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Oct.-Dec. 2023

Calendar

HistoryMiami Museum

www.historymiami.org



Exhibitions & Galleries

Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids

July 8, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids traces the natural and cultural roots of some of the world's most enduring mythological creatures from Asia, Europe, the Americas and beyond. This exhibition includes imaginative life-sized models including a kraken, whose 12-foot-long tentacles appear to rise out of the floor of the gallery as if surfacing from the sea. Paintings and textiles – along with cultural objects from around the world ranging from a Chinese Parade dragon to Greek coins – bring to light surprising similarities and differences in the ways people around the world have been inspired by nature to envision and depict these strange and wonderful creatures.

This exhibition is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (amnh.org), in collaboration with The Field Museum, Chicago; Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau; Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney; and Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta.



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Now Open Later

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.



Mythic Miami

South Florida is a place of wonder and surprise, filled with its own tales of fantastical creatures inhabiting our waters, forests and skies. Lasting stories of Caribbean mermaids, the chupacabra from Puerto Rico, and Florida's own skunk ape have fascinated us for generations, while newly uncovered creatures make us imagine what else could be out there. *Mythic Miami* captures a few of these intriguing beings through stories and artifacts, giving us a glimpse into the worlds of these extraordinary creatures.



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Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida

Explore 12,000 years of South Florida history in the museum's core exhibition, *Tropical Dreams*. Climb aboard a 1920s trolley, take a video tour of historic neighborhoods, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami.

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It's a Miami Thing!

An interactive exhibition showcasing artifacts and archival items from the museum's collection. Highlights include the Spitz planetarium projector from the former Miami Science Museum, an airboat and Everglades skiff, and seats from Joe Robbie Stadium. Come see dozens of objects that are uniquely Miami and tell us about *your* favorite Miami Thing!

South Florida Folklife Gallery

Learn about Miami's cultural diversity and the traditions that give our region its unique character. The Folklife Gallery features items from the museum's collection, hands-on activities and a space for cultural programs.



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Miami, The Magic City

Featuring images from the late 1800s through the 1980s and curated by our resident historian, Dr. Paul S. George, *Miami, The Magic City* draws on the museum's vast treasure trove of photographs and peers into moments that have shaped Miami.

Sponsored by Kerrin and Peter Bermont, and the Funding Arts Network.

Exhibition Open Call

HistoryMiami Museum welcomes proposals for exhibitions that explore the history of South Florida. Our open proposal process allows people with extraordinary stories and diverse perspectives the opportunity to work with our staff to curate an exhibition in one of our galleries. If you have an idea for an exhibition that you would like to share with us, apply below.

[Apply Here](#)



Programs and Events

October

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Free Family Fun Day: Fables and Fairytales

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREE with required registration

Unveil countless dark secrets and come face to face with some of the most magnificent monsters and legendary beasts ever to walk the Earth! Discover the world of colossal krakens, mysterious dragons, and enchanting unicorns with activities for all.

Register

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Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Cruise with Dr. George

Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Members: \$85; Non-Members: \$95

Join HistoryMiami Museum's Resident Historian, Dr. Paul S. George, as he recounts the captivating history of Biscayne Bay. Explore the fascinating past of Stiltsville, a collection of vibrant wooden houses built on the flats of the bay inside Biscayne National Park. Once a haven for the affluent and influential in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s, Stiltsville housed notorious establishments like Crawfish Eddie's and the Bikini Club. Learn how this once vivacious community dwindled down to the seven houses that stand today.

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Cemetery Series: Annual Miami City Cemetery Tour with Dr. George and Ingrid E. Argueta

Friday, October 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Members: \$25; Non-Members: \$35

Take a captivating journey into the past with our Resident Historian, Dr. Paul S. George, and HistoryMiami Museum's Coordinator of Education Programs and Community Engagement, Ingrid E. Argueta, as they guide you through the Miami City Cemetery on this walking tour. Established in 1897, just a year after the city's inception, this historic burial ground stands as a tribute to the trailblazers who shaped the early history of the Magic City. All are welcome to join us, either in their everyday attire or dressed in costume. Your ticket also includes a complimentary pass to HistoryMiami Museum.

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Programs and Events

November

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CultureFest 305

Saturday November 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREE with required registration

Immerse yourself in the magic of our city at HistoryMiami Museum's seventh annual CultureFest 305, a folklife festival celebrating what makes Miami, Miami! Where else can you experience Afro-Cuban *batá* drumming, enjoy mariachi music, marvel at dances of India and Serbia, and sample Haitian cuisine, all in one day? Experience this and more at this free festival highlighting the Magic City's rich cultural diversity. Connect to your community during this jam-packed afternoon and explore the sights, sounds and flavors of Miami with performances, demonstrations and activities for all ages.

