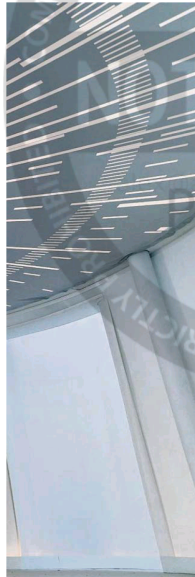


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Roque and Adieny Nunez — used an Air Force 1 sneaker canvas, and Wynwood's ker-themed sports lounge s has created a one-of-a-sneaker wall to display u. The artists will appear ighout the weekend, with ent Vasconez painting live. can order craft beer, bites or a cocktail or a shot served neaker glass (you'll have to or them, though). c. 1-5; 2800 North Miami Miami; free; grallsmiami

**AT THE BETSY HOTEL**  
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SEE ART WEEK, 8C



Ink Miami at the Dorchester in South Beach is one of the free art shows you'll find during Miami Art Week.



Miami

You can be part of this immersive exhibit taking place at the New World Symphony Wallcast.



Miami

"Tomorrow Land" in the Miami Design District



ALBERTO ROMEU

Adrian Zmed and Didi Conn play the long-married couple Tom and Peg Hogan in 'Middletown' at Actors' Playhouse in Coral Gables.

## THEATER REVIEW

# 'Middletown' explores longtime friendships

BY CHRISTINE DOLEN  
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After the long pandemic shutdown, theaters in South Florida and all over the country are getting back to business as usual. Actors' Playhouse is reemerging strategically.

The company began cautiously welcoming back audiences in August-September with "¡FUACATA! or A Latina's Guide to Surviving the Universe," a solo show cowritten by actor Elena María García and director Stuart Meltzer. It will get back to large-scale production with the Gloria and Emilio Estefan bio musical "On Your Feet!" from Jan. 26 to March 6, 2022.

In between, onstage now and running through Dec. 12, is Dan Clancy's four-character play "Middletown," presented by Actors' Playhouse and GFour Productions. (This is not, it should be noted, Will Eno's 2010 play also titled, "Middletown.")

As some theater-savvy folks in the region may recall, "Middle-

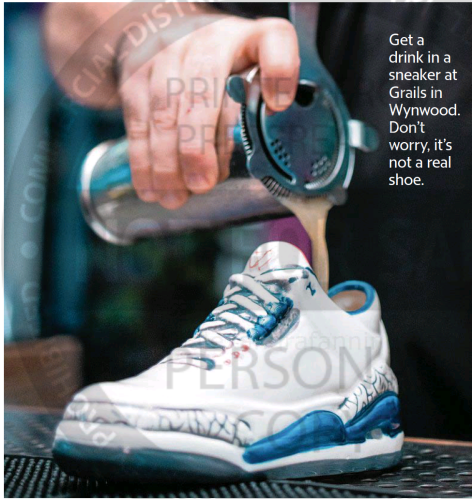
town" launched in Boca Raton's Lynn University as part of the late Jan McArt's New Play Reading Series in 2016, then had a production at Boca's Levis Jewish Community Center, earning it a Carbonell Award nomination as best new work. Clancy, who splits his time between Fort Lauderdale and New York, is also the author of "The Timekeepers," which received multiple Carbonell drama and design awards.

For "Middletown," Clancy has embraced a style similar to the one used by A.R. Gurney in his 1988 play, "Love Letters," a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

Instead of having the actors learn their lines and perform the play on a traditional set, Clancy and director Seth Greenleaf place their stars on a stage sporting nothing more than four chairs, a pair of tables holding tissues and water, and four music stands holding scripts. The actors — Didi Conn, Adrian Zmed, Loretta Swit and Donny Most —

SEE THEATER, 10C

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Get a drink in a sneaker at Grails in Wynwood. Don't worry, it's not a real shoe.

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Miami Art Week can be an expensive proposition, what with the \$65 tickets to Art Basel, cocktails that cost only slightly less and the new garments in which you must drape yourself in order to not look like a scrub.

But you can be part of the weeklong art frenzy without depleting your bank account.

Here are a few free art events or installations you can find around town.

#### "FEELS LIKE 97 DEGREES"

Curated by visual artist Michelle Lisa Polissaint, this lens-based show by Oolite Arts features works by 10 artists touching on class, race, climate change and gentrification in South Florida. It's free, but you need to make an appointment to see it. Also on display is "Common Space," which features 10 artists from Miami, New York and Chicago.

Noon-5 p.m. Nov. 20-Jan. 23; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. during Miami Art Week; 928 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach; 305-674-8278; oolitearts.org/exhibition/feels-like-97/

#### "TOMORROW LAND"

This Design District installation includes a series of playful sculptures and seating created by Studio Proba. There's also an interactive virtual game that allows you to "collect" the shapes and put your own custom-made totems throughout the neighborhood.

November 2021 - May 2022; Miami Design District

#### FRIDGE ART FAIR

Want to avoid the highbrow, stuffy gatherings? Hit up this free, funky art fair, which moves to Esquina de Abuela in Allapattah. If the past is any indication, you'll see lots of adorable dog art. Pets rule at Fridge.

Nov. 29-Dec. 4; 2705 NW 22nd Ave.; 202-590-1357; fridgeartfair.com

#### MURAL FESTIVALS

With the free Miami Mural Festival and its sister Flagler Street Art Festival, Moishe Mana's Mana Common hopes to democratize the art landscape. Murals also will pop up throughout the downtown Flagler District neighborhood.

Nov 29-Dec 5; Mana Wyn-

# FREE AND CHEAP EVENTS TO EXPLORE MIAMI ART WEEK



Casey Lesser explores FIVE ECHOES by artist Es Devlin at the Jungle Plaza inside the Miami Design District. The interactive art piece, presented by Chanel, is an immersive, multi-sensory experience that is free and open to the public through Dec. 21, 2021.

wood Convention Center, 318 NW 23rd St., Miami; 305mural festival.com

#### CHANEL NO. 5 MAZE

In celebration of its 100th birthday of its fragrance Chanel No. 5, Chanel has built a pop-up full-sized maze in a pop-up forest called "Five Echoes," designed by Es Devlin. Visiting is free — but likely crowded; your best bet may be to go after the fair's end. Reserve tickets in advance.

Nov. 30-Dec. 21; Design District Jungle Plaza, 3801 NE First Ave., Miami; chanel.com/us/fiveechoes/

#### "EMANARE" AT WALLCAST

You can be a part of this free installation by multimedia artist Paula Crown, which will be projected on the New World Symphony's Wallcast. You activate the work via QR code or at paulacrownatelier.com by answering the question: "What positive message do you want to emanate into the world today?" 7-11 p.m. Nov. 30-Dec 1; 500 17th St., Miami Beach

#### INK MIAMI

This free and hidden gem is one of Art Week's best kept secrets. The galleries focus on works on paper and prints (which often are more affordable than singular originals). At

the very least you can get some cool free bookmarks and escape the packed Convention Center.

Dec. 1-5; Suites of Dorchester, 1850 Collins Ave., Miami Beach; free tickets with online registration; inkartfair.com

#### "AFRIKIN 2021: THE FIRE NEXT TIME"

This contemporary African art fair pays homage to the great James Baldwin with works from international artists.

Dec. 1-5; Miami Ironside, 7610 NE Fourth Ct.; free tickets at eventbrite

#### WALL OF SNEAKERS

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