

# *Art in Public Places*

PROPOSED PUBLIC ART  
ACQUISITION

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# PROCESS

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- Mayor Lago forwarded artwork proposals for consideration.
- The Cultural Development Board reviewed a proposal for artwork by artist Agustín Cárdenas and forwarded it to the Arts Advisory Panel.
- Per Art in Public Places process for existing artwork, staff had the artwork appraised.
- The Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the proposed artwork and made a recommendation to the Cultural Development Board.
- The Cultural Development Board requested an assessment regarding suitable locations and maintenance.
- The Cultural Development Board made a motion recommending acquisition of Agustín Cárdenas' *Le Couple, 1991* to the City Commission.

# ARTIST INFORMATION



## AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS

Born in 1927, Matanzas, Cuba – d. 2001, Cuba

- Cuban sculptor of Afro-Caribbean decent
- Known for organic, fluid forms that bridged Surrealism, modernism, and African artistic traditions
- Became an active member of the Surrealist movement in the 50s
- From 1956-1997 exhibited extensively in group and solo shows around the world and worked in France, Canada, Austria, Japan, Israel, Korea, and Italy
- Widely regarded as one of the most important sculptors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- His work is in major museums and collections throughout the world





# PROPOSED ARTWORK

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AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS

*Le Couple*

1991

Carrara Marble

- 59 x 24 ½ x 24 ½ inches
- Unique work
- Separate travertine base is available

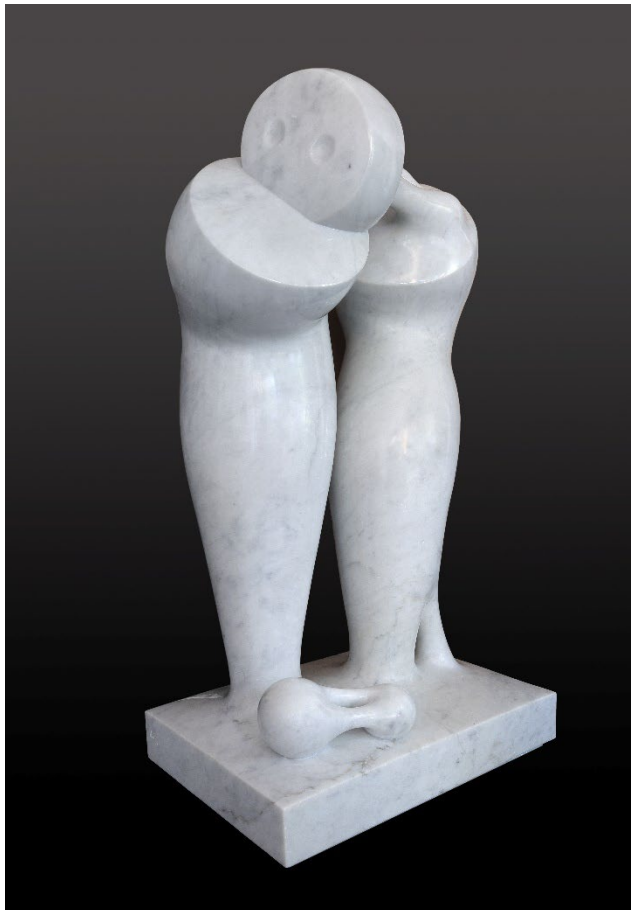




# CONCEPT PROPOSAL

## About the artwork

*Le Couple* is an exceptional example of Cárdenas' mature style – marked by elegant abstraction and rich symbolic content.



# PROPOSED LOCATIONS



- 427 Biltmore Way, interior lobby
- 427 Biltmore Way, garden paseo
- Coral Gables Museum Loggia, north end
- Coral Gables Country Club, entrance
- Coral Gables Art Cinema, plaza

# 427 BILTMORE WAY, LOBBY





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# 427 BILTMORE WAY, GARDEN PASEO



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# FUNDING ESTIMATE

Description	Vendor	Estimate
Artwork	Latin Art Core	\$420,000
Landscape re-design & related materials		tbd
Engineering	tbd	5,000
Foundation	tbd	15,000
Delivery & installation	tbd	5,000
Lighting	tbd	5,000
Signage	tbd	3,000
Contingency		tbd
Source of funding: Art Fund	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$453,000</b>





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