See website for festival schedule:

www.historymiami.org/event/culturefest-305-2023/

Made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, Café Bustelo, AT&T, the Miami Downtown Development Authority and National Treasures: A Tour of Culture Bearers in National Parks, a program of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

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HistoryMiami will not be hosting its monthly Family Fun Day and weekend programming on Saturday, November 11, due to Veteran's Day.



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Cemetery Series: Pinewood Cemetery Walking Tour with Dr. George and Ingrid E. Argueta
Saturday, November 18, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Members: \$25; Non-Members: \$35

Explore the rich history of Pinewood Cemetery, the oldest burial ground south of the Miami River, accompanied by our Resident Historian, Dr. Paul S. George, and Coordinator of Education Programs and Community Engagement at HistoryMiami Museum, Ingrid E. Argueta. Nestled in the picturesque City of Coral Gables, this serene rural cemetery traces its origins back to the late 1800s and serves as the eternal resting place for more than 200 settlers. Discover the inspiring efforts of local residents as they work toward the restoration of this once forgotten cemetery.

Register

Family Fun Day programming is subject to change without notice.

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December

2 **Workshop: Self-Defense Taekwondo**

Saturday, December 2, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Adults \$25; Children \$15

Members receive a \$5 discount

Using the foundation of Taekwondo techniques, HistoryMiami's artist-in-residence Master Sangwon Jeong will teach basic self-defense skills during this family-friendly workshop. The first hour of the class (2:30-3:30) will be for children ages 7+, and adults will participate in the last hour of the workshop (3:30-4:30).

In partnership with the Miami-Dade County Asian-American Advisory Board. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Register

9 **Free Family Fun Day: Season's Greetings!**

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREE with required registration

Ring in the joy of the season! Join our story time corner and learn about different holiday traditions. Create your own greeting cards to share with families and friends. Experience a day of cheer as various traditions come alive with some of the season's favorite games, music and more.

Register

16 **Moon Over Miami River Cruise with Dr. George**

Saturday, December 16, 7 – 9 p.m.

Members: \$85; Non-Members: \$95

Cruise along the scenic Miami River, guided by HistoryMiami's Resident Historian, Dr. Paul S.

George. Delve into the captivating history of Downtown Miami, from the early Indigenous people known as the Tequesta to the intrepid settlers who once called this area home. Learn fascinating stories of nearby archaeological sites and uncover hidden neighborhoods. Water and soda service is included in your ticket price; you can also purchase light snacks and beverages from Island Queen Cruises. Your ticket also includes a complimentary pass to HistoryMiami Museum.

Register

17 **Sensory Day**

Sunday, December 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FREE with required registration

Explore a touch tour of our permanent exhibition, *Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida* or enjoy the galleries at your own pace. Play in our sensory-inclusive room and in our interactive building blocks area. The museum is committed to providing inclusive experiences for all visitors and we are excited to welcome you to this special program! Sensory Days are designed for children, teenagers and young adults who are neurodiverse, on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing disorders or cognitive disabilities, and their families.. HistoryMiami was proudly named the first sensory-friendly museum in Miami by UM-NSU Card. Capacity is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you register but cannot attend, please let us know so we can open up your space for another family. If you or someone you know needs help registering, please call 305-375-1305 or email accessibility@historymiami.org.

Register

Weekend Programming

Facilitated by a museum educator, weekend gallery tours are available for individuals and small groups of nine or less. If you are visiting as part of a larger group, please book a group tour reservation. *Approximately 40-minutes.*

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Explore the history of South Florida on a tour of *Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida*. View highlights from the exhibition including Tequesta artifacts from the Miami Circle to a 1920s trolley.

Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns, & Mermaids

Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Trace the roots of some of the world's most enduring mythological creatures from Europe, Asia and beyond. Then journey through *Mythic Miami* to take a closer look at South Florida's own fantastical creatures, like the Chupacabra and Skunk Ape.

Find Out More

Hands-On-History

Saturdays & Sundays at 1 p.m.

FREE with museum admission

Explore the world of mythical creatures through touch! Engage with a selection of the museum's education objects collection inspired by *Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids* – from a Chinese bronze dragon statue to a cast of a Chupacabra footprint taken in Puerto Rico. Object selections vary per program; program is suitable for all ages and is facilitated by a museum educator.

Find Out More

Members-Only Events

HMM Member Book Club

Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Go beyond the museum with an exclusive opportunity for our members to join our new book club! Discover the captivating title for this season and get further information on this program by sending us an email at membership@historymiami.org.

Not yet a member? Don't miss out on the chance to join our museum community and unlock access to the book club, as well as a multitude of other extraordinary experiences.

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