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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Miami Parking Authority will unveil a collaborative mural by the New World School of the Arts Students in the Courthouse Center garage.**

**The mural is an imaginative and meaningful depiction of the critical need to safeguard South Florida's fragile marine ecosystem.**

**WHAT:** Miami Parking Authority (MPA) will unveil the "Marine Mirage" mural by a team of nine talented New World School of the Arts students.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Courthouse Center Garage, 40 N.W. Third Street, Miami, FL 33128, entrance on N.W. Second Street.

**WHY:** The three-mural progressive campaign is an environmentally-inspired initiative that began with the first mural about preserving the historic Everglades to the one calling attention to safeguarding South Florida's native fauna and flora against the backdrop of downtown's urban development to the latest version that focuses on conserving marine life and local habitats.

The mural's title, Marine Mirage, is evocative of the transparency and illusion of the ocean's depth. The iconography used in the artwork showcases the aquatic animals native to South Florida, helping the local ecosystems flourish. The mural is expected to engage neighbors, pedestrians, the business community, and visitors by providing a sense of momentary tranquility and peace amidst the hustle and bustle of downtown Miami.

1. Time students spent painting:
  1. 2023 course – approximately 20 days painting and class lasted three months.
2. Number of students:
  1. 2023: 10 students

## BACKGROUND

Sponsored by the authority, the mural became a fall semester course designed to create an opportunity for students to have real-life and direct experiences while working on projects in public spaces. Collaborative art allows students to work as a team from beginning to end, helping them experience the complexity of managing a public art project.

Students designed and created the mural from start to finish. They wrote the proposal, conceptualized the design, managed the budget, chose supplies, and envisioned a large-scale project. They also experienced working with an actual client and learned to build relationships to fulfill the artist's and client's vision. In essence, the experiences the students gained in this class will have an enduring value for their careers as practicing artists.

**Notes for the Media:** Please click the link for mural video and photos from beginning to end:

[NWSA Photos and Videos](#)

Parking will be validated in the Courthouse Center garage.

### **About Miami Parking Authority**

Miami Parking Authority was established in 1955 by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature and incorporated into the city of Miami's Charter in 1968. The Authority manages approximately 47,000 spaces, including 14 garages, 68 surface lots, and about 12,000 on-street spaces. For more information, please visit [www.miamiparking.com](http://www.miamiparking.com).

Recognized as a premier parking organization and a leader in technology integration and innovation, Miami Parking Authority has leaped forward in the past decade to support micro-mobility options, pilot in- and above-ground sensors, and foster public-private initiatives that help drive economic development in Miami.

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### **About the New World School of the Arts**

A Florida center of excellence in the visual and performing arts, NWSA provides a comprehensive program of artistic, creative, and academic development through a curriculum that reflects the rich multicultural state of Florida. With programs accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Art & Design, NWSA offers four-year BFA and BM college degrees, as well as the high school diploma. Through its rigorous curriculum and conservatory-style teaching NWSA empowers its students to become leaders in the arts. New World School of the Arts was created by the Florida Legislature as a center of excellence in the performing and visual arts. It is an educational partnership of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College, and the University of Florida. Information about New World School of the Arts at 305-237-3135 or at <http://nwsa.mdc.edu/>

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