

THE REACH OF LIGHT



PRIDE ART EXHIBITION

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Pride Art Exhibition | June 4–7, 2026 | Coral Gables United Church of Christ
Produced in partnership with Gay in the Gables

Opening Reception: June 5th, 6pm - 9pm | Free & Open to the Public
3010 Desoto Blvd, Coral Gables FL, 33134

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Coral Gables, FL (5/1/26) – Gay in the Gables is pleased to announce the debut of a limited-time art exhibition featuring acclaimed Florida LGBTQIA+ artists Josh Aronson, Celeste Burns, Ricky Cohete, Juicy Love Dion, David Gary Lloyd and Michael Zimmerer at 3010 Desoto Blvd in Coral Gables. Launching this June in honor of Pride Month, the exhibition invites the community to experience a thought-provoking art exhibition at the Historic Coral Gables United Church of Christ.

The group exhibition, titled “The Reach of Light,” will be on view from June 4th through June 7th 2026, with an opening reception on Friday, June 5th 2026. Building on previous activations such as Lloyd’s solo exhibition Garden Shadows of the Sun, Coral Gables continues its mission of merging thought provoking contemporary art within the historic city.

The Photography inspired installation transforms the iconic sanctuary into a gallery space, offering an immersive encounter with the artist’s and their work. Photographic and visual practices have been brought into dialogue with a historic place of worship to explore how art in religious institutions can create visibility, acceptance, and belonging.

“This exhibition is more than art, it’s a declaration that LGBTQ+ lives, stories, and spirituality belong at the center of our shared community. Coral Gables has been ready for a defining Pride Month cultural moment, and The Reach of Light brings together artists, faith, and community to foster dialogue, expand visibility, and create meaningful connection across our city.” - Steve Littlehale, Founder, Gay in the Gables

Across the works presented, light operates both as material and metaphor. References to halos, iconography, and devotional imagery as seen through a contemporary queer lens, invite viewers to consider how divinity is ascribed. The queer community and the religious community are usually pitted against each other and in this space, they are presented in peaceful coexistence.

"This exhibition is much needed, especially at a time in Florida where we have new legislation that is negatively affecting the LGBTQIA+ community. I'm proud to foster connections between the queer and religious communities, which tend to be at odds with each other. I hope this show can inspire how we can foster positive dialogue and promote empathy and love." - David Gary Lloyd, Artist & Show Director



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About Gay in the Gables

Gay the Gables is a Coral Gables based community initiative dedicated to fostering connection, creativity, and inclusive social experiences through thoughtfully curated events and gatherings. By bringing together a diverse network of local residents and professionals, the organization creates welcoming spaces that encourage authentic interaction, cultural exchange, and community engagement. With a focus on accessibility and meaningful connection, Gay in the Gables contributes to the cultural fabric of the city while supporting a more vibrant and inclusive local community.

About Coral Gables United Church of Christ



Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ is a historic and welcoming faith community located in the heart of Coral Gables, Florida. Founded in 1923, the church is known for its Mediterranean Revival architecture and its longstanding commitment to inclusivity, social justice, and community engagement. As an open and affirming congregation, it actively embraces people of all backgrounds, including the LGBTQIA+ community, and provides a space for meaningful dialogue, cultural programming, and spiritual reflection. Through worship, outreach, and the arts, the church continues to serve as both a spiritual home and a vibrant gathering place within the city.

To learn more about the Artists and their work, visit them online or explore the exhibition in person.

