



Agencia EFE Donates Major Photography Collection to Miami Dade College

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Miami Dade College has received a major donation of photographs from Agencia EFE, a Spanish-language news agency, the college recently announced. The images were bestowed to the college's Museum of Art + Design (MOA+D) and the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives. The donation includes over 75 photographs that were exhibited in "EFE: 75 Years of History", a traveling exhibition celebrating the agency's 75th anniversary.

The museum and the Wolfson Archives will co-present the new collection in the exhibition "75 Years of EFE Images: Wars, Triumphs, Disasters, People and Politics" to open on February 18, 2016 at Miami Dade College's historic Freedom Tower in Downtown Miami.

The donated photographs depict moments of historic worldwide importance. This includes the meeting between Francisco Franco and Adolf Hitler at the start of World War II plus images that feature Princess Diana, Martin Luther King, Celia Cruz, Cantinflas and Gabriel Garcia Marquez.



Eva Duarte de Peron, wife of the then president of Argentina, Juan Peron, greets the crowd from the balcony of the Royal Palace of Madrid during the Franco regime. Evita traveled to Spain with tons of wheat helping mitigate famine after the war. Courtesy Agencia EFE.

Miami Dade College's new collection will continue to grow, courtesy of Agency EFE. Plans call for the agency to donate a historically significant photograph encapsulating an important headline each year to add to the collection.

"It is timely in nature that the Museum presents a formal exhibition of its extensive collection and holdings through dedicated collection galleries," said Jeremy Mikolajczak, MOA+D's executive director and chief curator. "Miami Dade College has been collecting art for more than 50 years and has a long tradition of acquiring engaging and important works of art and design. As an actively collecting institution, we are excited to bring this important aspect of the Museum to the public."

EFE was formed in 1939 in Spain. It expanded to the Americas in 1966 when it opened its first bureaus in the region. Today, EFE operates in 180 cities in 120 countries, employing more than

3,000 news professionals from 60 nationalities.

“EFE: 75 Years of History” traveled internationally and was presented in countries including Portugal, Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Argentina.

Miami Dade College’s Museum of Art + Design (MOA+D) mission is to promote the appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement with original works of art from within the College’s extensive permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.

The Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives at Miami Dade College is an official moving image repository and archives of the State of Florida. Its collection contains over 35,000 hours of video tape and 23 million feet of film. Its mission is to collect, preserve, catalog, and make accessible film and video materials which document Florida’s history and culture.

BASIC FACTS: Miami Dade College’s Museum of Art + Design (MOA+D) is located at 600 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132. www.mdcmoad.org.

The Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives is located at Miami Dade College, 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 8406, Miami, FL 33132. www.wolfsonarchives.info.

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