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WMODA Hosts “Shining a Light on Connection” to Honor International Museum Day Theme “Museums Uniting a Divided World”

HOLLYWOOD, FL – On **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts (WMODA) will host “**Shining a Light on Connection**,” a community-focused celebration highlighting glass art as a medium for social connection and shared expression and dedicated to the transformative power of art in bridging social divides. The program features a collective toast to the spirit of global solidarity and the closing reception for the *Amulets of Light* installation.

EVENT DETAILS

- **When:** Sunday, May 17, 2026 | 10:00AM-4:00PM with a special celebration at 1:00 PM
- **Where:** Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts (WMODA), 3250 N 29th Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33020
- **Who:** Highlighting the museum's role as a sanctuary of creativity and community partnership, WMODA is proud to host the following partners throughout the day of fun for all ages:
 - **Chelsea Rousso:** Renowned local glass artist whose initiatives, *Unity in the Community* and *Amulets of Light*, demonstrate the strength of collective creativity.
 - **Kaleidoscopic Wonders:** Collector Alan Tinter will introduce visitors to several pieces from his collection of 150 art kaleidoscopes, demonstrating how different perspectives can create infinite possibilities from diverse fragments.

VISUAL & STORY HIGHLIGHTS (High fidelity filming, gallery walkthroughs, & interviews)

- **The “Shining a Light” Toast:** Raising a glass to honor the creative potential within the community and the global spirit of solidarity while bidding farewell to the *Amulets of Light* exhibit.
- **Glass Art Installations:** A viewing of the *Unity in the Community* and *Amulets of Light* installations, which stand as a singular, powerful message of togetherness and the power of collective creativity.
- **Interactive Art:** Visitors can capture kaleidoscopic memories and view the “Mega Kaleidoscope” mosaic mural by Brooklyn-based artist Allison Eden, handcrafted from over 1,000 glass colors.
- **Interviews:** Louise Irvine, WMODA Executive Director & Curator and artist Chelsea Rousso are available to discuss the role of “Fired Arts” in fostering community unity.

WHY IT MATTERS

To honor the International Museum Day theme, “Museums Uniting a Divided World,” by showcasing how art can provide the clarity and empathy necessary to bridge modern divides, and to celebrate the beauty of diversity and the lasting bonds formed through collective creative expression. The event also celebrates the Broward County Cultural Division’s “**50 and Forward**” anniversary, marking 50 years of artistic growth in the community.

ABOUT WMODA

The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit museum that preserves and showcases a world-class collection of Fired Arts. WMODA seeks to entertain, educate, and inspire a global audience through the stories and craftsmanship behind ceramics and glass.

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