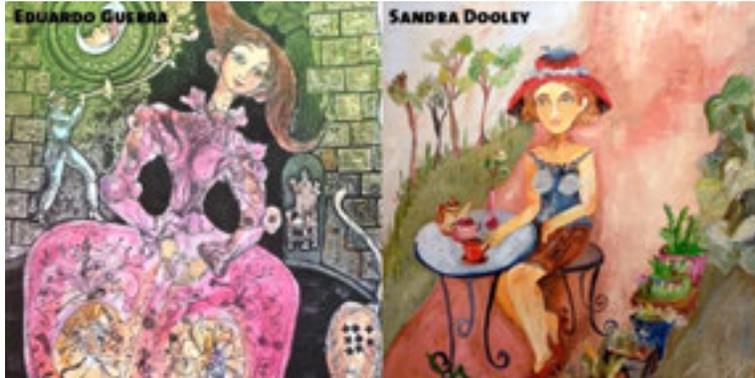


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DAYDREAMING IN CUBA

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Maybe it's Fidel Castro, communism, cigars or mojitos, but I doubt that it's the thriving art community that first comes to mind when you think about Cuba—and Michelle Wojcik wants to shift your thinking.

As the Gallery Director of [Galeria Cubana](#), Wojcik holds one of only about 30 licenses issued by the U.S. Treasury Department to import Cuban artwork, and for the last four years she has been bringing Cuban artwork to the United States in hopes of strengthening the cultural ties between the two countries.

“There’s a really diverse and active art scene in Cuba, and much more freedom of expression than most people assume,” Wojcik says. “It’s vibrant and sophisticated.”

The Galeria's newest exhibition, *Daydreaming in Cuban*, features artwork by Cuban artists [Sandra Dooley](#) and [Eduardo Guerra](#). Beautiful women, big-eyed and dreamy, inhabit Guerra's hand-embellished collagraphs and faint whispers of newspaper print can be seen through certain pieces, a testament to the fact Guerra deals primarily with base materials that are recycled or handmade.



Dooley's work—bright oil paintings splashed with scenes from her life in Santa Fe, Cuba—celebrates the simple things, from the comforts of a good friend to the joys of living by the sea.

“I've always found inspiration in the ordinary things of ordinary lives,” she says. “But really, those are the important things, the things that matter.” Besides a new appreciation for the amazing artistic talent that Cuba harbors, Wojcik wants you to leave *Galeria Cubana* after viewing this exhibition uplifted by the happiness that

flows out of the artwork.

“There is a sense of peace and serenity in this particular show,” Wojcik explains. “Looking at each piece can leave you with a sense of lightness.”

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