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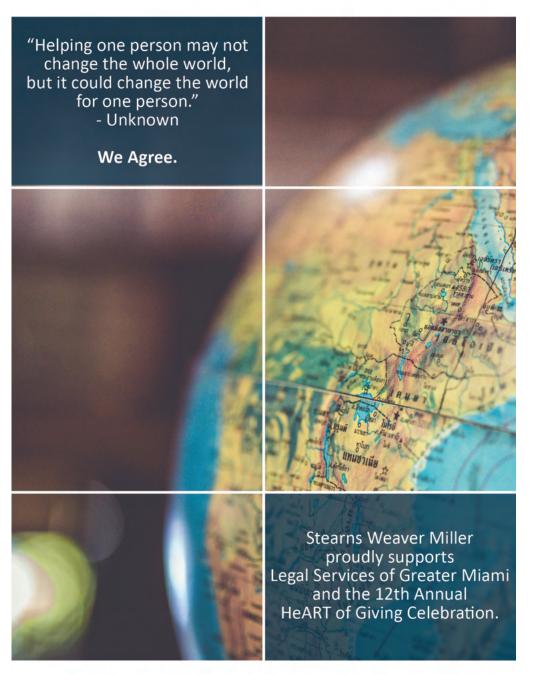
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President's Message

MANUEL DOBRINSKY

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team at Legal Services of Greater Miami, welcome to the Twelfth Annual HeART of Giving celebration! Although we cannot be together in person, it is important to celebrate and recognize those who have made, and continue to make,

meaningful contributions to our community.

However, first we want to honor and remember Julie Azuaje, First Vice President of the Board of Directors, who passed away this year. We are forever grateful for Julie's service, leadership, and friendship. Her service on the Board spanned more than a decade and her leadership left a lasting impact on the organization. Julie will be missed, but her spirit and grace will always be remembered.

Tonight, we celebrate three women all of whom have made enduring contributions to access to justice. Mayor Daniella Levine Cava's career is dedicated to ensuring that justice and opportunity are the rule rather than the exception, and her leadership as County Mayor has demonstrated strength, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to building a strong and resilient community. Judge Marcia Cooke began her career as a Legal Services attorney serving the Detroit community, and her decades of public and government service demonstrate her commitment to strengthening communities and ensuring access to justice for all. Finally, during her life, Jacqueline Allee Smith was a trailblazer with substantial contributions in the academic field and a passion to help lift those in our community who most need our services. With her generous and transformative gift, her legacy ensures that Legal Services of Greater Miami will have the resources to face the challenge of meeting the growing legal needs of our community for years to come.

With leaders like these women, our vision and commitment to building a Community of Equal Justice is further strengthened. We look forward to seeing you next year and thank you to all of you for supporting Legal Services of Greater Miami!





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MONICA VIGUES-PITAN

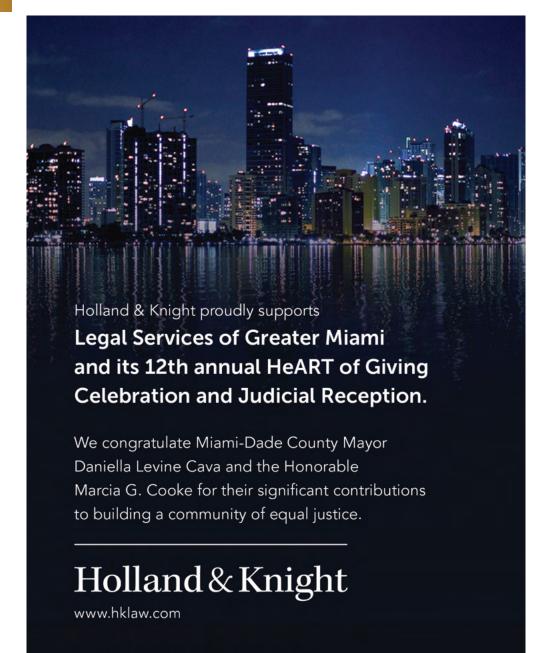
I am grateful to be able to celebrate our 12th Annual Heart of Giving Celebration and Judicial Reception, as well as commemorate our 55th anniversary! This has been another difficult year, and, as I reflect on our accomplishments and the work that is yet to be done, I am fortunate to have your unwavering support.

