Blue Night
Curated by Lance M. Fung

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The City of Coral Gables announces the commission of a new site-specific artwork by American artist Kiki Smith.

Smith created “Blue Night” as her response to the City of Coral Gables’ request for a new public artwork to be located under the palm tree canopy at Giralda Plaza. After being invited by curator Lance Fung, Smith enthusiastically wanted to continue her investigation of constellations. In exploring human relationships with nature, the artist immediately identified animal constellations as her primary theme with the desire to bring animal images downtown.

“Blue Night” was created from drawings by Smith and is realized as 42 suspended elements which were produced by Fung Collaboratives. The mirrored renderings reflect light through a transparent blue background; holographic vinyl denotes the stars that comprise the actual constellations. As source material, Smith researched and was inspired by the constellation drawings of Johannes Hevelius and others from the late 17th century. Her final selection of renderings is a combination of animal constellations from both hemispheres.
The Constellations

For Marian Fung, Adelyn Beatrice Dean and Charles Allen Dean

Bear (Ursa Major)
Bear (Ursa Minor)
Bee (Apis)
Bird of Paradise (Apus)
Bull (Taurus)
Capricorn
Cat (Felis)
Cetus
Crab (Cancer)
Crow (Corvus)
Dog (Canis Major)
Dog (Canis Minor)
Dogs (Afterion & Chara)
Dolphin (Delphinis)
Dove (Columba)
Dragon (Draco)
Eagle (Aquila)
Flying Fish (Volans)
Fox (Vulpes)
Giraffe (Camelopardalis)
Hare (Lepus)
Horse (Equuleus)
Lion (Leo Minor)
Lion (Leo)
Lizard (Lacerta)
Lynx
Owl (Noctua)
Peacock (Pavo)
Pegasus
Phoenix
Pisces
Ram (Aries)
Reindeer (Rangifer)
Scorpion (Scorpio)
Snake (Hydra)
Stork (Grus)
Swan (Cygnus)
Thrush (Turdus Solitarius)
Toucan (Tucana)
Unicorn (Monoceros)
Vulture (Lynx)
Wolf (Lupus)
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Columba

Dove
Aquila

Eagle
Vulpecula

Fox
Camelopardalis

Giraffe
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Lion
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Pisces
Aries

Ram
Rangifer

Reindeer
Scorpio

Scorpion
Hydra

Snake
Turdus Solitarius

Thrush
Lyra

Vulture
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The sky is a wonderful place to find animals

~Kiki Smith