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GALLERIST DAVID CASTILLO BRINGS HIS BRAND OF FORWARD-THINKING ART TO LINCOLN ROAD.

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David Castillo has gotten his wish. After 10 successful years in its original Wynwood location, his eponymous art gallery has a new home in the Albert Anis-designed Lincoln Road building that Castillo would admire each day as he jogged past it.

"I grew up loving the Gusman Theater and the Dupont building, and I studied art history at Yale, so it's near and dear to my heart, and I wanted my gallery to be in a historical building," says the Miami-born gallerist. "This one is so elegant—the Leo Birchansky murals in the lobby give visitors a moment of pause before they enter this contemporary art gallery. And people are excited to have a serious, professional gallery now in this location."

That excitement was palpable at the opening reception, a testament to Castillo's following that drew friends and clients from all over to see *Amerika*, an exhibit of works by 26 national and international artists based on the concept of Franz Kafka's unfinished novel of the same name. And there's no slowing down. As Art Basel approaches, Castillo is preparing for the gallery's *Jose Lerma: Guaynabichean Odyssey* exhibit, starting Dec. 1 and running through Jan. 31, as well as what he describes as "a huge pop-up gallery" that will also be set up on Lincoln Road, in the former Santo Nightclub space. "The place is so big," Castillo marvels. "Not only am I going to show various projects by my gallery artists, but I will also show some artists that don't have galleries. That way it will be more of a community builder, not just for my artists but also for those whose work I believe in, even though they may not fit the profile of the gallery." The undertakings have him in overdrive these days. "I woke up at 3AM today thinking about it," he admits with a laugh.

Pressure or not, Castillo is doing what he loves, especially here, in the hometown where's he's groomed so many creatives. "Miami is a unique place," he remarks. "It has an element of paradise that goes hand in hand with the element of art that I find very appealing. It's always good to be home." 420 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, 305.573.8110, davidcastillogallery.com

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From top: The new gallery space of the David Castillo Gallery; namesake and founder David Castillo.