Heart of Giving is an opportunity to showcase our achievements throughout the year and recognize leaders in our community who share a mutual goal of increasing access to justice. Over the years, we have honored members of the judiciary, elected officials, authors and other community leaders who have fulfilled Legal Services' mission. I extend warm congratulations to this year's honorees — Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, the Honorable Marcia G. Cooke, and Jacqueline Allee Smith —inspiring leaders that have made significant contributions to equal justice in their respective fields - public service, the judiciary, and academia.

When we opened our doors 55 years ago, it was said that our purpose was to present the opportunity to live in decency and dignity. The late 1960's were tumultuous and trying times, and our founding advocates rose to the challenge. Those legendary attorneys included Tobias Simon, Howard Dixon, Gwendolyn S. Cherry, Al Feinberg, Wilkie Ferguson and many others. They laid a foundation of excellence of strong advocacy and gave us hope for the future. We went on to benefit from Marcia Cypen's indelible leadership for more than three decades. Their collective, brave, and tireless efforts shaped and enabled us to work towards ensuring not only dignity, but justice and economic opportunity for all. Today's challenges are just as complex, and our legal advocacy continues to achieve transformational change for our clients and community.

Our extraordinary Board of Directors, Campaign Committee, and Legal Services' team work tirelessly to honor our history and affect change in our community. Ensuring that our legal system is a functioning and just system for all is an ongoing process that often feels both elusive and unattainable; however, it is the promise of our country. With your continued support, our team will not stop fighting until we fulfill this promise.

I thank you for joining us this evening, for your dedication and support of Legal Services, and for your commitment to Building a Community of Equal Justice.



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TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY HEART OF GIVING CELEBRATION AND JUDICIAL RECEPTION

Thursday, September 30, 2021 | 6:00 PM

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Honorable Marcia G. Cooke
United States District Court For the Southern District of Florida

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NEKI MOHAN

Neki Mohan is an award winning journalist who is the CEO of her own consulting and media company. Most recently she anchored a number 1 rated morning show at the ABC affiliate in Miami for over a decade. A compelling storyteller, her

reporting has taken her across the Caribbean, the US and the world. She has covered red carpets, world leaders and some of the biggest news stories at 10 TV stations in 5 cities.

Born in Brooklyn, NY to West Indian parents, she was raised in Trinidad and Tobago and came back to the US for college. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Politics from the University of Maryland. She began her career alongside journalism greats like Carole Simpson, Peter Jennings, David Brinkley and Sam Donaldson at ABC News Washington Bureau. Her on air career began in Jackson, Mississippi and has taken her to Los Angeles, Cleveland and 2 decades in Miami.

Neki is a passionate mentor and has been mentoring for the Women of Tomorrow program for 20 years. She has also been an adjunct professor at Barry University and was recently invited to join the board of the Pace Center for Girls Broward. She is an avid reader, traveller, Girl Scout cookie mom and a budding yogi. When not trying to save the world, she is at home with her family trying to cook a meal they will all eat!



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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Daniella Levine Cava was elected Miami-Dade County's first-ever woman Mayor in November 2020. She enters the Mayor's office following a 40-year career as a relentless

advocate for South Florida families. As Miami-Dade County's Mayor, she oversees a metropolitan government with more than 28,000 employees serving nearly 3 million residents, managing an annual budget of approximately \$9 billion.

Since taking office, she has worked to protect lives and livelihoods by deploying a county-wide operation to distribute vaccines efficiently and equitably and appointing the County's first Chief Medical officer to build a pandemic response driven by data and science. In collaboration with the Board of County Commissioners, she is working to distribute millions of federal dollars in American Rescue Plan relief funds to support small businesses and residents impacted by the pandemic, invest in critical infrastructure projects, and kickstart long term recovery.

Her administration is focused on building a stronger, more inclusive, more resilient Miami-Dade: prioritizing reforms to make our county safer and prevent gun violence through the Peace and Prosperity Plan; restoring and reinvigorating a thriving economy that delivers economic security for Miami-Dade businesses and families and attracts new industries; saving Biscayne Bay and building and protecting our environment; opening doors to prosperity for more Miami-Dade families through the Office of Equity and Inclusion; and directly engaging with residents to make local government more responsive and accountable.

A social worker, lawyer, and community activist, she was first elected in 2014, and re-elected in August 2018, to serve as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8. Mayor Levine Cava came to elected office after three decades of service as an advocate for South Floridians, serving special needs children, families and immigrants at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and representing children in the foster care and adoption system with the Guardian Ad Litem Program. In 1996, she founded Catalyst Miami to help low- and middle-income families through service, education, and advocacy.

