

THE UNDERWATER

A SOCIALLY ENGAGED ART PROJECT BY XAVIER CORTADA

"[The Underwater](#)," Xavier Cortada's award-winning socially engaged art project, sparks widespread conversation and action around sea level rise. It is being implemented by the [Cortada Foundation](#) and is the subject of a [TED Talk](#) by the artist and the following art awards [Creative Capital 2022 Awardee](#), [Oolite Ellies 2023 Creator Award](#), and Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Department **Arts Resilient 305 Prize** art awards. Major supporters include the **Knight Foundation** and the **University of Miami** Laboratory for Integrated Knowledge (U-LINK)'s On the Move: Climate Migration and Retreat in South Florida, the Caribbean, and Beyond interdisciplinary research team (where he serves as one of four principal investigators). Other accolades include:

Office of the Mayor | Miami Dade County Artist in Residence

In collaboration with the **Miami Dade County Office of the Mayor** (where Cortada serves as inaugural **Artist-in-Residence**), the University of Miami College of Engineering and the Knight Foundation (and others), the Cortada Foundation is bringing the interactive climate art initiative to all of [Miami-Dade County's 287 parks](#)." See Channel 10 press story: https://youtu.be/3BuhnFmBldA?si=Zo6dyPrQOziW_i1v

White House Fifth National Climate Assessment

"*The Underwater*" was selected as an award-winning work and featured in the United States' [5th National Climate Assessment](#).

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

"*The Underwater*" has also just been featured in the [American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#) "2023 Forging Climate Solutions" report and was showcased as a case study in the same publication. See <https://www.amacad.org/climate/case-study/xavier-cortada-public-art-activism>.

National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine

"The Underwater" project was the winning entry for Xavier Cortada's Excellence in Science Communications Award by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine in Washington, DC, see <https://www.nationalacademies.org/awards/excellence-in-communication/winners/xavier-cortada>

Press coverage during Miami Art Week 2023

[The Underwater: Art Week 2023](#), is a Knight-Foundation funded participatory art project my foundation brought to Miami Art Week/Art Basel Week (at the same time that the United Nations Climate Conference took place in Dubai (COP28) where the same work was being profiled, see: <https://action.cop28.com/project/xavier-cortada>

- [Washington Post](#)
- [Forecast Public Art](#)
- [The Miami Herald](#)