



Art at Heart

CORAL SPRINGS MUSEUM CONTINUES TO SHOWCASE NEW WORKS

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The recent Art Basel Miami Beach drew thousands of collectors, artists, gallery curators and art enthusiasts from around the globe. Julia Black Andrews was all of the above, driving south to find inspiration—and possibly a guest curator or artist—for a future exhibition at the Coral Springs Museum of Art.

The museum, which turns 20 this month, operates on the theory that art is everywhere, says Andrews, the executive director. It shouldn't be intimidating nor isolated to a big city. Every three months, the museum changes its exhibits to expose South Floridians to new art and local, national and international artists.

Until Feb. 28, the main gallery's white walls will be decorated with 50 large canvases splashed and stroked with vibrant colors, the work of Miami artist J. Steven Manolis.

Andrews curated the exhibit that will hang in the back gallery until Jan. 28. The collection of painted canvases, called "Fifty," is a tribute to the United States by Coral Springs resident and Venezuelan native Isabel Perez.

On Jan. 6, the east gallery will display the work of local Advanced Placement high school students, as chosen by the Broward County Public Schools superintendent. From Jan.

17–22, eight Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery, students of the Dalai Lama, will visit on their Sacred Art Tour to share traditional Tibetan arts and culture.

The 9,300-square-foot nonprofit museum (2855 Coral Springs Drive) opened in 1997. It is attached to the Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts and was originally a gym, but it disaffiliated early from both the center and the city. Through the glass doors is a vast, modern space that is filled with people, music and conversations. "We don't whisper; we discuss things," she says.

The museum frequently hosts artist receptions, lectures and workshops. Art classes for children and adults are available year-round.

This summer, the museum celebrates its 20th anniversary by showcasing its permanent collection, which boasts more than 150 pieces. Internationally acclaimed artist Yuroz recently donated an original oil painting, "Meditation Series: Dancing Trees, Composition 01," valued at \$175,000.

Andrews, an artist herself, says she understands the importance of self-expression and hopes to continue finding work that resonates with the community. "I'm excited to see where we can take it," she says.

JANUARY'S BEST BETS

"The Comedy Get Down"

Comedy royalty Cedric The Entertainer, Eddie Griffin, D.L. Hughley, George Lopez and Charlie Murphy come together for a night of laughs.

When: Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

Where: BB&T Center, Sunrise

Kenny Rogers

Grammy Award-winning artist and Country Music Hall of Fame member Kenny Rogers' career has spanned six decades, a feat that will be celebrated during his "Final World Tour: The Gambler's Last Deal."

When: Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

Don Henley

The vocalist, songwriter and co-founder of The Eagles launches his 2017 tour at the Hard Rock Live. The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer performs songs covering his career, from The Eagles to his latest solo album, "Cass County."

When: Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood

Colgate Skating and Gymnastics Spectacular

Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles headlines a star-studded athletic event. The event will be hosted by Olympic figure skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi.

When: Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Where: BB&T Center