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Marcia G. Cooke is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She received her law degree from the Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan, and is a graduate of the Georgetown University Edmund G. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Judge Cooke is an experienced trial attorney and has held a variety of positions in the public and private sectors. She has served as a legal services attorney and a public defender, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Michigan and with a private law firm. Judge Cooke has also served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Relocating to Florida in 1992, Judge Cooke served as an Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for seven years. In 1999, Governor Jeb Bush appointed her to serve as the Chief Inspector General for the State of Florida, responsible for promoting accountability, integrity, efficiency and ethical behavior in the agencies under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of the Governor.

At the time of nomination and confirmation to the Federal Bench in 2004, she was an Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney.

In addition to her other responsibilities, Judge Cooke is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law teaching litigation skills. She is also an adjunct professor at St. Thomas University School of Law where she teaches advanced criminal procedure and in the judicial externship program. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School. She is a long-time faculty member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), has taught at trial practice and litigation programs throughout the country, and lectured on issues related to trial practice, litigation and trial ethics.

Judge Cooke is an active alumna of Georgetown University. She serves on the Georgetown University African American Advisory Board. Judge Cooke is an emeritus member of the Board of Governors and served as the national President of the Georgetown University Alumni Association. She has also served on the University's Board of Directors.

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Jackie was a pioneer and leader in the legal community. She was the third dean of the St. Thomas University School of Law and one of only six women serving as law school deans in the country in the 1990s. Prior to taking the leadership of St. Thomas, Jackie was a partner and head of the bankruptcy department at Holland & Knight where she met the love of her life, Chesterfield Smith – the guiding light and creator of Holland & Knight. They both shared a mutual commitment to equal justice for all.

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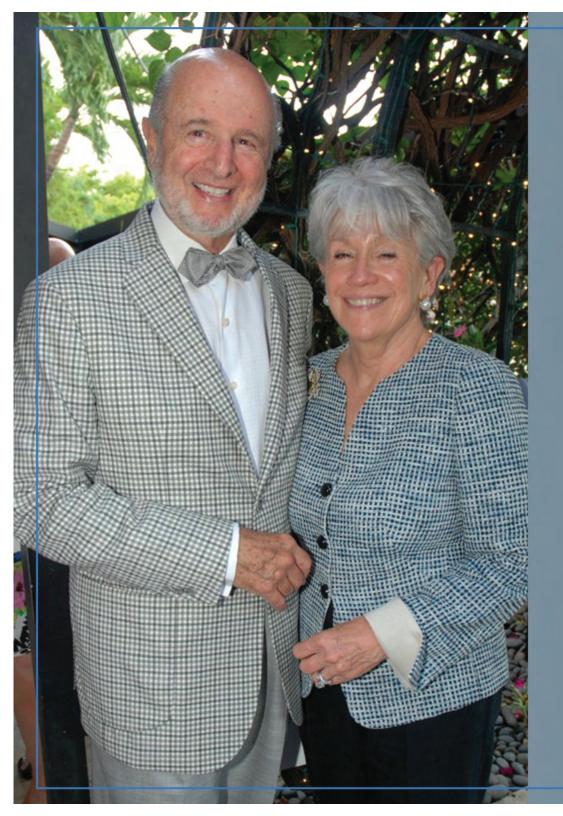
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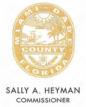


Remembering Julie Azuaje (1976-2021)

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For her leadership, kindness, courage, and service to the South Florida community.







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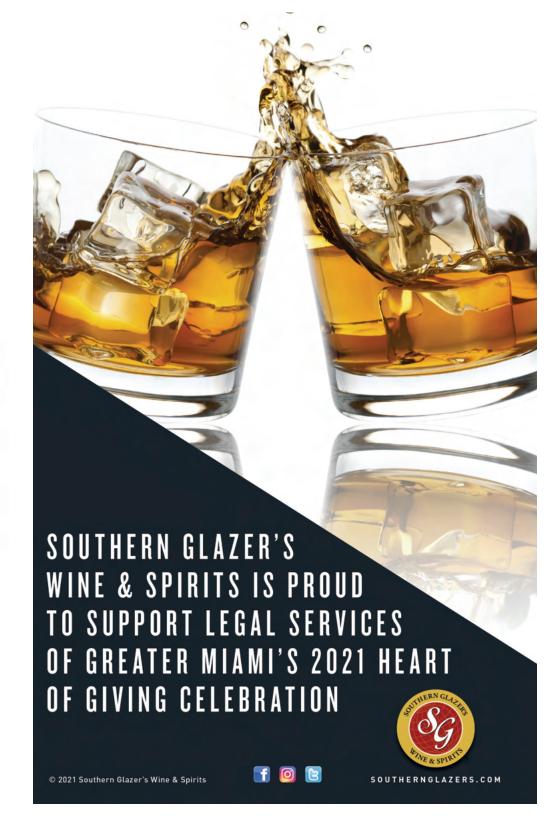
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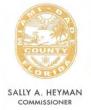
I applaud your being recognized for the significant contributions you have made for equal justice. The award is well deserved. I am delighted to see you being honored for the work you have done for equal justice for our South Florida Community.

