

The Betsy-South Beach Presents Events in Homage to Art Basel Miami Beach –Nov 30 to Dec 9,2017

Events are free and open to the public. RSVPs are encouraged at artsandculture@thebetsyhotel.com

The Betsy-South Beach (thebetsyhotel.com), an Official Art Basel in Miami Beach Hotel Partner, and Travel and Leisure's 2017 Top Boutique Miami Beach Resort Hotel announces exhibitions during the week of Art Basel in Miami Beach to include the work of nine Miami artists, NY-based artist Gerard Mossé, and Prizm Art Fair exhibitors, reflecting diverse and powerful creative voices. The Betsy will also showcase two new permanent public art installations and an outdoor sculpture exhibited in partnership with Royal Enfield Motorcycles. A public property-wide opening is December 8 at 8 PM. Exhibitions will remain up until April 1, 2018. Other property-wide events include:

Live Jazz – Nightly in the Lobby Salon – 6 - 10 PM

Fanny Sarkosy (Nov 30), Lavie (Dec 1), Duetology (Dec 2), Nicole Payne and Senegal Apostolo (Dec 5), Carlos Camillo (Dec 6), Lourdes Valentin (Dec 8), Ryan and Cindy Ellis (Dec 9), and others to-be-named.

Thursday, November 30 - 10:30am – 12pm

The Art of Bookmaking; Claire Jeanine Satin, Sarah Michelle Rupert, Mary Larsen (artists)

In an exploration of what defines the concept of "book" in the art world, presenters share their own definitions and approach to book-making, including traditional books, vintage, hand-made books, and books presented as works of art. Works by Claire Jeanine Satin, Sarah Michelle Rupert, Mary Larsen are presented as part of the hotel's exhibition, opening Dec 1.

Thursday, November 30 and December 6, 7, 8 from 4 – 5pm – Docent Exhibitions Tours

The Betsy offers a docent tour and introduction to its property wide exhibition of over 700 works, including candid photos of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones from the Bob Bonis Collection, and works Miami-based artists Robert Zuckerman, Rick Newton, Sarah Michelle Rupert, Eurydice, Paola Cassola, and Brookhart Jonquin that open on Dec 1, in homage to Art Basel/Miami Beach 2017. The tour includes works that patrons may not discover on their own, including a donated photograph from William Wegman, wood cuts from a synagogue in Greece, and larger than life iPhone images from a Namibian safari.

Wednesday, December 6 - 10:30am – 12pm - Artist Talk

The Betsy - South Beach with Miami Dade College Live Arts presents internationally-acclaimed performer Tania El Khoury (London/Beirut), in conversation about her work that uses oral histories in innovative forms that challenge audience empathy.

Ms. El Khoury's work can also be accessed DEC 6-9, 2017 @ The Fillmore Miami Beach and New World Center, Clinton Room, respectively as part of MDC Live Arts' Ojalá/Inshallah: Wishes from the Muslim World (miamiarts.org for times)

Thursday, December 7 - 10:30am – 12pm - 'Meet the Artist' Event

The Betsy – South Beach presents an artist talk with the artists exhibiting at the hotel during Art Basel Miami Beach. Participating artists to include Rick Newton, Euridyce, Gerard Mosse, Robert Zuckerman, and others. Panther Coffee is served. The event is hosted by Jean Blackwell Font, The Betsy's Senior Visual Arts Program Manager.

Friday, December 8 – 10:30-Noon

A Conversation about Art in America with Deborah Willis and Hank Willis Thomas

A conversation with MacArthur Winner Deborah Willis, Chair of the Photography Department at NYU ([Pitch Blackness](#), [Progeny: Deborah Willis and Hank Willis Thomas](#)), Posing Beauty- Deborah Willis) & Hank Willis Thomas, Conceptual Artist ([Winter in America](#) and [The Philly Block Project](#)).

Friday, December 8 - 8-9pm - Artists' Opening Reception

The Betsy's Exhibitions to honor Art Basel Miami Beach for 2017 to include works of Eurydice, Paola Cassola, Brookhart Jonquil, Gerard Mossé, Rick Newton, Sarah Michelle Rupert, Robert Zuckerman, Christopher Carter, as well as a partnership with Prizm Art Fair.

Saturday, December 9 - 10am – 11:30am

Art Salon: Creating in Two Centuries, presented with South Florida Cares Mentoring Movement

The Betsy Hotel with South Florida Cares Mentoring Movement presents award-winning writer Kephra Burns, leading a panel of peers in a discussion **ON CREATING IN TWO CENTURIES: Studio perspectives: past / present / future.**

Artists are creating 'between two centuries'. Emerging artists are digital natives, creating through a lens that is informed by 21st century sensibilities. We create together yet do we understand, appreciate, respect, and find meaning in each others vision? Each other's work? What is our individual and shared/collective purpose? Panelists are T Robertson Carter, Founding Executive Director, SOFLA CARES; Christopher Carter; Poet David Mills, and The Betsy's Philanthropy VP, Deborah Briggs.

ABOUT THE BETSY HOTEL - The Betsy-South Beach (www.thebetsyhotel.com), well regarded for its promotion of culture and art, recently expanded into a 130 room boutique resort hotel, debuting two new public art pieces in 2017: The Betsy Orb and Poetry Rail. Recent awards for luxury hotel excellence include: Travel and Leisure's Top Boutique Hotel on Miami Beach (2017), and Conde Nast Gold List (2017), among many others. A 2017 recipient of the Americans for the Arts BCA 10 Award for exemplary arts programming, The Betsy – South Beach is on a mission to redefine hospitality with music, art exhibitions, readings, book signings, guest room libraries, poems placed on pillows at turn down each night, and charitable collaboration (since 2009) with hundreds of charitable organizations in South Beach, and beyond. The Betsy-South Beach is family owned and operated. **The Betsy-South Beach – 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, 33139 – 305-760-6900 – press inquiries – Betsy@jpublicrelations.com.**