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rubell museum to bring its prestigious contemporary art collection to washington DC

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THE RUBELL MUSEUM DC WILL OPEN IN FALL 2022

The prestigious and influential Rubell Museum in Miami has announced the opening of its long-awaited new venue in **Washington D.C.** dedicated exclusively to contemporary art. The date has been set to October 29, 2022.

Located less than a mile from the Capitol and National Mall, the Beyer Blinder Belle-designed *Rubell Museum DC* will present exhibitions of works, drawn from the Rubells' unparalleled and ever-expanding collection of paintings, sculptures, photographs, videos, and site-specific work by American and international artists.



RUBELL MUSEUM – FROM MIAMI ALL THE WAY TO DC

Shortly after marrying in 1964, Don and Mera Rubell started their art collection in New York City. Decades later, the collection has grown into a multi-generational family passion. In 1993, they launched the Rubell Family Collection/Contemporary Arts Foundation, which was later renamed Rubell Museum.

In December 2019, the Rubell Museum opened in Miami's Allapattah neighborhood. The esteemed collection unfolds along a single level, where 36 galleries are joined by a flexible performance space, an extensive research library, a bookstore, and an indoor-outdoor Basque restaurant, all opening onto a courtyard garden.



REPURPOSING A FORMER HISTORIC SCHOOL

The new *Rubell Museum DC* has taken over the historic former Cardozo Elementary and then Randall Junior High School. The project will reuse the important landmark, which was in operation from 1906 to 1978. The historically Black public school in Southwest DC, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will be brought back to life as a public resource.

‘Creating a museum for sharing our collection with the people who live and work in our nation’s capital and those who visit the city from across the U.S. and around the world fulfills a longtime dream for us,’ said Mera Rubell. ‘We are truly excited to be joining the community of outstanding museums in the city and adding a public resource that explores contemporary life, issues, and ideas.’



The historic building's reinvigoration and redevelopment into a museum was conceived by the Rubells and Telesis, and realized by Lowe, a national real estate developer, investor and manager, which is also developing an adjacent new 492-unit apartment building, Gallery 64, with 20% of its units dedicated to affordable housing. Beyer Blinder Belle is the design architect for the museum and the apartment building.

project info:

name: [Rubell Museum DC](#)

opening date: October 29, 2022

location: Washington, D.C.

architects: [Beyer Blinder Belle](#)