I wish you continued success, good health and look forward to seeing many great things in your future.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Heyman Commissioner District 4





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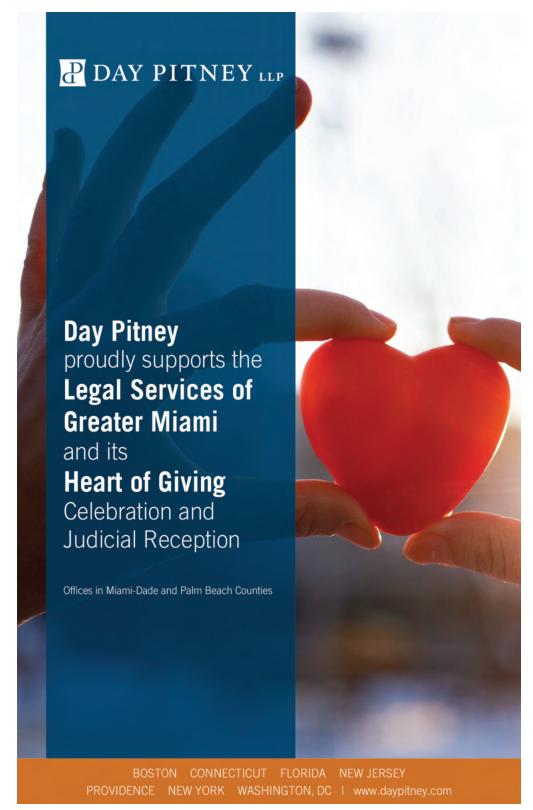
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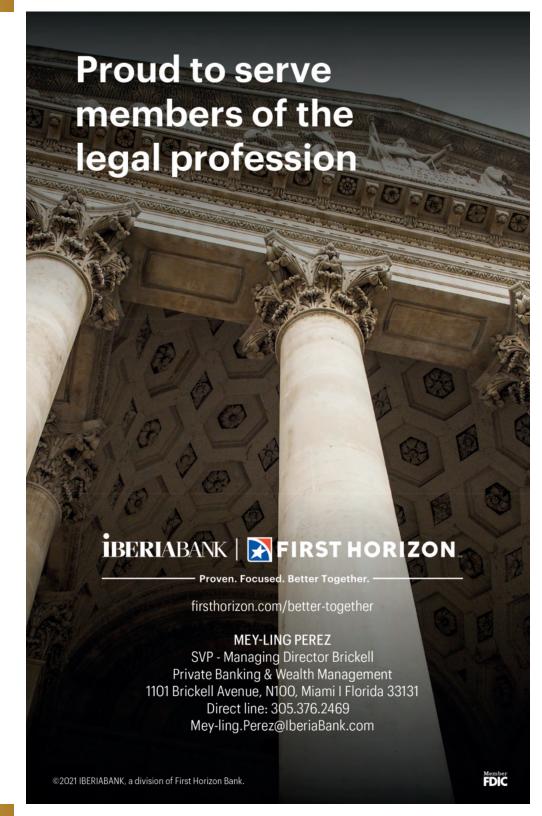
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1969

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1972

Created the Aids Legal Advocacy Project. At a time when those with the disease were ostracized, we advocated for greater access to healthcare and housing and fought discrimination.

1980s

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2020

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Justice for Veterans



The wheels of justice often turn slowly and that was certainly the case for Army Veteran, Felix Cepeda.

Eight years ago, Felix came to Legal Services for assistance with his wrongful discharge and denial of Veteran's Affairs (VA) disability benefits. He served in the military for four years and was awarded a combat medal. After returning from deployment in Iraq, the Army doctors diagnosed Felix with PTSD and anxiety. He was subsequently discharged without any disability benefits.

