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ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART KICKS OFF FLORIDA PRIZE EXHIBITION WITH PREVIEW PARTY

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SPONSORED: The Orlando Museum of Art ([Website](#)) kicks off its annual Florida Prize exhibition this May 31, and will be on display through August 18, 2019.

Now in its sixth year, the latest exhibition will offer diverse media addressing a multitude of issues including the architecture of “home,” Florida’s threatened environment, the opioid overdose epidemic in Central Florida, the journey of a refugee, the artist’s studio as a portrait of the artist, and the technology of “transcendental experience.”

“THE FLORIDA PRIZE IN CONTEMPORARY ART HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED THE DEPTH OF IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY ARTISTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.”

– HANSEN MULFORD, SENIOR CURATOR

The Exhibition Preview Party will be hosted on May 31, 2019. VIP access is from 6-7 p.m. and costs \$55. General admission is \$35 and goes from 7-10 p.m. The event will feature a sampling of the artistry of Orlando’s most sought-after restaurants, each offering dishes inspired by the participating Florida Prize artists. There will also be an open bar, allowing guests to rub elbows with the artists and check out the exhibition while enjoying cocktails and live music.



THE 2019 FLORIDA PRIZE ARTISTS

This year's featured artists include Robert Aiosa, Joe Fig, Lilian Garcia-Roig, Lola Gómez, Amer Kobaslija, Pepe Mar, Anja Marais, Edison Peñafiel, Vickie Pierre, and Sri Prabha. Their works cover a wide variety of media including painting, sculpture, photography and immersive installations.

"Woven through this year's show is a connecting thread that seems to touch upon the notion of humanity. Some artists open a dialogue about latent tensions or actual clashes, and others provide an escape," says Associate Curator, Coralie Claeysen-Gleyzon.

The artist selected to receive the Florida Prize will be announced at the opening night party and guests will have the opportunity to cast a "People's Choice" vote for their favorite artist, sponsored by Corkcicle.

For more information and tickets, visit www.omart.org.

"LEATHERFACE" 2018
BY PEPE MAR - MIXED
MEDIA ON WOOD PANEL
60X48 INCHES, VIA
COLLECTION OF JACK
AND TARA BENMELEH,
MIAMI, C ZACH BALBER

