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Burle Marx in Miami

October 2nd Celebration Dedication

The Miami DDA is celebrating the completion of the Biscayne Boulevard Streetscape which was designed (Hardscape) by Roberto Burle Marx in the 1980's. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) made adhering to Marx's hardscape design one of the primary directives when this project broke ground. Landscape Architect for the FDOT Miller Legg's unites cultural centers, residential high-rises, commercial districts and Miami's premiere sporting venue.



Plans are underway by the Miami DDA to mark the completion of Roberto Burle Marx's vision with special events and tributes in 2009/2010.

Roberto Burle Marx (1909-1994) was Brazil's most influential landscape architect and is internationally recognized as the "creator of the modern garden." He designed approximately 3000 works during his 62-year career, of which only a fraction have been realized, and collaborated with architects such as Oscar Niemeyer, Lucio Costa, Richard Neutra, and Le Corbusier, who introduced him to modernism. Burle Marx is also recognized for his discovery of some thirteen plants that bear his name, and his ecologically informed landscapes. A noted painter, botanist, and designer, his work has been extensively covered in conferences, publications, and exhibitions. He has been awarded numerous prizes worldwide, in recognition for his landscape design.

The section of Biscayne Boulevard from 5th Street to 13th Street is the core of cultural, residential, commercial and sporting venue projects. The existing American Airlines Arena, home to the Miami Heat of the National Basketball Association and regular concert events, as well as the proposed Miami Art Museum and Miami Science Museum, are located along this section of Biscayne Boulevard. The project is bordered to the north by the Miami Arts District, which includes the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

50 Biscayne located on Biscayne Boulevard between Flagler Street and Northeast First Street features a unique design by award winning architectural firm Sieger Suarez which incorporates Burle Marx's Biscayne Boulevard's design.

