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'Mona Lisa Unveiled' Draws Art Lovers From Across Globe to Freedom Tower at MDC

A high-profile crowd of more than 500 international dignitaries, community leaders and art lovers recently gathered at the Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College for a spectacular preview of the acclaimed *Mona Lisa Unveiled* art exhibition. Made possible through a partnership between MDC's Art Gallery System, the City of Miami, the Galleria Ca' d'oro and the Italian City of Margherita di Savoia, the exhibition featured works inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's famed *Mona Lisa*.

On loan from the Museo Ideale Leonardo Da Vinci, one of the most important pieces in the exhibition was the *Nude Gioconda*, conceived by Da Vinci himself and believed to have been painted by his pupil Salai. Other highlights included centuries-old renditions of the *Mona Lisa* from all over Europe, as well as more recent versions, such as Marcel Duchamp's mischievous *L.H.O.O.Q.* readymades.

Adding an element of fun was the Seward Johnson installation *A Reason to Smile*, in which visitors could pose for a photo with the iconic art subject. In addition to the art, attendees enjoyed Italian delicacies as well as presentations by Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado, Consul General of Italy Marco Rocca and Margherita di Savoia Mayor Gabriella Carlucci. The exhibition is open to the public through October 7, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.



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