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Harmonic Convergence in Miami

GlasPro teams with Light Artist Christopher Janney in newest creation at Miami International Airport

Miami, Florida.

As any seasoned travel can attest, the journey through an airport's pedestrian walkways is usually just that - pedestrian. However, this is not the case at Miami International Airport where renowned artist Christopher Janney has once again shaped the ordinary into the extraordinary. In his re-work of the existing passenger connector, Janney has created an experience that can recharge the batteries of even the most jaded, jet-lagged traveler and transform a simple walk between terminals into a "hyper-experience" of South Florida's colors and sounds.

At the heart of this project is the 72 foot long window wall Designed by Janney and fabricated by GlasPro Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA. This installation of more than 150 - 22 1/2" x 22 1/2" x 22 1/2" colored glass squares creates a spectrum that gradually changes from deep reds to bright violets evoking, the sensation of a rainbow arching over the Everglades after a mid-summer thunderstorm. The warm sub-tropical sun casts this pallet of colors upon the X-bracing of white structural steel and white interior of the space to envelop all who pass in an "abstraction of South Florida in color and sound."

Manufacture of the colored, laminated glass panels to this work's exacting standards presented new and considerable challenges. Working closely with the artist, Glaspro developed techniques and processes to utilize exiting materials and apply them to this demanding project. The entire installation was comprised of two different sized panels; eight 68" x 68" squares and and twenty 68" x 68" right triangles. Each panel was then divided into a grid based on 9 squares. Each square within the grid was then assembled in precise color combinations based on artist renderings and aligned to a ceramic frit grid on the inside surface of the glass. The entire process was carried out in the Glaspro facility and was completed in three weeks.

It is this fusion of creativity and technology envisioned by artisans like Christopher Janney and fueled by craftsmen like GlasPro Inc. that is transforming common human experiences and elevating the every-day from mundane to miraculous.

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