



Gillie and Marc Debut Dogman and Rabbitwoman, Two Interactive Sculptures, on Miami Beach, Raising Awareness for the Necessary Conservation of Endangered Species

MIAMI BEACH, FL (December 24th, 2024) – Miami Beach's iconic cultural hub, Lincoln Road, is about to become even more vibrant and engaging with the debut of two never-before-exhibited bronze sculptures by art duo Gillie and Marc, who the New York Times called "the most successful and prolific creators of public art in New York's history." Known for their heartwarming and thought-provoking public art installations, the artists are bringing their beloved characters, Dogman and Rabbitwoman, to Miami Beach for the first time in a collaboration with the Lincoln Road Business Improvement District (BID). The installation underscores the BID's commitment to innovating and elevating the cultural fabric of Miami Beach for its residents and millions of annual visitors.

The whimsical interactive sculptures, "The Giraffe and Chimpanzee Were on a Wild Ride to a Safer Place with Rabbitwoman and Dogman" and "The White Rhino Bench of Friendship," are meant to spread awareness about the importance of conservation and protecting endangered species.

In "The Giraffe and Chimpanzee," Dogman and Rabbitwoman lead the way on a bicycle built for four; they are joined by a playful chimpanzee on the back of a tall giraffe. Visitors are encouraged to climb aboard the fourth seat and imagine themselves on a mission to create a safer world for wildlife.

"Our sculptures always tell a story," said Marc Schattner of Gillie and Marc. "Through Dogman and Rabbitwoman, we hope to bring people closer to nature and inspire them to take action to save endangered animals. This ride isn't just about fun; it's about a call to protect our planet's most vulnerable creatures."

In "The White Rhino Bench of Friendship," Dogman and Rabbitwoman sit beside a majestic white rhino on a stunning bronze bench. The interactive design encourages visitors to sit, take photos and reflect on the pressing need to protect endangered species.

"Art has the power to connect people to causes that matter," added Gillie. "We want everyone who visits these sculptures to leave with a renewed sense of hope and determination to make a difference."

A Monumental Debut on Lincoln Road

Lincoln Road, known for its rich cultural history, dynamic public art exhibits and renowned performing arts venues, serves as a year-round destination for art enthusiasts. The pedestrian promenade provides the perfect setting for Gillie and Marc's interactive sculptures, reflecting a shared commitment to enhancing the community experience through art.

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"Gillie and Marc's work is both captivating and meaningful," says Anabel Llopis, representative of Lincoln Road BID. "These sculptures are not just a visual delight but also powerful tools to raise awareness about conservation. We're thrilled to bring this experience to the people of Miami Beach and continue to provide access to free public art to the community."

Join the Movement

Visitors are encouraged to interact with the sculptures, share photos on social media using the hashtags #GillieandMarc and #OnLincoln, and join the artists' mission to promote conservation.

The sculptures will be on display along Lincoln Road on 551 Lincoln Road and 910 Lincoln Road starting December 2024 until December 2025 offering Miami Beach residents and visitors alike a unique opportunity to engage with public art that inspires, educates and delights.

About Lincoln Road

The Lincoln Road District is where Miami Beach's heartbeat comes alive: a vibrant, open-air promenade that embodies the city's energy, creativity and innovation. Stretching across eight blocks, it is South Florida's largest pedestrian-only district and a destination like no other. This tropical oasis is the go-to spot for world-class shopping, unforgettable dining, and cutting-edge arts and culture, all wrapped in the breezy charm of Miami's coastal vibes.

Visitors flock here for its unique mix of 200+ shops and restaurants, blending globally renowned brands with beloved local businesses. Whether indulging in culinary masterpieces, exploring dynamic art galleries or attending community events, Lincoln Road serves as a crossroads where residents, tourists and businesses come together to celebrate Miami Beach's unparalleled lifestyle. For businesses, Lincoln Road is an unrivaled opportunity – 10.8 million visitors annually pass through this bustling district, drawn to its magnetic mix of attractions. It's a playground for innovation where restaurateurs, retailers and entrepreneurs can thrive in a lively, ever-growing market. For more information, visit lincolnroad.com or follow on Instagram.





About Gillie and Marc

Renowned British and Australian artistic duo Gillie and Marc have dedicated their creative endeavors to raising awareness and celebrating the beauty of wildlife.

With a passion for animals and a deep understanding of the urgent need for conservation, Gillie and Marc have become global ambassadors for wildlife preservation.

Through their thought-provoking sculptures and captivating paintings, the artists aim to inspire compassion and ignite positive change in the hearts of viewers. As prolific artists, Gillie and Marc's work can be seen in prominent galleries, public spaces, and collections worldwide.

Their sculptures and paintings have been widely acclaimed for their powerful messages and visually stunning aesthetics.

The duo's creative vision extends beyond traditional mediums, as they collaborate with various organizations and institutions to initiate projects that promote wildlife conservation and raise awareness about the critical issues facing our planet.

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