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Christian Louboutin joins Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) to present multimedia artist Ebony G. Patterson’s exhibition . . . *while the dew is still on the roses*. . . As a house committed to partnering with artists, storytellers and cultural visionaries, Christian Louboutin is proud to support Patterson’s largest scale exhibition to date, on display at PAMM from November 9th, 2018 through May 5th, 2019.

The highly immersive, site-specific installation was conceptualized by Patterson to recall an overgrown, decadent night garden. The survey of 13 large scale works, six of which were created for the exhibition, includes paintings, videos, drawings and tapestries. “For almost five years, I have been exploring the idea of gardens, both real and imagined, and their relationship to postcolonial spaces. I am interested in how gardens – natural but cultivated settings – operate with social demarcations. I investigate their relationship to beauty, dress, class, race, the body, land, and death,” says Ebony G. Patterson.

Patterson’s body of work references universal themes such as visibility vs. invisibility, masculinity vs. femininity and dress as a symbol of dignity. Set against a twilight backdrop, many artworks in the exhibition feature elaborate ornamentation evoking the pageantry of Carnival, such as beads, plastic ornaments and reflective materials. These reflect Patterson’s interest in mining international aesthetics, bestowing honor on her subjects while seducing the viewer into exploring the garden – a space of beauty and burial, where objects can be both hidden and found.

“Ebony has a profound, unique perspective not only as an artist but as a human being conscious of the world surrounding her,” says Christian Louboutin. “Given her already expansive body of work, the exhibition at the Perez Museum will enable her to share stories of her community on a global scale, and shed light on important topics.”

Serving as an extension of . . . *while the dew is still on the roses*. . . , Christian Louboutin will showcase a work by Patterson in the window of its Miami Design District Flagship Boutique. From November 30th through December 11th, the piece, . . . *bearing witness*. . . , will be exhibited within an ominous midnight garden installation.

“Inspired by the night garden of *...while the dew is still on the roses...*, Christian Louboutin worked with me to build out an environment that acknowledges the breath of my work, that acknowledges bodies and sites, that uses pageantry and beauty to create presence. We come to pause, to bear witness, and to acknowledge. The installation will feature flowers, glitter, and highly embellished objects, signature elements of my practice,” Patterson says.

On the evening of Tuesday, December 4th, Christian Louboutin, along with PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans and Kasseem ‘Swizz Beatz’ Dean, will host a celebration in honor of Ebony G. Patterson and the exhibition . . . *while the dew is still on the roses*. . . at Pérez Art Museum Miami.



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Located at the crossroads of the Americas, on the edge of the Caribbean, the museum is uniquely positioned to provide a common ground for cultural exchange and dialogue surrounding Patterson's most compelling works.

“We are honored to be hosting Ebony’s powerful exhibition and excited to collaborate with Christian Louboutin in extending the reach of her art. Ebony’s work is inspired by real world themes and subjects and what better way to demonstrate the elastic nature of her interests than to provide differing contexts with which to view her work,” says Franklin Sirmans.

About Christian Louboutin

Christian Louboutin established his business in the heart of Paris in 1991, first with a collection for Women followed by a Men’s collection a few years later, both recognizable by the signature red lacquered sole. 2014 welcomed the launch of Christian Louboutin Beauté. With a prolific collection of women’s and men’s shoes, handbags and small leather goods, Christian Louboutin now counts 159 boutiques around the world.