The VA denied his claim for disability benefits on the incorrect basis that he had not served in combat and that he had been discharged for a physical condition and not a disability. Felix did not have legal counsel at the time and did not file an appeal. In 2012, the VA changed its position and approved Felix for disability benefits, but only as of 2011, which still left him without benefits for the former six-year period.

Legal Services represented Felix before the Army Board for Correction of Military Records and successfully demonstrated he had been wrongly discharged and qualified for a medical discharge for his PTSD and other medical conditions. He was then awarded about \$50,000 in disability benefits by the Department of Defense.

Additionally, Legal Services represented Felix on the VA's initial denial of disability benefits dating back to 2005. We had to overcome the hurdle that Felix never appealed that claim. Legal Services persisted and proved that at the time of the denial, the VA was in possession of documents showing Felix had been entitled to benefits. After years of battling with the VA, the Board of Veterans' Appeals agreed and instructed the VA to pay retroactive benefits for the six-year period. In late 2020, justice was eventually served when the VA awarded Felix approximately \$95,000.

For the past 55 years, Legal Services has been committed to helping veterans like Felix overcome legal barriers that impact their financial stability.

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Joice is a 30-year-old single mother, who is full of life and dedicated to raising her amazing son, James. A resident of a rental apartment in Hialeah, she received an eviction notice after she fell behind on rent. Joice applied for the county's rental assistance program, which is available to those who meet certain income qualifications and are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic. Once she was approved, she paid off the outstanding balance and was relieved she was able to catch up on her rent. However, her landlord continued to pursue the eviction against her, so she turned to Legal Services for help. Even though Joice was protected by the Center for Disease Control's eviction moratorium as well as qualified for emergency relief aid, the landlord filed an eviction claim against her which put her and her son at risk of losing their home. Legal Services Attorney Sha'TarriaDavis represented Joice in the eviction case which was ultimately dismissed.

In Joice's own words, "Legal Services saved my son and my life from ending up in the streets. The scariest feeling is not being able to provide a home for your child. Ms. Davis did everything she had to do in order to stop the eviction from taking place. She's my guardian angel. I will be forever grateful to her and the hard work of the staff."

For the past 55 years, Legal Services has advocated for thousands of families like Joice's, at risk of losing their homes, achieve access to safe and stable housing.

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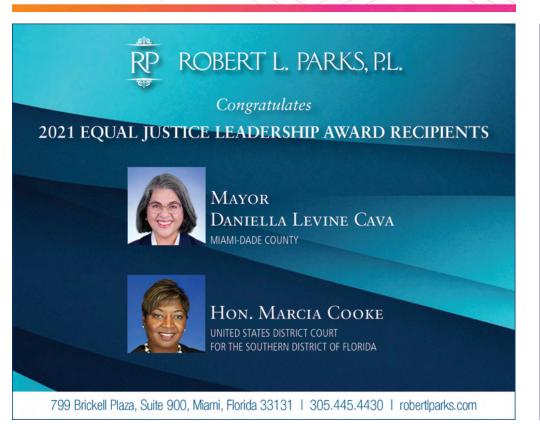


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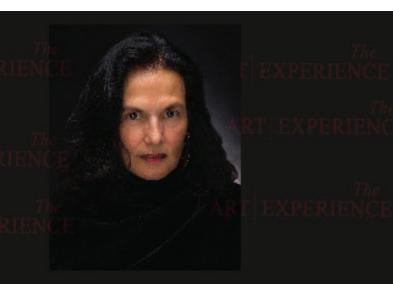
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Co-founder, CEO of BTC Media, David Bailey is an industry leader and evangelist for the decentralized future. BTC Media, the organizer of the world's largest Bitcoin conference, has released details about the expanded 2022 version of the event. Bitcoin 2022 is scheduled for the month of April in Miami. Bitcoin 2021 saw more than 12,000 attendees descend upon Miami. Organizers expect Bitcoin 2022 to play host to more than 30,000 Bitcoiners from around the world, and millions more will tune in to the multi-language live stream April 6th - April 9th from the Miami Beach Convention center.

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Diogo Snow



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Diogo Neves also known by his artist name D-Snow, was born and raised in São Paulo Brazil and currently resides in Toronto, Canada. The artist started his career early as a teen in Brazil with graffiti street art that grew into a passion. His art is a mix of urban with a twist of modern. Using a variety of materials such as spray paints, acrylics, diamond dust, prints and resin make his paintings unique and impactful. He has further expanded his portfolio to now include sculptures, cars, murals, boats and so much more.

