



The Frost Art Museum's The Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series presents An Evening with Christo

Miami, (January 24, 2011) - With his wife and creative partner, Jeanne-Claude, Christo has wrapped the Reichstag building in Berlin (1995) and the Pont Neuf bridge in Paris (1985) in fabric. Christo's lecture entitled "TWO WORKS IN PROGRESS: OVER THE RIVER, PROJECT FOR THE ARKANSAS RIVER, COLORADO; THE MASTABA, PROJECT FOR THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES" will address these two upcoming projects. Christo will speak on Friday, February 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. at FIU's College of Business as the featured lecturer for The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum's Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series. This event is free and open to the public.

Together Christo and Jeanne-Claude orchestrated a 25-mile fabric fence across Northern California (1976), strung an orange curtain across a Colorado valley (1972) and surrounded 11 islands with floating pink woven polypropylene fabric in Biscayne Bay (1983). Most recently, *The Gates* transformed 23 miles of Central Park walkways for 16 days in 2005 with 7503 vinyl gates with freeflowing saffron nylon fabric panels.

Christo's lecture is the second of three Green Critics' Lectures of the 2010-2011 season. On March 4, Under Secretary for History, Art and Culture for the Smithsonian, will discuss the history of the Hope Diamond from its discovery in India in the 17th century, to the French Revolution, the plotting of British King George IV, the gilded age in America and then into the 20th century where the myth of the diamond's curse made it more famous than ever before. Dr. Kurin will also discuss his oversight of the Haiti Cultural Recovery Project, a Smithsonian Institution initiative, as well as experience serving on UNESCO's International Coordinating Committee for Haiti.

What: The Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series presents Christo

Where: Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus
College of Business Complex
Special Events Center, Room 235
11200 SW 8th St.
Miami, FL 33199

When: 7 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2011

Due to limited seating, please arrive early. The Museum will be open prior to the lecture. *Please note: new time and location. Those arriving late will not be seated.

About The Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series

Since 1981, the Frost Art Museum has enhanced its exhibitions and educational programs with the Steven & Dorothea Green Critics' Lecture Series, which has introduced numerous art world luminaries to the South Florida community. Internationally renowned artists, museum curators, scholars and critics have spoken on a variety of art topics to audiences of over 800. For more information, please visit <http://thefrost.fiu.edu/critics.htm> or call 305-348-2890.

About The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University

The Frost Art Museum opened its current 46,000-square-foot state of the art building in November 2008. Over **60,000** people have visited The Museum in its new building since its opening in November, 2008. Admission to The Museum is always free. The Frost is an AAM accredited museum and Smithsonian affiliate and is located at 10975 SW 17th St across from the Blue garage and adjacent to the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the

Modesto A. Maidique Campus. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Closed on Mondays and most legal holidays. For more information, please visit thefrost.fiu.edu or call 305-348-2890. Find The Frost Art Museum on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/frostartmuseum>) and Facebook (<http://facebook.com/frostartmuseum>).

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