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## "Speak Now" Exhibition Opening at the Deering Estate at Cutler

Join us on Saturday, February 16, 2013, from 6 pm to 10 pm, for the "Speak Now" Exhibition Opening at the Deering Estate at Cutler. The exhibition opening is FREE and open to the public.

The highlight of this year's Deering Estate Festival of the Arts is a curated invitational show that features Artists from the Deering Estate at Cutler Artist in Residence Program, The Fountainhead Residency and Studios, and Invited Exhibitors. Curator Ralph Provisero invites the viewer to discover artistic interjections placed throughout the historic grounds of the Deering Estate. This year we welcomed The Fountainhead Residency and Studio program and selected artists to join forces with featured Artists in Residence from the Deering Estate at Cutler. Unique elements of this exhibition include spontaneous poetry creation and readings by the fire circle, and a traveling performance piece that tours the site. Dialogues develop between the space and artists with some works confronting the viewer, some on the periphery, and some hidden in plain sight. Guests are welcome to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Parking is free.

Deering Estate Artists in Residence feature Christina Petterssen, Lucinda Linderman, Alex Trimino, Antonia Wright, Mia Leonin with Carlos Ochoa, Diego Quiros, Dona Altemus, Cherie Clark. Representing Fountainhead Residency Program are artists Rowan Smith, and Caitlin Berrigan. Invited from the Fountainhead Studios Artists are Dona Altemus Lori Nozick, Don Lambert, Jenny Brillhart, PJ Mills, Sri Prabha, William Keddell, Natalya Laskis, Kerry Phillips, Tom Bollinger, Felipe Kaizedo, Kerry Phillips, Moira Holohan, and Judith Robertson. Special invited exhibitors include Robert Huff and Anja Marais.

The Speak Now Exhibition will be on display daily, 10 am to 4 pm, through March 10, 2013 and is free with regular Estate admission.

The Deering Estate Festival of the Arts provides cultural engagement for all ages, offering literary, musical and artistic experiences for youngsters, to presenting a world-class exhibition, concerts and informative lectures for the most sophisticated patron.

For more information on the Deering Estate Festival of the Arts, a complete schedule of events and tickets, please call the Deering Estate Ticket Office at 305-235-1668 ext 233 or visit [www.deeringestate.org](http://www.deeringestate.org).

### **About the Curator, Ralph Provisero**

Ralph Provisero is a visual artist and sculptor native to Miami, FL with a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute and an MFA from the University of Miami. In addition to his work as an artist and educator, Provisero has often worked as a judge, curator and consultant on numerous projects in 2007; he received the Atlantic Center for the Arts/Joan Mitchell Foundation Scholarship for Visual Artists. Regularly featured in national and local press, Provisero's work is showcased in Miami Contemporary Artists, a book by Paul Clemence and Julie Davidow (2007), and The Martin Z. Margulies Collection: Painting and Sculpture (2008). He is currently curating a project in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Main Library and continuing his own studio endeavors and is represented by Dorsch Gallery, Miami.

### **About the Deering Estate at Cutler Artist in Residence Program**

The Deering Estate at Cutler Artists in Residence: Christina Petterssen, Lucinda Linderman, Alex Trimino, Antonia

Wright, Mia Leonin with Carlos Ochoa, Diego Quiros, Dona Altemus, Cherie Clark.

The Deering Estate at Cutler seeks to continue Charles Deerin's legacy of art patronage by supporting emerging and mid-career artists who work in a multitude of disciplines and media. The prestigious Artist in Residence Program is housed in our Artist Village buildings, The Carriage House and Pump House and is a direct extension of this legacy. The Artist in Residency program currently welcomes professional Visual, Performing, and Literary Artists who are self-motivated and focused. The primary basis for selection of our artists is the strength and quality of the applicant's work as well as a clear objective for the time of their residency. Both Artist in Residence Studio Residencies and Non-Studio Project Residencies are available and are competitively selected through a jury process using leading professionals from our family of galleries, collaborative arts and cultural organizations. The Residency acts as wonderful incubator for creative ideas, unique experiences, and collaborative opportunities that engage the public.

**About Fountainhead Residency and Studios and The Mikesell Family**

The Fountainhead Residency was founded by collectors Dan and Kathryn Mikesell in early 2008 with five goals; to provide artists an opportunity to find new inspiration (a fountainhead), to introduce visiting artists to Miami's art community and it's many supporters, to infuse Miami with artistic inspiration from around the world, enable our art institutions to realize more ambitious shows, and finally to provide our family an opportunity to become more intimately integrated in the world of artists and art. Later in 2008 they opened The Fountainhead Studios, which now provides over 30 Miami-based artists low cost studio space. In 2012, they opened The Fountainhead Haus, which provides 5 Miami based artists a unique working and collaborative space. The studios, located at 7339 NW Miami Ct., boasts nearly 25,000 sq. ft. of studios ranging in size from 350-500+ sq. ft. There are over 30 artists creating at The Fountainhead Studios.

Fountainhead Residency Program are artists Rowan Smith and Caitlin Berrigan.

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