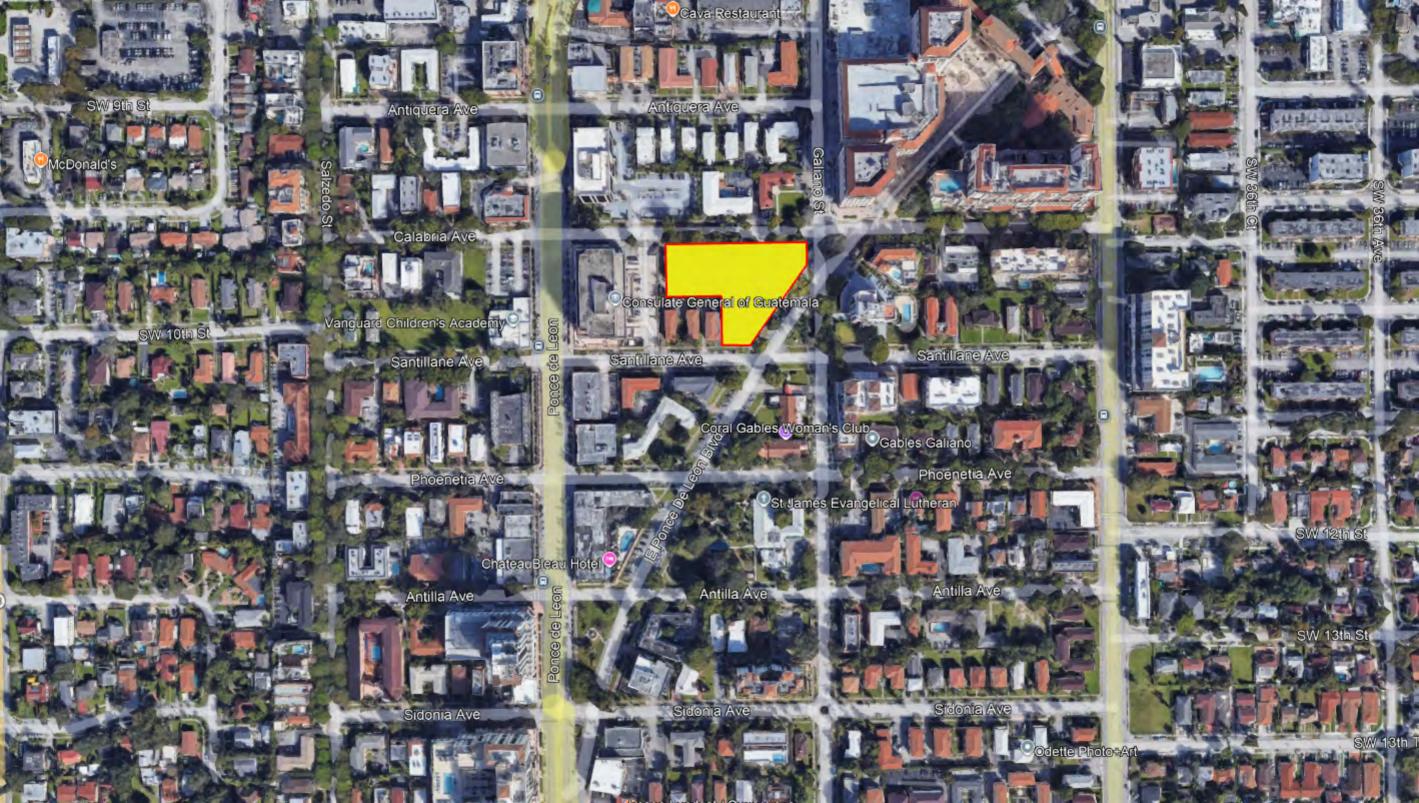
## EXHIBIT A

# Presentation for a Public Sculpture for The Aurelian Coral Gables

Michele Oka Doner







'The Aurelian' radiates golden elegance – shining brightly in the heart of Coral Gables. Meaning "golden" or "gilded," our luxury rental development embodies contemporary opulence and timeless beauty. Just as gold has been cherished throughout history, The Aurelian offers a living experience that is both precious and enduring. Each corner of the property exudes brightness and warmth, setting a new standard for sophisticated living in the heart of Coral Gables, 'The City Beautiful.'



