

To celebrate Earth Day 2022, the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts presents upcycled glass art and design by Jenna Efrein. The *Outside Is In* opens on Saturday, April 23 from 1pm to 4pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

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## It's Now or Neverglades!

The theme of Earth Day 2022 is *Invest in our Planet*. A green future is a prosperous future and it needs everyone to create a partnership for the planet and restore nature. Since moving to Florida from New York, artist Jenna Efrein is particularly concerned about the fate of the Everglades ecosystem and advocates for its protection with her glass art installations.

Using hundreds of upcycled glass bottles, Jenna Efrein creates art which draws attention to issues of sustainability and environmental pollution. She is elevating the value of nature in our daily lives and reflecting on the deteriorating ecosystem and loss of the local flora and fauna.

Florida was originally an impenetrable wasteland of marshlands, swamps, and tangled mangrove forests but through dredging and draining, it has become one of the most popular states in the US to live, work, and play. However, the fragile ecosystem is under threat from the rapidly growing metropolitan centers.

"Restoration simply cannot wait. It's Now or Neverglades!" claimed Dawn Shirreffs, an Everglades Policy Advisor.

Take the fate of the Marsh Rabbit which is experiencing a precipitous decline due to the invasive Burmese python. Ecological studies in the Everglades National Park have shown that python predation is seriously impacting the rabbit population. To symbolize this threat, Jenna's upcycled glass sculptures of Marsh Rabbits will be presented under glass snakeskin covers.

Recently, Jenna Efrein has been recycling Topo Chico's glass bottles and the company has been supporting her exhibitions with their sparkling mineral waters. You will be refreshed at WMODA by Topo Chico's range of flavored waters and inspired by Jenna's activism in glass art on Saturday, April 23 from 1 to 4pm.

Read more about Jenna Efrein's glass art on the WMODA Museum website <u>https://www.wmoda.com/now-or-neverglades/?mc\_cid=984cd5accc&mc\_eid=UNIQID</u>

## About WMODA

The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts is a world-class museum in Dania Beach, FL celebrating the fired arts of ceramics and glass. The museum galleries showcase the finest British pottery and porcelain from the last two centuries, including Wedgwood and Royal Doulton, as well as European designers from the Art Nouveau and Art Deco eras. The Hot Glass collections feature amazing works of art by Lalique, Chihuly, and other modern masters as well as glass artists working in South Florida. WMODA is a non-profit 501c3 museum and is rated a top 5 star attraction in Broward County by TripAdvisor travelers. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. Visit www.wmoda.com Call 954.376.6690 Email info@wmoda.com

## About Jenna Efrein

Jenna Efrein grew up in Brooklyn, NY and lives and works in Miami, Florida. She received her MFA from Alfred University School of Art and Design in Sculpture/Dimensional Studies and now lectures full time in the Art and Art History Department at University of Miami in the glass and sculpture studios. She is a resident of the Bakehouse Art Complex and has exhibited widely in solo and group shows in South Florida. Her work is in private collections and she sells her designs at the WMODA shop. The reclamation and transformation of materials are her means of communication.

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