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Rubell Family Collection Makes a Move

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After 23 years in Miami's Wynwood district, in 2018 the Rubell Family Collection will move to a new museum designed by Selldorf Architects, on a 2.5-acre campus in Miami's Allapattah District, the family announced on Monday.

The Rubells' private foundation operates the art museum, one of about a half-dozen private museums in South Florida. The collection features 7,300 works by international artists and drew roughly 40,000 visitors in 2015. The new building will increase the collection's space to 100,000 square feet from 40,000 square feet, allowing for the showing of more art and expanded programming. It will include 40 galleries, a research library, lecture hall, event space, tropical sculpture garden and a restaurant. The collection is best known for supporting the works of young American artists.

Annabelle Selldorf's architecture firm, whose projects have included the Neue Galerie in Manhattan and the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass., was recently selected to renovate the Frick Collection in Manhattan.

"The Wynwood neighborhood — which was just factories and warehouses when the Collection moved here 23 years ago — has become a major cultural destination populated by art galleries and institutions, restaurants and boutiques," Mera Rubell, who began collecting with her husband, Donald, in the 1960s, said in a statement. "It

is time for us to reimagine the Rubell Family Collection in a very exciting emerging neighborhood.”

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