

The NODUS Ensemble at the Miami Art Museum

Cuban Music and Art: A Synthesis of Past Cultures with Modern Concepts

Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 PM, Miami Art Museum 101 West Flagler Street in Miami; New Music by Cuban Composers with the NODUS Ensemble, Orlando Jacinto Garcia director, Elissa Lakofsky flute, Julian Santacoloma clarinet, Saul Bitran violin, Phillip Lakofsky cello, Jennifer Snyder and Jose Lopez piano. Works being presented by Sergio Barroso, Orlando Jacinto García, Tania León, Keyla Orozco, and Ileana Pérez Velázquez.

As the works found in the exhibit being presented at MAM clearly show, Wilfredo Lam was a visionary painter from Cuba. Living between 1902 and 1983 he was aligned with such luminaries as Picasso, Matisse, and Breton. His work is considered a groundbreaking combination of surreal, cubist, and other modern concepts with his Afro Cuban roots. This synthesis of the new and innovative with symbols from the past, make his work very unique.

Similarly the music of the each of the composers whose works are being presented on this concert incorporate some aspect of their Cuban background and heritage with the new and modern music world. Whether it be the combination of Cuban rhythms with abstract melodies or the use of color as a primary point of focus synthesized with Folk themes in an abstract manner, the music of these renowned Cuban composers is also unique and an important expression of Cuban musical Art and culture. As with Lam's paintings the music being presented will affect the heart and mind of the listener in a variety of ways.

Keyla Orozco

Nengón Transformation 1 (2004)

Saul Bitran, Violin

Tania Leon

Momentum (1984)

Jose Lopez, piano

Sergio Barroso

Tablao (2004)

Solo CD version

Ileana Pérez Velázquez

Flor invernall (2002)

Flute and Bb Clarinet

Elissa Lakofsky, Flute

Julian Santacoloma, Bb Clarinet

Tania León

Mística (2003)

Jose Lopez, piano

Orlando Jacinto García

silencios imaginados (2001)

Flute, clarinet, violin, cello, and piano

Elissa Lakofsky, Flute

Julian Santacoloma, Bb Clarinet

Saul Bitran, Violin

Phillip Lakofsky, Cello

Jennifer Snyder, Piano

Orlando Jacinto Garcia, conductor