



**Award-Winning Miami-Dade Student Art
Returns to MAM's New Work Gallery**

**Awards Ceremony Held at MAM on January 27, 2008 3pm
Exhibition on view January 27—February 17, 2008**

Hundreds of Miami-Dade middle and high school students and their families will gather at the Miami Art Museum Sunday, January 27, 2008, for the annual Scholastic Art Awards. Award winners, selected from approximately 200 works on view at the museum through February 17, will be honored by school district officials at a 3pm ceremony. The exhibit features an expansive range of objects created in a dazzling array of media.

The Miami-Dade County Schools Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition is an annual exhibit of artwork produced by Miami-Dade County high school and middle school students as part of the regional and national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. Students from Miami-Dade County schools consistently rank among the top winners at the national level – setting records for the number of awards won by the students of a single school district.

“The annual Scholastic Art Awards exhibition is only one of many programs MAM has developed in conjunction with Miami-Dade schools,” MAM Director Terence Riley said. “We look forward to extending our work with Miami-Dade schools in the future, identifying more ways that MAM can combine its collections and exhibitions with learning opportunities for Miami’s students in ways that ultimately benefit the entire community.”

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have been conducted annually since 1923 to reward the creative achievements of students in grades 7 through 12 and to recognize excellence in teaching. The awards – the longest running, largest and most prestigious student recognition program in America – were established by Maurice R. Robinson, founder of Scholastic Inc.

At the conclusion of this regional exhibition, top award-winning artworks are forwarded to the national program in New York City. Works of art and writing are submitted for the national jury process by 80 regions from across the United States. A distinguished panel of prominent artists, writers, and arts professionals selects the national awards. National awardees will be honored in New York.

Miami Art Museum

Miami Art Museum is dedicated to engaging the public with art from the twentieth century through the present. Since its founding in 1996, the Museum has built a collection of contemporary art with the goal of providing Miami with a legacy for future generations. MAM's collection has grown exponentially since *Art in America* called it "the quintessential Miami collection" in 1999. The MAM collection is dedicated to international art of the 20th and 21st centuries, taking a hemispheric perspective of the Americas.

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Open Tuesday through Friday - 10 AM to 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday – noon to 5 PM. Third Thursdays until 8:30 PM. Closed Monday. Admission for MAM members, children under 12 and students (with valid ID) is free. Adults \$8, seniors \$4. Free admission every second Saturday.

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