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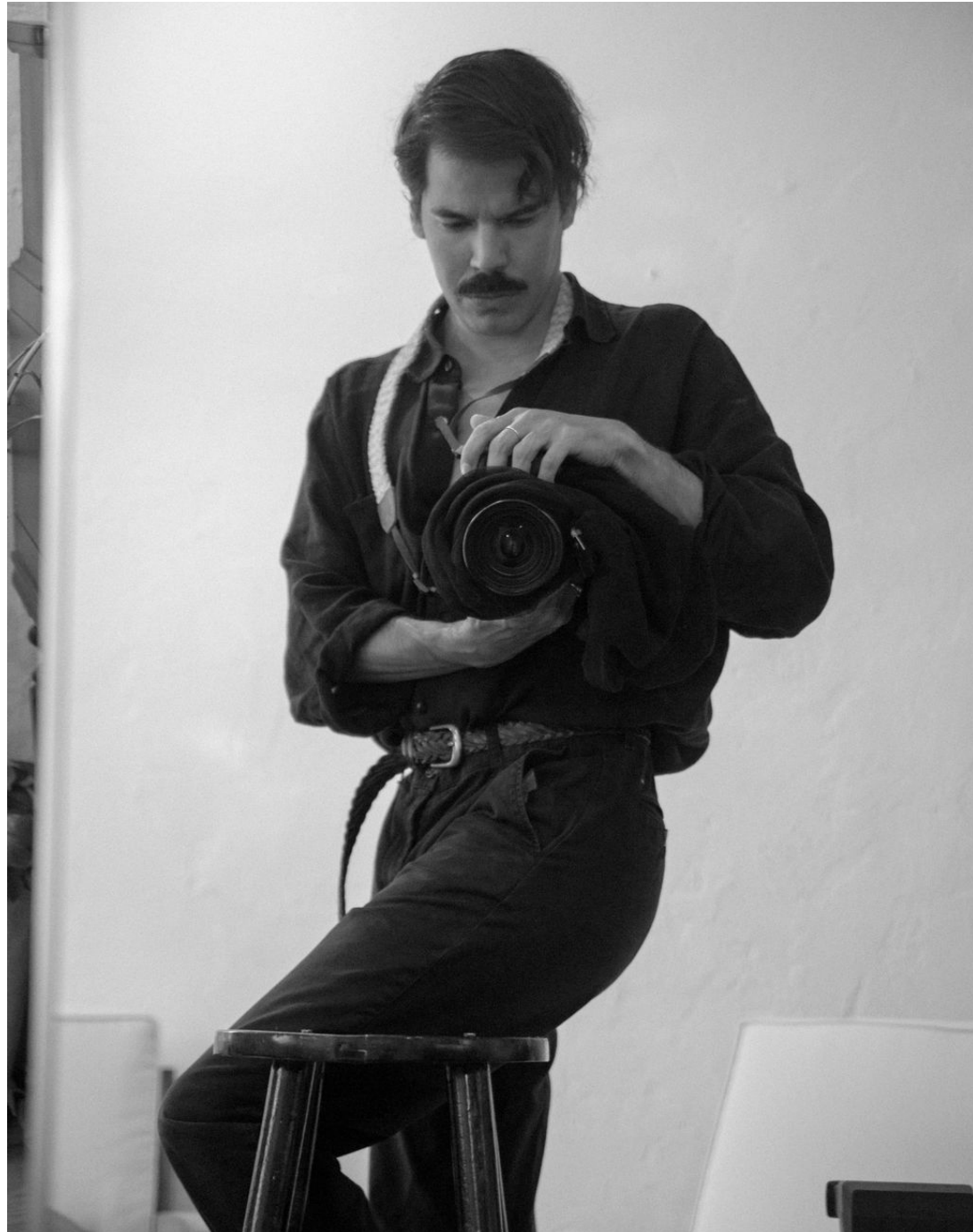
Josh Aronson

Josh Aronson (b. Toronto, Canada 1994) is an artist and photographer raised in Florida. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Northwestern University. Institutional exhibition highlights include the survey exhibitions *Currents* at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Louisiana (2024-2025), *Artists Extravaganza* at The Bass Museum of Art, Florida (2025), *Art Through the Lens* at the Yeiser Art Center, Kentucky (2025), and *Slow Exposures* at The R.F. Strickland Co, Georgia (2025); *Unveiling Power: Examining Influence* at Green Space (2024-2025); and the City of Miami Beach No Vacancy Commission (2024), both Florida.



Celeste Burns

Celeste Burns (b. Jacksonville, Florida, 1997) has had a passion for photography since the age of 12. Celeste attended the Parsons school of design studying both photography and illustration, where she developed a love of documentation. Her work has been featured in the New York Times and at The Bishop Museum. Celeste's photography focuses on love, passion, emotion and sunlight. She loves meeting people, making them feel beautiful and capturing the harmony between two people and how every single connection is different and unique. Most of all, she loves providing a glimpse into every way love exists because all love is beautiful. The camera is an extension of her heart.



Ricky Cohete

Ricky Cohete (b. Guayaquil Ecuador, 1985) was raised in Miami, where Florida's luminous, high-contrast light first drew him to photography and continues to shape his visual language. Largely self-taught, he began photographing ballet dancers in the city, developing a sustained focus on the male form. By moving his subjects beyond the controlled environment of the rehearsal studio and into open landscapes like sand, sea, and sky, he creates a dynamic interplay between discipline and vulnerability, allowing light and environment to generate new compositions. Influenced by mythology, tarot symbolism, and astrology, Cohete weaves esoteric references throughout his work, producing images that feel both archetypal and contemporary.



Juicy Love Dion

Juicy Dion Love (b. Florida 2001) is a multidisciplinary performer and drag artist whose work blends glamour, satire, and cultural commentary. Known for a commanding stage presence and bold visual storytelling, Love explores themes of identity, queerness, and self-invention through performance, costume, and persona. Drawing from both contemporary drag culture and classic performance traditions, their work celebrates resilience, transformation, and the power of visibility within LGBTQ+ communities. They are currently featured on the latest season of RuPaul's Drag Race, bringing their artistry to a global audience.



