers, Katie and Betsy, and is available for doggie portraits.

A series of arts salons is planned during Art Basel Miami Beach 2019 , to include conversations with participating artists, curators, and critics; a property-wide gallery opening will also take place, at a time TBD. The complete line up of programs and events will be announced by October 1, 2019, including the announcement of artists in residence in partnership with The Betsy Writers Room, the hotel's ongoing artist in residence program (thebetsywritersroom.com).

The Betsy's curatorial team is led by Lesley Goldwasser, co-owner of The Betsy Hotel, with Dr. Deborah Plutzik Briggs, VP, Arts, and Sandra Rovira, Arts Coordinator, MA. Noted curator Sabrina Hahn consults on the Halsban exhibition.

ABOUT THE BETSY-SOUTH BEACH

The Betsy South Beach (thebetsyhotel.com) is a boutique luxury hotel located on Ocean Drive, with globally regarded photography exhibitions, as well as many other arts and culture programs including The Betsy Writers Room (betsywritersroom.com). Over the past ten years, the hotel has become a catalyst for energized discourse and innovative thinking and is now the home of the O, Miami Poetry Festival, Miami Classical Music Festival, and SWWIM (supporting women writers in Miami – a literary advocacy initiative). The Betsy is the only Forbes' 4 Star, 4 Diamond, AAA-rated Boutique Hotel in Florida, and is consistently rated one of the top literary hotels in the world (CNN, USA TODAY, Wall Street Journal). The hotel, located at 1440 Ocean Drive, in Miami Beach, is family owned and operated. Jonathan Plutzik is Chairman. Zachary Plutzik is Managing Director. Lesley Goldwasser Plutzik curates the Exhibitions program at The Betsy Hotel.

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