

# The 10 Best Art Museums in Miami

Miami's museums have turned the city into a major center for contemporary art, showcasing the best and brightest emerging artists.

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These days, it seems like Miami's art scene is constantly changing. Since the pandemic and its accompanying flood of new residents, plenty of longstanding institutions are closing, renovating, or moving. Locust Projects moved into a larger new home in Little Haiti, with Oolite Arts set to follow in 2024. Miami-Dade College's Museum of Arts and Design has **become a Museum Without Boundaries** as Freedom Tower is renovated. Wynwood's Museum of Graffiti moved to new digs, while the Young at Art Museum in western Broward was forced out of its purpose-built home by financial struggles and now inhabits a storefront in Broward Mall. And a few new players are entering the scene, concentrated around the Rubell Museum in Allapattah: the immersive art center Superblue opened across the street in 2021, and franchises of New York's Museum of Sex and the Stockholm-based Fotografiska photography museum are planned for nearby.

Thanks to all this change, there seem to be more places to see art than ever before, and not just for a week in December. Miami may never be on the level of global capitals like New York or Paris, with their massive, encyclopedic collections spanning the art historical canon, but there's an upside to that: Limitations breed creativity. Miami's museum curators have turned the city into a major center for contemporary art, showing the best and brightest emerging artists and new forms of art-making from South Florida, the Caribbean, and beyond. Wherever your interests lie, you'll find something stimulating at Miami's ten best art museums and art centers.



NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale gives you several good reasons to travel north.

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Why should you drive all the way to Broward for a single art museum? Well, first of all, you don't have to drive. The Brightline drops you off just a few blocks from NSU Art Museum in downtown Fort Lauderdale. And just because it's north of the Dade County line doesn't mean it can't compete with Miami's most prestigious institutions. Recent shows at the NSU have dipped into the museum's Haitian art collection and its extensive holdings of work from the postwar European CoBrA collective. It exhibited globally famous pop artists like Andy Warhol and Keith Haring and local artists such as Jared McGriff, Thomas Bils, and Kathia St. Hilaire have staged early solo shows there. It's also one of the few institutions in South Florida that puts on exhibitions of fashion. *Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$16 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for military, \$5 for students; free for members, NSU students, faculty, and staff, and children under 12.*