



2026
ANNUAL
JURIED
STUDENT ART
EXHIBITION

Department of Art + Art History
College of Arts & Sciences
University of Miami



SATINE DERENONCOURT
Alone for the Holidays
Oil on Canvas

Juror's Best in Show Award



AMANDA MAYORGA-ANDABLO
Morphed
Charcoal

William Oberman Family Endowed Drawing Award

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Art Competition
**JUROR'S
STATEMENT**

I'm honored to serve as juror for the University of Miami's Annual Student Art Competition. The competition reflected a vibrant creative community of student artists. The students showed strong engagement with their practice, and many pieces demonstrated both technical skill and meaningful conceptual depth. This balance between craft and idea is something many emerging artists struggle to achieve, yet it was evident across numerous works.

I was impressed by diversity of mediums and conceptual approach demonstrated remarkable creativity. Throughout the submissions, I observed strong craftsmanship and creative vision, paired with genuine thoughtfulness in how students articulated their artistic intentions. What stood out most was the originality and personal voice evident in the work, each piece reflected authentic artistic perspectives.

Jurying these submissions reinforced my belief in the importance of supporting student artists and their significant contribution to building a well-rounded, empathetic, and innovative future society.

The caliber of work was impressive, and I was honored to contribute to recognizing their talent and dedication. I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate.

-Ronald Sánchez

Ronald Sánchez is a curator and director/co-founder of Laundromat Art Space, a Miami-based organization democratizing access to studio space and exhibition opportunities for emerging artists. Through collaborative curatorial practice, Sánchez develops innovative exhibitions exploring identity, politics, and contemporary issues creating spaces where art catalyzes meaningful dialogue. Sánchez is also a member of IKT International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art.

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RUTH YANG
The Mirror is not Silenced
Oil on Canvas

Art Department Painting Award



RAMONA JOSS
Innerplanetary
Ceramic

Jose Bernardo Ceramics Award



NYASHA NYONI
Drift
Film

Art Department Graphic Design Award



VALARIE CATALAN
Miami, FL 2025
Film Photography

Marion Jefferson Award



MICHAEL SHIN
A Bouquet for the Rain
Archival Pigment Print

Michele Edelson Photography Award



ANNA FLORES
Watch your Mouth
Sculpture

Jean Ward Sculpture Award



JACOB FREELAND
Americas Most Hated
Silkscreen on Paper

Art Department Printmaking Award

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Brianna Barbaro, *Illustration for Tabañero*
Sarit Benzaquen, *The Friendship Effect*
Matthew Bernard, *Gallery of Fears, Scraps*
Grant Berry, *Remember Me*
When You Wake Up
Olivia Blair, *Safe Travels Netsuke*
Elizabeth Buitrago, *Adventure*
Georgia Burt, *Tyto Alba*
Julia Campbell, *Lost #1, Lost #2*
Valerie Catalan, *Miami FL, 2025*
Ava Coustan, *A Rose in Bloom, The Little Book of Self-Care*
Satine Derenoncourt, *Alone for the Holidays*
Josh Donaker, *Went on a Road Trip, Motel (Road Trip Collage), Tattoo Bat*
Mimi Fingold, *Alone is the New Cool*
Wes Fleischer, *Untitled*
Anna Flores, *Watch your Mouth Meaghan Fowler, Caribbean Joe*
Jacob Freeland, *Americas Most Hated*
Mary Ann Herrera, *The Midnight Watch*
Jovita Inciute, *Untitled*
Ramona Joss, *Innerplanetary*

Courtney Kerns, *Last Day*
Ava Lacalamita, *The Red String Theory*
Amanda Mayorga-Andablo, *Morphed*
Charlize McCarter, *House off Jefferson St*
Monia Meluzzi, *Tracce Del Passato, I (Trace of the Past, I), Certificato Di Nascita (Birth Certificate)*
Sofia Merladett Larroca, *Tape Measure*
Nyasha Nyoni, *Walks to Remember, Drift*
Brooke Poiesz, *Campus Friend*
Richard Rodriguez, *Lost*
Michael Shin, *A Bouquet for the Rain*
Maggie Tressler, *Being Alive is a Special Occasion*
Enzo Veloo, *Born to*
Agusta Villalba, *My Dream Home*
Ruth Yang, *The Mirror is not Silenced*

CHAIR'S STATEMENT

The 2026 University of Miami Annual Juried Student Exhibition – organized by the Department of Art & Art History and generously hosted by the Lowe Art Museum – is visual proof of the creativity and immense talent of our students. This year's exhibition once again showcases artworks by undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in our BA, BFA, and MFA studio arts programs, as well as those who have only dabbled in the visual arts with a single studio course this past, academic year. Artworks across multiple mediums fill the walls of the Lowe (and pages of this catalogue) as testaments to the foundational and conceptual training that our students receive from faculty at UM.

On behalf of the entire Department, I wish to thank the numerous students who submitted works to this year's competition. To those students who were juried into the show – bravo! To those who applied but were not selected: please continue to refine your artistic vision and talents for the coming year(s). Success does not end with reject, only a lack of motivation to grow and improve.

Special thanks are owed to this year's juror, Ronald Sánchez (Director/Co-founder, Laundromat Art Space, Miami) and to our Department staff who worked collectively (and largely behind-the-scenes) to make this exhibition a true success. These individuals include Milly Cardoso (Gallery Manager & Curator), Devin Caserta (Facilities Manager & Preparator), and Robert Wright (Sr. Manager). The annual exhibition is never possible without the continued support of the Lowe's entire staff, and especially Drs. Jill Deupi, Tola Porter and John Witty, Brianna Monique Campbell, Carolina Campuzano, Martin Casuso, and Melissa Diaz.

As always, I am grateful to all!

Nathan J. Timpano, Ph.D.
Chair & Associate Professor of Art History
Department of Art & Art History

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Brian Curtis, Drawing / Painting

Yuxiang Dong, Graphic Design / Multimedia

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Sanaz Hagani, Printmaking

Joel Hollander, Art History

Erica Moiah James, Art History

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