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## Sweet Stroke of Genius: Coconut Grove Arts Festival Unveils 2025 Commemorative Poster

Julia Gilmore's Candy-Inspired Masterpiece Sets the Stage for  
Miami's Premier Art Celebration



The Stage is Set for the 61st Coconut Grove's Arts Festival Photo Courtesy of CGAF

Miami's Coconut [Grove Arts Festival](#) (CGAF) has long been synonymous with artistic excellence, and this year's official commemorative poster unveiling proved to be a sugary-sweet sensation. Hosted on January 23 at CocoWalk's rooftop, the exclusive event—broadcast live on NBC6 and Telemundo—served as a tantalizing preview of the 61st annual festival set to take over Miami's historic Coconut Grove from February 15–17, 2025.

### A Nostalgic Treat Reimagined

The star of the evening was Julia Gilmore, a New Hampshire-based artist whose signature palette knife technique and bold oil paintings bring nostalgic subjects to life. This year, Gilmore turned her artistic gaze toward an unexpected muse: the Coconut Grove chocolate bar—a 1950s-era confection once produced by the Curtiss Candy Company.



From L to R: Camille Marchese, Dave Hill, Julia Gilmore and Miriam Tapia  
Photo Courtesy of CGAF

“This festival is near and dear to me, and it’s full of eye candy, so learning about this sweet, coconutty candy bar was a no-brainer.”

**Julia Gilmore, Artist Behind CGAF 2025's Commemorative Poster**

The result? A vibrant, textural masterpiece that transforms a piece of Grove history into a striking work of art, embodying the whimsy and warmth that make CGAF an enduring cultural landmark.

**A Rooftop Celebration of Art & Culture**

Set against the breezy skyline of Coconut Grove, the invite-only event welcomed art patrons, media representatives, and festival insiders to an evening of creativity, community, and culinary delights. Guests indulged in light hors d'oeuvres from Bartaco while soaking in the artistic energy of CocoWalk, a dynamic hub that encapsulates Coconut Grove’s creative spirit.



CGAF 2025 Commemorative Poster by Julia Gilmore Photo Courtesy of CGAF

**Festival Executive Director Camille Marchese lauded Gilmore’s work, stating:**

“Julia’s painting for this year’s poster has exceeded our expectations—we’re absolutely thrilled! Her talent and vision have perfectly captured the spirit of our 61st annual festival, creating something truly extraordinary.”

**Camille Marchese, Festival Executive Director**

Adding to the excitement, NBC6 and Telemundo entertainment reporter Miriam Tapia provided live coverage, further cementing the poster reveal as a must-see moment in Miami’s cultural calendar.

**Countdown to the Coconut Grove Arts Festival**

With its official artwork unveiled, anticipation for CGAF 2025 is at an all-time high. As one of the nation’s premier outdoor art festivals, the event will showcase 285 juried artists spanning multiple visual disciplines, from painting and sculpture to photography and mixed media.

Alongside these stunning exhibits, attendees can enjoy live performances, interactive art experiences, and a curated selection of culinary offerings.



Scenes from the Event Photo Courtesy of CGAF

### **Festival Dates & Hours**

- Saturday, February 15, 2025: 10 AM – 6 PM
- Sunday, February 16, 2025: 10 AM – 6 PM
- Monday, February 17, 2025: 10 AM – 5 PM

### **Tickets & Early Bird Pricing**

Art lovers can secure their tickets now at [CGAF.com](https://CGAF.com) and take advantage of Early Bird pricing before January 31.

### **A Legacy of Supporting the Arts**

Beyond the weekend's festivities, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating future generations of artists. Proceeds from the event support year-round arts education programs, scholarships for Florida International University and Miami-Dade high school students, and initiatives like the Next Generation Emerging Artist Program.



CGAF 2025 Coming Soon! Photo Courtesy of CGAF

### **Miami's Most Iconic Art Festival Awaits**

With a commemorative poster steeped in nostalgia and a festival lineup brimming with artistic brilliance, CGAF 2025 is shaping up to be an unmissable weekend of culture, creativity, and community. Whether you're a seasoned collector or simply seeking artistic inspiration, Coconut Grove's charming bayfront streets will once again become a canvas for expression, imagination, and innovation.

Secure your tickets now and get ready to experience Miami's most anticipated art festival in full color.

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