His passion for murals grew when the owner of Luxury Rentals commissioned him in early 2019 to paint a mural inside the Picasso mansion in Miami. The mural went on to be the backdrop in Mag1k's Tempo featuring Tory Lanez music video. Diogo has also created murals throughout Toronto including Yes Electric Tattoo in collaboration with artist Daniel Mazzone. Some highlights of this artist's portfolio include being chosen by Universal Music to create a tribute mural for Juice Wrld. Doing a collaboration with Elegance Aroma by painting the luxurious aroma diffusers which then become home art pieces for the client. Diogo was also the first artist to spray-paint a Ferrari in Canada



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Lindsay Schulte

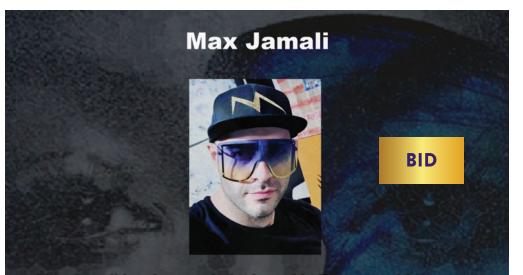


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"Lindsay Lux" Schulte is an Artist from Venetia, Pennsylvania. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications Media at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, did a "study abroad" at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and an internship for Photography and Art business in NYC. Although she was a Communications Media major with a focus in Photography, she ended up being just 2 credits shy of an Art minor, because she took so many Art electives out of personal interest. Lindsay has lived in Miami since 2016. She has since geared her work more towards the Crypto Art world since being featured as an "Emerging Artist" at Bitcoin Conference 2021 Art Gallery at Mana Wynwood, and will continue to be in the Art Gallery for Bitcoin Conference 2022, along with the release of her NFTs this fall.



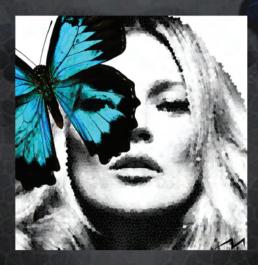
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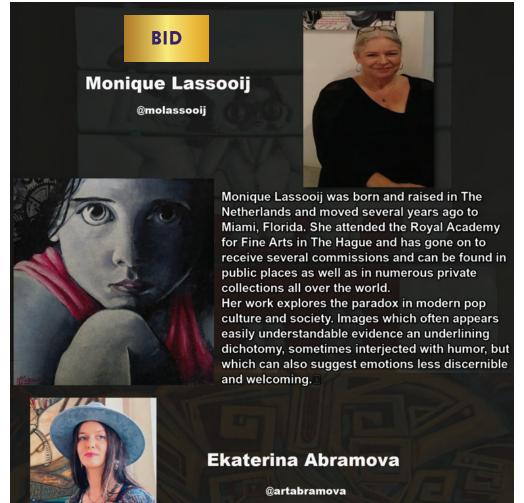
Max Jamali is a Luxury Artist based in Toronto, with an award-winning background in fashion photography, with his art work showcased in Toronto, Miami, L.A. and Dubai.

He's a mixed-media Artist famous for the use of Luxurious items to create his art. In contrast with other artists, Max's work focuses on Luxury itself as a medium. Diamond Dust, Exotic Leather, 24K Gold, Genuine Silver, Crystals; he uses them all to create pieces that scream opulence.

Every piece is created with his "M" logo that symbolizes Luxury, handcrafted from snake skin.



@maxjamali



Ekaterina Abramova was born in 1979 in Moscow, Russia. She specializes in painting and graphic arts in traditional technique using oil, acrylic, markers, etc.

She is a multifaceted artist; her style could be described as going in two major directions: the 21st century Neo-Expressionism, and Spiritual Ornamental paintings drawn on symbolic folk art of various peoples, most notably on Russian and Indian mythology.



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Armando Colls





"Taking a photo is not just having a camera and pressing the shutter. There is much more behind every photograph; there is a moment, a story."

A landscape and still life photographer and native Floridian. Armando Colls aims to share the true essence and beauty of nature. The son of Cuban parents, Colls grew up in Miami living a very quiet life until five years ago when he borrowed a camera from a friend without imagining where it would lead him. He was naturally able to capture still life and landscapes, and with his incredible talent and humble nature people started taking notice. He never imagined that in just a few years he would be receiving awards and recognition for his photography.

Armando already has a vast collection of works that include shots from numerous places throughout the country. Driven by his joy and freedom in making art throught photography, Colls aims to grow as an artist by traveling the world and sharing his vision.



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