



## **WIENER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS CURRENT EXHIBITS**

**Dania Beach, FL September 2018**

### **CARNIVAL & CABARET - Present to December 31, 2018**

It's party time at the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts as we celebrate the art of having fun at our latest exhibition *Carnival & Cabaret*. The *Carnival & Cabaret* exhibit explores the flamboyant festivals in Venice, Rio and New Orleans as seen by porcelain artists from Europe. The centerpiece of our new exhibit is *Carnival in Venice*, a monumental masterpiece full of masked revelers in porcelain by Lladró of Spain. Discover how Harlequin and Columbine and other characters from the Italian Commedia dell'Arte have influenced carnival fun, the art of clowning and masquerade balls through the ages. Masking was particularly popular during the roaring 1920s to disguise the flirtatious behavior of the flappers. Cabaret and variety shows in early 20th century Paris and Berlin also reveled in the theatrical excesses of carnival costumes.

### **CHIHULY - THE MACCHIA: A STUDY IN SPONTANEITY - Ongoing**

Dale Chihuly is the world's foremost glass artist and this exhibition of his Macchia series celebrates his remarkable powers of innovation and imagination. In Italian 'macchia' has come to suggest the spontaneous outpouring of artistic sensibility and by choosing the title Macchia for his works, Chihuly pays tribute to the Italian glass blowers on the island of Murano near Venice. He has adapted the Venetian practice of blowing bubbles of molten glass into metal molds for his own dynamic purposes and then spinning the vessel open in the final moments of forming to awesome proportions. In these works, Chihuly encapsulates the traditional meanings of macchia: spontaneity, the close association between the artist and nature, and artistic collaboration with technique rather than control of it. Chihuly often refers to the mystery and magic of glass. The transformation of sand and a few other elements into glass seems truly magical.

### **HOT GLASS at WMODA - Ongoing**

The Hot Glass exhibition at WMODA is sure to fire your imagination. A forest of Chihuly's multi-colored Macchia designs dominates the contemporary glass gallery, which is framed by one of his Persian wall installations. The stunning Chihuly exhibition also includes many of his signature works, including Baskets, Sea forms, and Ikebana flower arrangements, all blown in glass at his studio in Seattle, Washington. Chihuly has led the avant-garde in the development of glass as an art form and he has introduced many artists to the medium in his innovative teaching programs. WMODA also features the work of his students, William

Morris and Toots Zynsky, who have gone on to become internationally acclaimed glass artists. Zynsky is renowned for her unique undulating fused glass forms. Kiln-formed fused glass and blown glass are represented locally in Broward by talented artists Chelsea Rousso and Brenna Baker of Hollywood Hot Glass, and they hold regular workshops to inspire aspiring artists.

### **ARDMORE CERAMIC ART - Ongoing**

A giant smiling hippopotamus greets you as you enter the contemporary ceramics gallery at the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts in Dania Beach and visitors can't stop smiling in return. The hippo was made by Ardmore Ceramic Arts, a thriving artist collective in the picturesque Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. The studio was started over thirty years ago by Fée Halsted, a talented ceramic artist who teaches local men and women how to make and decorate pottery. There are now around 70 sculptors and painters in the Ardmore studio making whimsical and uplifting works of art. As well as hippos, the Ardmore exhibition includes many other African animals which burst out of luxuriant foliage to form vibrant vases, tureens and bowls. Ardmore ceramic art is one of the most popular features at WMODA Museum and it's worth a visit just to see this exhibit.

### **THE ART OF TEA - Present to December 31, 2018**

Elegant china enriches the tea-drinking experience as can be seen at the Art of Tea exhibition at the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts. Discover how skilled potters have provided the most appropriate tea services to suit all tastes and budgets for the last three centuries. Whether you drink tea hot or cold, using loose leaves or teabags, in the morning, afternoon or evening, you'll be charmed by the sophisticated, ingenious and even quirky designs by Wedgwood, Royal Doulton and other famous makers.

### **Contact:**

Veronica Alvarado  
481 S. Federal Highway  
Dania Beach, FL 33004  
veronica@wmoda.com  
754-264-0130