

Memorandum



Date: February 13, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-08, Xavier Cortada print series, Donation

Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-08

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCESSION OF THE DONATION OF THREE (3) SERIES OF LIMITED EDITION PRINTS FOR A TOTAL OF THIRTY NINE (39) ARTWORKS BY ARTIST XAVIER CORTADA FROM THE XAVIER CORTADA FOUNDATION, INC., ENTITLED "ENDANGERED WORLD: BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK AND 80.15W", "FLORIDA IS...DIATOMS", AND "NATIVE FLAGS" TO THE MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1-3, GIFTS TO THE COUNTY, AND THE MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROCEDURES MANUAL 358.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve the accession of the donation of three (3) series of limited edition prints for a total of thirty nine (39) artworks by artist Xavier Cortada from the Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc. entitled "Endangered World: Biscayne National Park and 80.15W", "Florida is...Diatoms", and "Native Flags" to the Miami-Dade Art In Public Places collection pursuant to Administrative Order 1-3 Gifts To The County and The Miami-Dade County Procedures Manual 358.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 24 and 25, 2023 for the purpose of reviewing a proposed donation to the Art in Public Places Collection of artwork by Miami-based artist Xavier Cortada through his foundation the Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc. It was noted that the donation was proposed in conjunction with the artist's successful completion of a recent major commission with Miami-Dade Art in Public Places entitled "Native Flora" (2021 - 2022) at one of Liberty Square development projects, a major multi-phase residential development project of the Miami-Dade County Department of Public Housing and Community Development. The donated artworks share similar themes and subject matter of the public art commission, highlighting the unique and diverse flora and fauna of South Florida and taking a scientific approach to categorizing different species and conditions. Each individual framed print is valued at \$500, reflected by current sales on the artist's website.



Xavier Cortada,
"Endangered World:
Biscayne National Park
and 80.15W | American
Alligator," archival ink on
paper (signed,
numbered, limited edition
print, edition of 5), 15" x
12", 2010.

Xavier Cortada

Endangered World: Biscayne National Park and 80.15W, 2010

Series of seventeen (17) prints, individually titled: *American Alligator, American Crocodile, Indigo Snake, Elkhorn Coral, Green Sea Turtle, Hawksbill Sea Turtle, Key Largo Cotton Mouse, Key Largo Woodrat, Least Tern, Loggerhead Sea Turtle, Piping Plover, Roseate Tern, Swallowtail Butterfly, Smalltooth Sawfish, Staghorn Coral, West Indian Manatee, Wood Stork*)

Archival ink on paper

15" x 12" each

Edition 1/5

Framed



Xavier Cortada

Florida Is...Diatoms, 2015

Series of ten (10) prints individually titled: *Flare, Glint, Glow, Luster, Radiate, Resplendence, Sheen, Shimmer, Shine, Sparkle*)

Archival ink on paper

12" x 12" each

Edition 1/5
Framed



Xavier Cortada
Native Flags, 2008

Series of twelve (12) prints, individually titled: *Buttonwood, Dahoon Holly, Firebush, Florida Privet, Gumbo Limbo, Live Oak, Paradise Tree, Pigeon Plum, Satin Leaf, Sea Grape, Wild Coffee, Wild Tamarind*

Archival ink on paper

8" x 12" each

Edition 1/5

Framed

After careful discussion, the PAC unanimously recommended that Art in Public Places accept the donation of the Xavier Cortada artworks. Per procedures outlined in the County’s Administrative Order 1-3 for Gifts to the County, under Donations of Art and Architectural Objects, and the Art in Public Places Accession Policy, APP staff has reviewed and have found satisfactory the proposed donation.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 24-07 for accessioning the donation of three (3) series of limited edition prints for a total of thirty-nine (39) framed artworks by artist Xavier Cortada from the Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc. entitled “*Endangered World: Biscayne National Park and 80.15W*”, “*Florida is...Diatoms*”, and “*Native Flags*” to the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Collection.