



RELATED GROUP FOUNDER AND FAMED COLLECTOR JORGE PÉREZ TO RECEIVE LIFETIME VISIONARY AWARD FROM ART MIAMI DURING MIAMI ART WEEK 2016

The renowned namesake of the Pérez Art Museum Miami, the award will celebrate Pérez's numerous contributions to the cultural landscape of Miami

Miami, FL (November 18, 2016) - Although the illustrious career of developer and entrepreneur Jorge Pérez spans multiple continents, more than 90,000 units, and nearly 40 years of changing the skylines in major cities throughout the globe, his passion and philanthropy for the arts continues to gain him recognition, particularly in his home city of Miami. Known as both the founder of the Related Group, which has redefined real estate boundaries in South Florida, and the namesake of the Pérez Art Museum (PAMM), Pérez has built a career on curating museum quality art for each of his many luxury developments, all while keeping “home” at the center of his focus. This year, during Miami Art Week, Pérez's efforts will be rewarded with the first-ever Lifetime Visionary Award, as given by Art Miami.

Pérez's contributions to Miami will be celebrated throughout the week leading up to Miami Art Week, during which the Art Miami fair takes place. On Saturday, December 3rd, an invitation-only cocktail and 130-seat private dinner will be held at db Bistro Moderne, located in the JW Marriott Marquis in downtown Miami. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Perry J. Cohen Foundation (www.pjcf.org), a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to supporting the arts.

“We created the Art Miami Lifetime Visionary Award to recognize and celebrate an individual whose philanthropy, personal passions and professional efforts have been inclusive of all and have empowered our community. An individual who has advanced a positive future focused change on our communities cultural and social landscape and who's tireless work has helped create and advance Miami as a cultural epicenter and destination. I am honored to present Jorge Perez as the first recipient of this award,” said Nick Korniloff, Director and Executive Vice President of Art Miami, LLC.”

One of the most important annual contemporary art events in the United States, Art Miami attracts more than 82,000 collectors, curators, museum professionals and art enthusiasts from around the globe annually. Entering its 27th edition, Art Miami remains committed to showcasing the most important artworks from the 20th and 21st centuries in collaboration with a selection of the world's most respected galleries.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina to Cuban parents, Pérez emigrated to the United States, where he earned a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. Drawn by his cultural roots to Miami, the young architect began making an impact on South Florida with affordable housing developments in the 1970s, building in areas like Little Havana and Homestead. Over the course of the



last 40 years, Pérez and The Related Group have gone on to create some of Miami's most iconic edifices, including the Portofino Tower, Murano at Portofino and Murano Grande on South Beach, IconBay in Edgewater, and SLS Brickell in the rapidly-expanding downtown. For his efforts, Pérez was named one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in the United States by Time magazine, a reputation that has followed him since.

More than a developer, Pérez is a strident patron of the arts and culture in Miami, with a keen focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2013, the PAMM (Pérez Art Museum of Miami), built by Pritzker-prize winning architects Herzog and de Meuron, was founded in the name of Jorge Pérez for his generous donations and leadership to Miami-Dade County and the Building Better Communities program. Now in its third year, the PAMM remains a leader in bringing world-class exhibitions to Miami, offering residents and visitors alike the chance to take in unprecedented views of the city while relishing in sustainable urban development. Pérez also has close ties with other local philanthropic and cultural institutions including the National YoungArts Foundation and The Miami Film Festival.

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