South Florida Arts Guide

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2012 - 2013 Season

The Miami Herald
Exhibits of lighting, seating and sculptures at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

The 2012-2013 Art at Fairchild program is one of our most original, exciting exhibits to date, with illuminated lighting, whimsical seating and African stone sculptures. Fairchild visitors from near and far have the opportunity to experience a trio of diverse, dynamic styles of art set against the stunning tropical backdrop of the Garden.

Three exhibits comprise “Art at Fairchild” this year: Opening Dec. 4-Sitting Naturally places 14 creatively modified benches throughout the Garden. Seven artists, represented by the Cristina Grajales Gallery, Manhattan, created two benches, each with additions like chandeliers and beach umbrellas, providing interactive spots to lounge in.

Also opening Dec. 4 is Havana native Jorge Pardo’s power-coated steel lamps, which will illuminate Fairchild’s tree canopies in arrangements of red, orange and white. Pardo is a renowned contemporary artist whose pieces are in permanent collections around the world. Rounding out the exhibit is Cheungyung Custom and Legend a Culture in Stone. Opening Nov. 2, more than 80 stone sculptures, some reaching 11 feet tall and weighing up to three tons, will be grouped in sections throughout the Garden. Created by artists of the Shona tribe of Zimbabwe, these sculptures depict culture and way of life of the Zimbabwean people.

Fairchild hopes to see you this art season at the Garden — your destination for art, culture and science.