Event

Simon Ma
Every Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat., Sun. until October 19

Frost Art Museum
10975 SW 17th St. Miami, FL Miami, FL

Price: free

Wild Horses
Carlos Suarez De Jesus

Visit China and you’ll discover a booming society that’s distinctly contemporary while remaining profoundly traditional. For artist Simon Ma, who has lived through his homeland’s meteoric rise as an economic global power and the swift westernization it has recently experienced, fusing the ancient with the trendy is a force that has proven creatively irresistible. Ma’s artistic vision is in full bloom at the Frost Art Museum (10975 SW 17th St., Miami) where his solo “The Heart Water Ink World Tour Exhibition 2014” marks its U.S. debut. The show pays tribute to the late Xu Beihong, who became known in the early 20th century for his ink paintings of horses. The exhibit boasts 70 works ranging from Chinese ink hybrids and graffiti art to Chinese calligraphy, lacquer paintings, 3D video projections, Murano glass, and large-scale dragon and horse sculptures. “Through my horses, I hope viewers will experience the beauty, courage, and strength of the Chinese people,” Ma says. “My new world tour is greatly inspired by the late Chinese master Xu Beihong, who is remembered for creating new national art by combining nature and realism, uniting traditional Chinese with Western painting styles.” The artist adds that the name “Ma” means “horse,” that 2014 is the year of the horse in China, and that the animal has become one of his favorite subjects.

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