

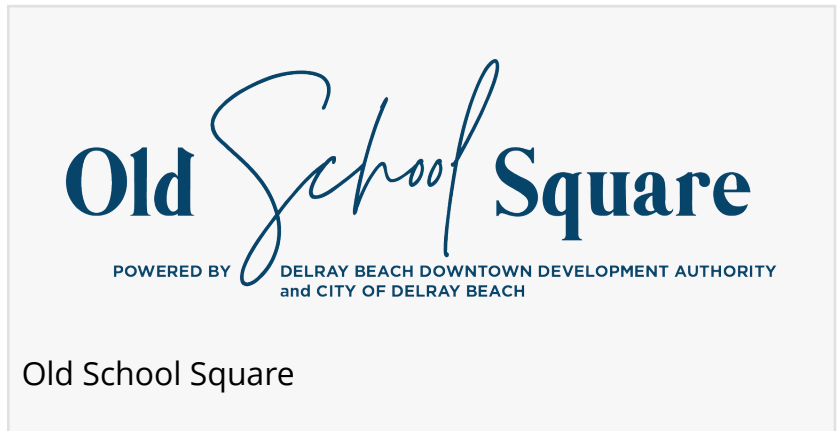
# Cornell Art Museum Features 'Impressions of Italy by Ralph Papa' Exhibition

*Collection of 30 Paintings Created Over the Past 10 Years Opens Friday, May 16, 2025*

DELRAY BEACH, FL, UNITED STATES, May 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Cornell Art Museum](#) is proud to

present its newest gallery exhibition, "Impressions of Italy by Ralph Papa," opening on May 16, 2025. The dynamic collection of 30 Plein Air paintings was

created during Papa's summer residencies in Italy over the past decade. The exhibition showcases the artist's passion and versatility while exploring the Abruzzo and Pescara regions of his Italian ancestry.



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**WHEN:** Opening Night is Friday, May 16, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibition will remain on view in the Upper SE Gallery of the Cornell Art Museum through October 27, 2025. Hours at the Cornell Art Museum are Wednesday 12 to 5 p.m.; Thursday & Friday 12 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cornell Art Museum, 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Parking available in [Old School Square](#) garage.

**COST:** The Cornell Art Museum is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

### About Ralph Papa

Born in New York City's East Harlem, Ralph Papa expressed natural drawing and painting abilities since early childhood. Primarily self-taught, in his twenties he did study art and architecture at Queens College and CCNY while painting evenings at the Art Students League. Papa's works range from studio paintings to figurative portraits and plein air painting. His works are nature inspired painting, drawn from life experience and include personal reflections of family and friends. Most recently, Papa has become an art activist, expressing his passion for creating his own art and regularly teaching drawing and plein air workshops throughout Palm Beach County. Papa had a key role in fostering an art exchange relationship and establishing the Sister City Designation between Boynton Beach, Florida and Farindola, Italy. As a Co-Founder of Plein Air Palm Beach, Signature Member and Past President of the Artists Guild of the Boca Raton Museum of Art, his art is in public and private collections in the US, Canada and Europe. Learn more at [www.ralphpapa.com](http://www.ralphpapa.com).



Ralph Papa - Farindola Italy



Papa Hillside House Farindola Italy

### About the Cornell Art Museum

The Cornell Art Museum is housed within the original Delray Elementary School building, which was built in 1913. The Museum hosts several curated fine art exhibitions each year featuring notable regional, national and international artists. It also has a Museum Store displaying original works by regional artists. The City of Delray Beach purchased the historic building on the Old School Square campus from the Palm Beach County School District in 1987. The building was named after benefactors George and Harriet Cornell in 1990, before being renovated in 2017 through the generous support of Margaret L. Blume. Learn more at <https://delrayoldschoolsquare.com/about>.

## About Old School Square

Old School Square is an historic cultural arts campus in the heart of Downtown Delray Beach. Old School Square's mission is to create a welcoming space where the community comes together for high-quality, diverse and interactive art experiences, while honoring the 100-year-old historic campus. The 6-acre campus is home to early 20th century school buildings that have been renovated and are now a fine arts museum (Cornell Art Museum), wedding and events venue (The Vintage Gym), and a performance theatre and creative arts school (Crest Theatre building). The campus also boasts an outdoor amphitheatre for live music performances, a park and its own parking garage. Old School Square takes up an entire city block at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Swinton Avenue. The address is 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

For a full list of events happening at the Cornell Art Museum, visit <https://delrayoldschoolsquare.com/cornell> or call 561-654-2220.

## About Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

The Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was established in 1971 with a mission to grow, strengthen, and enhance the economic vitality of Downtown Delray Beach. As an autonomous agency of the City, the Delray Beach DDA advocates, facilitates, plans, and executes business development, fosters business relations, helps with the planning of public and private projects, and markets the downtown district. The DDA is located at 350 SE 1st Street, Delray Beach, FL. Learn more at <https://downtowndelraybeach.com/> or by calling 561-243-1077.

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