

Miami Dade College museum opens cultural gallery

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The Miami Dade College Museum of Art and Design will inaugurate its new Cultural Legacy Gallery with an exhibit of photographs of Cubans.

The exhibit, "Cuba Out of Cuba," features portraits of composers, designers, writers and artist. Among those featured: Bebo Valdez, Gloria Estefan and Andy Garcia. The show opens Sept. 19 at the college's downtown Freedom Tower.

The Freedom Tower served as a reception center for Cuban refugees from 1962 to 1974. The U.S. Department of the Interior even dubbed the building the "Ellis Island of the South," and it remains a symbol of hope and a historical landmark for many Cuban exiles and others.