Fredric Snitzer: Dean of Miami Art Dealers

Fredric Snitzer was born in Philadelphia in 1950, where he attended Fleischer Art Memorial as a child, and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art (now the University of the Arts) as a sculptor. He later earned an MFA degree from Penn State University.

Snitzer eventually migrated to the Miami area, where his brother was finishing his neurosurgery residency. In 1977, Snitzer opened his first gallery on Biltmore Way in Coral Gables, followed by successive galleries every 8 to 10 years at North Ponce de Leon, Bird Road, Wynwood, and now 1540 NE Miami Court in downtown Miami. For over 40 years, Fredric Snitzer has played a leading role in boosting emerging Miami artists into international recognition. Gallery artists have exhibited their work at institutions such as the Kunsthaus Baselland, Whitney Biennial, Palais de Tokyo, Serpentine Gallery, The Whitney Museum of American Art, and The Museum of Modern Art, among others.

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In addition to the gallery's membership in the Art Dealers Association of America and longstanding exhibition participation in the highly selective Art Basel Miami Beach fair, Fredric Snitzer has been serving on the selection committee board of the Art Basel Miami Beach fair for the past 13 years. Now representing a variety of mid-career and emerging contemporary artists on a local and global scale, the Fredric Snitzer Gallery continues to nurture young artistic talent as well as international influencers.

Snitzer was also instrumental in creating the foot studio and exhibition area located in the heart of the Wynwood Art District. Snitzer was also instrumental in creating the NWSA Visual Arts Honors Program which is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary.

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