#### Michele Oka Doner

### A STATEMENT OF HOW THE PROPOSED ARTWORK ADDRESSES BROADER CITY GOALS

As a native Miamian, a daughter of these beautiful natural surroundings, I am familiar with the Coral Gables community and its history. It was with great pleasure I received an invitation from Empira Group to propose a work of public art to the Coral Gables community as well as the opportunity to contribute to the visual identity for a exciting new residential building. Both this structure and the public art that will grace the site will be fine additions to the urban fabric of the City.

In response to Empira Group's request, I propose a monumental sculpture that is inspired by the lush surrounding landscape characteristic of and defining the City of Coral Gables, a place proud of their trees and recognized nationally as City of Trees. Everywhere one looks there are banyans, Royal Poincianas, and our Florida State Tree, the Sabal Palm. It is this tree that lends its form to a figurative sculpture that is in dialogue with its surroundings. *Auralia* is inspired by the radiant energies of the sabal's fronds, a texture that suggests the feeling of expanding outward from an inner core.

**Auralia** will be cast in bronze and patinated to a sheen, giving the metal a golden glow. An application of gold wax or a small amount of gilding at the tips of the bronze fronds will add to the sculpture's radiant sensibility, providing a long-lasting finish, easy to maintain.

**Auralia,** the integration of human form and nature, will be timeless and embody our aspiration to be uplifted and moved forward by creative expression.

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Site-Specific Public Art

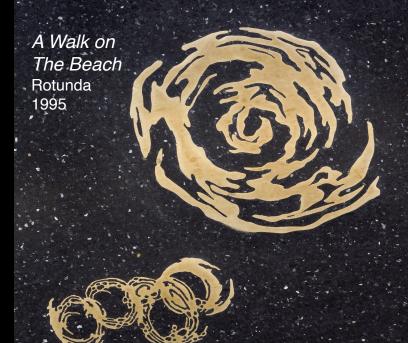
Installations



A Walk on The Beach Rotunda 1995









"Weather Patterns"





















Palm Goddess for Malta



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Strider, Salacia,
Angry Neptune
2008
Cast bronze 6.5 ft. ea.
Collection University of
Michigan Museum of Art
Ann Arbor



Strider, Salacia, Angry Neptune UMMA, Ann Arbor

















Guardian II
Private Collection
Central Park South
NYC

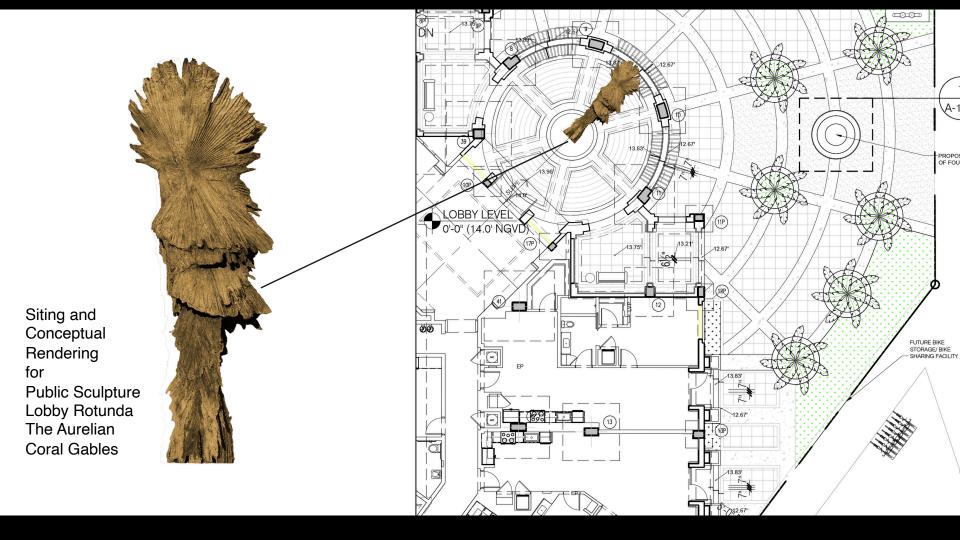














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# Budget Public Sculpture for The Aurelian Coral Gables, Florida

Size: 10 ft.

Material: Cast Bronze

Location: Lobby Rotunda, The Aurelian

Fabrication of Armature &

Creation of Wax for Casting \$83,700

Bronze Casting 128,400

Assembly 14,800

Patina with gilding 5,100

Artist's Fee 65,000

Insurance 3,000

Total\* \$300,000

<sup>\*</sup>Includes artist's travel to site & foundry. Excludes packing, shipping, installation, base for sculpture, taxes, permits, architectural/engineering drawings