David Gary Lloyd

David Gary Lloyd (b. Annapolis, Maryland, 1985), lives and works in Miami, Florida. Lloyd's practice spans photography, digital painting, and mixed media, intertwining Queer symbolism and portraiture to explore identity, resilience, and the LGBTQIA+ experience within natural and contrived spaces. An award-winning photographer and artist, he draws inspiration from the interplay between individuals, their environments, and elements that shape them. His photos have graced prestigious venues like Context Art Fair during Art Basel Week in Miami, Coral Gables Museum, Coral Springs Museum, Masur Museum of Art, and GLAAD Art Auction in NYC. Renowned publications such as Vogue Mexico, Harper's Bazaar Brasil, Wallpaper Magazine, Purple Muse Magazine and DesignMilk have featured his photography.



Michael Zimmerer

Michael Zimmerer (b. Cocoa, Florida, 1989) is a mixed-media artist whose practice spans photography, sculpture, and painting. Zimmerer's early works explored humanity's place within nature and society, often reflecting on the tensions between individuals and their environments. Over time, his artistic focus has evolved, delving into questions of existence, the complexities of the psyche, and the impacts of humankind on its environment. Through dramatic, quiet imagery and thoughtful compositions, Zimmerer encourages viewers to contemplate the interconnectedness of human experience, consciousness, and our shared presence.



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Josh Aronson
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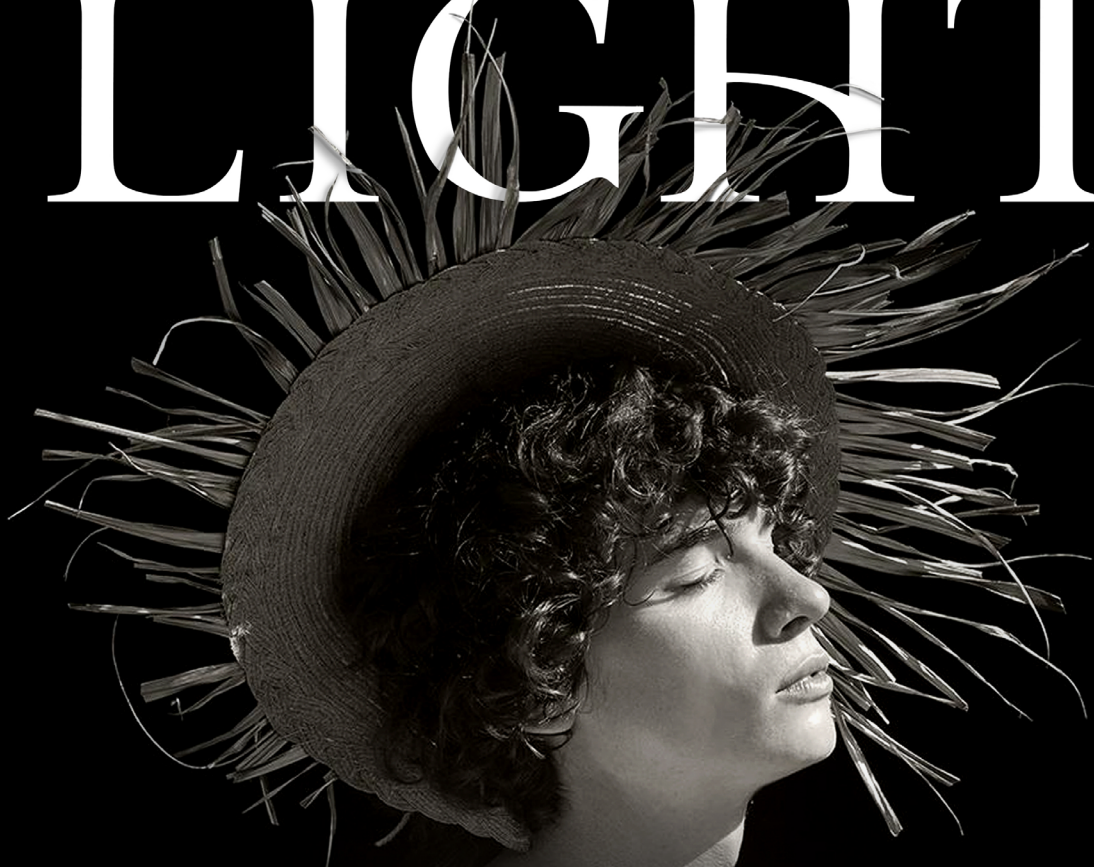


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