Dan Gelber
The Fine Art of Being Mayor of Miami Beach

The Miami Art System. How does that work?

What inspired you to run and win the mayoral election?

What does being mayor mean to you?

How do you measure the impact of your public art programs?

What are your thoughts about the role of business in supporting the arts?

How do you see your role as a democratizing force in art philanthropy?

How does art philanthropy impact the Miami art community?

As mayor of Miami Beach, you are supposed to be bi-partisan. How do you manage that?

Are you directly involved with any local art programs?

What are your top strategies for infusing the arts in the school curriculum?

How do you title your book in Miami Beach?

What do you mean when you say Miami Beach is a "hot arts center compared with other cities around the world?"

What is your most recent election for mayor of Miami Beach?

How does that work?

Art and Leadership

South Florida Art Community

The gross domestic product of South Florida is just over $600 billion, and an estimated 6.5 million people live in metropolitan Miami-Dade County. But the arts in South Florida are a secret, known mostly to some of the 270,000 people who live in the city of Miami Beach, a favored winter destination for the wealthy who pay the highest property taxes in the nation.

The City of Miami Beach was one of the first cities in the country to pass a public funding ordinance for the arts, and the city is now home to an impressive array of cultural institutions, including a 62-acre tourist site, several museums and a performing arts center. The city’s arts budget is just under $10 million, and it supports 10 public art programs.

A strategic plan for the city’s arts funding was approved in 2017, and a new arts and culture coordinator has been hired.

The Miami Beach International Film Festival, which attracts 90,000 visitors annually, is the largest film festival in South Florida. The city is also home to the New World Symphony, the nation’s only full-time professional symphony orchestra operated by young musicians.

In Miami Beach, the arts are not just about the museums and the galleries, but about engaging the entire community in cultural experiences.

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Dan Gelber has been the mayor of Miami Beach since 2015. He ran as a Democrat and has the support of the city’s Republican mayor, Dan Gelber, and his mother, Mayor and Judge Seymour Gelber, and his mother, Mayor and Judge Seymour Gelber, and his mother, Mayor and Judge Seymour Gelber, and his mother, Mayor and Judge Seymour Gelber.

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He is the lead interviewer for this interview.

This interview was recorded right after Art Basel 2019.

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Since you mentioned Rome, do you think Rome can be a model for Miami Beach?

OVERCOME CHALLENGES TO SUCCEED: 0:41 sec.

Perhaps it's Venice that should be the sister city for Miami Beach.

INSIGHT & INSPIRATION: 1:21 min.

Some people like to talk about an "Art Corridor" that stretches from Miami Beach to Palm Beach. Do you see it that way?