



**THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF CORAL GABLES OPENS
STUDIOS ON THE MILE
A Program of the Gables Art Collective Sponsored by
Terranova Corporation & the City of Coral Gables**

CORAL GABLES, FL – (October 16, 2020) – The Business Improvement District of Downtown Coral Gables (BID) introduces *Studios on the Mile*, sponsored by Terranova Corporation and the City of Coral Gables. A program of the Gables Art Collective, *Studios on the Mile* includes seven studio spaces on the 200 block of Miracle Mile activated by a group of artists curated by Dr. Carol Damian. The studios are open daily from noon until 7p.m. through the end of December 2020.

“At the BID, our goal is to inspire people to discover and explore downtown Coral Gables and what better way than through the eyes of artists. To see them creating, chat with them and provide an environment where they can learn from each other is exhilarating,” said Aura Reinhardt, Executive Director.

The collaboration, *Studios on the Mile*, initiated by the BID and Terranova under the guidance of Dr. Damian, provides opportunities for local emerging and established artists to work and sell their art in the heart of the city. In keeping with the COVID-19 requirements, Social Distancing and the wearing of face masks are required.

“Establishing a home for artists to create and display their work is important to rebuilding a vibrant art community in Coral Gables, says Stephen Bittel, Chairman and Founder, Terranova Corp. These studios will help activate the street and give people a reason to safely return to Miracle Mile, to get outside, to walk and to appreciate the collective voices of our resident artists. Mindy McIlroy, President of Terranova is proud lead this effort, and work closely with the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Business Improvement District to make her dream a reality.

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“Today, more than ever, under difficult circumstances, artists are suffering - projects on hold, expenses mounting, and no money for studios. This opportunity to give them a space to work in and to be part of a small community and share ideas, is so welcome. For the City, it is also a win-win: spaces are filled, the paper on the windows and doors removed, and cultural activity enlivens the most important street - Miracle Mile,” says Dr. Damian, Curator, Studios on the Mile.

Dr. Damian explored the many stories to be told about and by the artists* and their work, and the themes when determining the studio partners; considering nature, immigration, identity and craftsmanship. Studios on the Mile includes highly respected and successful professionals to emerging artists to students, “a wonderful and grateful group,” says Damian.

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About the Business Improvement District (BID) of Coral Gables:

The Business Improvement District (BID) is an autonomous non-profit organization dedicated to advancing commercial vitality in Downtown Coral Gables and Miracle Mile—a 19-block area in the city core designated as the District. Providing marketing and advocacy support for property owners and businesses, the BID counts among its members 370 businesses, of which approximately 260 are retail and restaurant establishments, as well as 128 property owners. Since its establishment in July 1997, BID has served as a catalyst for positive change spearheading myriad initiatives and events, including Giralda Under the Stars, Coral Gables Culinary Month, Halloween on the Mile and more. For more information, please visit: shopcoralgables.com.

About Carol Damian: A former director of the Frost Art Museum and chairperson of FIU's Department of Art and Art History, Dr. Damian is a strong fixture in Miami's arts community, and a nationally recognized art historian. A specialist in Latin American and Caribbean art, she has curated numerous exhibitions nationally and lectures frequently.