

CORAL GABLES GAZETTE

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Miami-Dade residents invited to become works of art in District 3

MIAMI, FL – Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson invites Miami-Dade residents to tap into their inner model and participate in Miami's Exposé on Saturday, October 4 at Louis Dalmau's art studio, 6900 Biscayne Boulevard, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dalmau, a local artist, is preparing to launch the largest art installation in the history of Biscayne Boulevard, encouraging people to come to his studio and have their portrait taken at no cost. The portraits will then be combined and converted into 216 canvasses that will be installed along 27 blocks of the historic MiMo Biscayne District in District 3. Each 8-foot by 3-foot canvass, with eight portraits of people from all walks of life, will be digitally enhanced and colored. A total of 1,728 portraits and their various facial expressions will look down from Biscayne Boulevard.

"It is wonderful that Mr. Dalmau recognizes the incredible diversity of Miami-Dade County's residents, and has chosen to include them in his latest creation," said Commissioner Edmonson. "I encourage everyone, young and old, to become part of what is sure to become an inspiring piece of art and to visit the many stores and restaurants in the MiMo Biscayne District."

The art project is sponsored by the MiMo Biscayne Association. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and bring a valid Florida photo I.D. When the full project is completed in December 2009, it will expand from 50th Street all the way down the Biscayne Boulevard Corridor to 77th Street. Dalmau, conscious of the environment, will use recycled, biodegradable material for the canvasses, and environmentally-friendly chemicals to transfer and laminate the images.

For more information on Miami's Exposé, visit www.smileformemiami.com.

WHO: Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson

WHAT: Invitation to Miami's Expose Photo Shoots

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2008, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Louis Dalmau's art studio, 6900 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 3, Miami, 33138