



**Frost Art
Museum**

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TARGET WEDNESDAY AFTER HOURS

Meet artist Luisa Basnuevo, *Simulacra and Essence: The Paintings of Luisa Basnuevo* with Curator Jim Couper.

Miami, (Feb. 19, 2009) FIU's Frost Art Museum presents an evening featuring curator and founding director Jim Couper along with Luisa Basnuevo in its third Target Wednesday After Hours event, Wednesday Feb. 25 from 6-9 p.m. Jim Couper will discuss the experiences as the founding director of the Visual Arts Gallery at FIU, now known as The Frost Art Museum. He will also explain his role as curator of Luisa Basnuevo's show. Luisa Basnuevo will discuss her current exhibition "Simulacra and Essence." The event will also including Florencio Gelabert, *Intersections*, and a performance by Indie-rock band, Bear Nine.

Jim Couper has influenced the lives and careers of thousands of students and art lovers for nearly 40 years. It is because of his direction and vision that The Frost Art Museum is now here and is arguably responsible for its tremendous success over the years. Successful artist Luisa Basnuevo was Couper's student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program. His instruction and mentoring helped her to overcome her shyness and fear as an artist. An early graduate of FIU's Bachelor of Fine Arts Program, Basnuevo went on to receive her Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University. Her exhibition *Simulacra and Essence: The Paintings of Luisa Basnuevo*, with Couper as a curator, is the first to hang in the new museum.

About the Frost Art Museum – Florida International University

The Frost is an AAM accredited museum and Smithsonian affiliate. The museum is located at 10975 SW 17th St. across from the Blue garage and adjacent to the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the University Park campus. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10- 5.and Sunday noon-5. The Frost is closed on all legal holidays. For more information, please visit www.frostartmuseum.org or call 305-348-2890.

