



Knight Foundation President Alberto Ilbarguen, awardee Robin Merrill, and Matt Haggman, Miami Project Manager



**WINNER: 2013 Knight Art Challenge**

**“Paddle Up on the Himmarshee Canal”**

Preserving the Florida craft of Dug-out Canoes

Directed by Robin Haines Merrill of the Upper Room Art Gallery

Lead Artist: Pedro Zepeda of the Seminole Tribe

Asst. Director: Houston Cypress of the Miccosukee Tribe & Otter Clan

**\$30,000 Challenge Grant from the John S and James L Knight Foundation**

Miami Knight Arts Challenge

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Taking place in downtown Fort Lauderdale 2014-15

**Public Art Piece:** Pedro Zepeda & other tribal members will carve a dugout canoe from a cypress log, in the Upper Room Art Gallery at Las Olas Riverfront. Passersby can watch the progress through the windows.

**Cultural Event:** “Paddle Up on the Himmarshee Canal”, seasonal cultural event on the water will bring traditional canoes and tribal members dressed in full regalia. Local paddle boarders, kayaks and canoes will be invited to join in this Fusion of Cultures. Celebrating history, culture and environment and inspiring a new generation of traditional arts and craftsmanship. Free event and open to the public.



Pedro Zepeda

**Fundraising: JOIN US** in this important, grassroots campaign to bring traditional tribal arts and urban renewal together in this unique collaboration. Contributions of every size are matched dollar for dollar by the Knight Foundation. Donations over \$1,000 will receive a link with their logo featured as Corporate Sponsor on our website and at the events. All donations are tax-deductible when made out to the gallery’s 501c3 umbrella organization: *Christian Cultural Development Foundation*. Checks can be mailed to CCDF, PO Box 30061, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303. Total annual budget is \$120,000. Knight Foundation will double \$30,000 in donations. Cash, check or card are welcome, and online via Paypal at [www.upperroomartgallery.com](http://www.upperroomartgallery.com). For questions, contact Robin Merrill at 954-592-6021 [robin@upperroomartgallery.com](mailto:robin@upperroomartgallery.com) **THANK YOU**