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PRESS RELEASE

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City of Miami Beach
Announces Launch of *No Vacancy, Miami Beach*
Ten Artists Creating Site-Specific Projects in Ten Imaginative Hotels
Art Week Miami Beach, December 2–12, 2020

Miami Beach, FL, December 1, 2020 — The City of Miami Beach, in collaboration with the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority (MBVCA) is pleased to announce the launch of *No Vacancy* during Art Week Miami Beach, December 2–12, 2020. *No Vacancy* is a juried art competition that celebrates artists, provokes critical discourse, and invites the public to experience Miami Beach’s famed hotels as destination art spaces.

Artists were drawn from a call for submissions issued by the city in February 2020 and selected by representatives from the City of Miami Beach Art in Public Places Committee (AiPP), Cultural Arts Council and MBVCA.

“Miami Beach is known internationally as a destination to experience contemporary public art. *No Vacancy* pushes the boundaries of traditional gallery spaces and invites our residents and visitors to encounter art in our unique hotel properties in a safe setting. As the city revives, this is an opportune moment to celebrate that Miami Beach’s creative community extends to our hospitality community,” said City of Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber.

For the inaugural edition of *No Vacancy*, \$25,000 in prizes will be awarded, divided between a \$5,000 prize by the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) determined by public vote and a \$20,000 prize awarded by a jury of art experts. The 2020 jury includes **Silvia Karman Cubiña**, Director and Chief Curator of The Bass Museum of Art; **Dennis Scholl**, Executive Director of Oolite Arts and **Maria Elena Ortiz**, Associate Curator at the Perez Art Museum Miami.

Each selected artist received a stipend of \$10,000 to realize their project. The winner of the Juried Prize will be announced on December 4, 2020, and the winner of the Public Prize will be announced on December 12, 2020.

Participating Artists and Collectives

Coral Morphologic, Miami, FL

Die-Cast, Philadelphia, PA

Anna Kell, Lewisburg, PA

Karelle Levy, Miami Beach, FL

Jillian Mayer, Miami, FL

Kerry Phillips, Miami, FL

Birgit Rathsmann, Brooklyn, NY

Sterling Rook, Miami, FL
Scenocosme, Rhône-Alpes, France
Federico Uribe, Bogota, Colombia & Miami, FL

Participating Miami Beach Hotels

Avalon Hotel, 700 Ocean Drive
Betsy Hotel, South Beach, 1400 Ocean Drive
Catalina Hotel and Beach Club, 1732 Collins Avenue
Hotel Croydon, 3720 Collins Avenue
Hyatt Centric South Beach, 1600 Collins Avenue
Kimpton Palomar South Beach, 1750 Alton Road
Lennox Miami Beach, 1900 Collins Avenue
Plymouth Hotel Miami, 336 21 Street
Riviera Hotel South Beach, 318 20 Street
The Confidante Miami Beach, 4041 Collins Avenue

For additional information please visit www.mbarsandculture.org/no-vacancy

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About the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council

The Cultural Arts Council (CAC) is an eleven-member council created in 1997 for the purpose of developing, coordinating and promoting the performing and visual arts in the City of Miami Beach. The CAC serves as arts advocates before governmental bodies, coordinates collective marketing initiatives for the local arts community and funds not-for-profit arts organizations. Since the program's inception, the CAC has awarded approximately \$18 million in cultural arts grants, supporting thousands of performances, exhibits, and other cultural activities in Miami Beach.

About the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority

The MBVCA is a seven-member authority, appointed by the City of Miami Beach Commission, with the goal of encouraging, developing and promoting the image of Miami Beach locally, nationally and internationally as an outstanding tourist destination. To this end, the MBVCA strategically focuses its funding investments in a balanced manner, fostering outstanding existing programs, stimulating new activities, and encouraging partnerships. The MBVCA is committed to a careful, long-term plan for allocation of resources to help Miami Beach thrive as a destination with something for everyone.

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