



Silvia Cohen, Carmen Miranda, 36 x 36 inches, Acrylic on canvas, 2024



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WHAT IF...IF ONLY: A New Solo Exhibition by Silvia Cohen

Curated by **Adriana Meneses Imber**
Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA) | April 5 - 26, 2025

Miami, FL – On **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, Venezuelan artist **Silvia Cohen** will present her second solo exhibition in Florida, **WHAT IF...IF ONLY**, at **Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA)**. Curated by **Adriana Meneses Imber**, this powerful collection delves into themes of identity, privilege, and aspiration through the lens of early 20th-century incarcerated women.

Cohen, who studied **Fine Arts at the University of Haifa, Israel**, has explored a wide range of artistic expressions throughout her career. Her work has been showcased in **Venezuela, Israel, Switzerland, Romania, and the United States**, reflecting a deep engagement with storytelling through painting. Since relocating to **Miami in 2018**, Cohen has continued her artistic journey, drawing inspiration from history, culture, and personal narratives.

Her previous solo exhibition, **LA ALEGRÍA DE VIVIR** (The Joy of Living), also curated by **Adriana Meneses Imber**, was held at the **Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU** from November 2022 to February 2023. That collection explored the Jewish social life of **1960s and 1970s Caracas**, depicting moments of joy, celebration, and cultural identity.

WHAT IF...IF ONLY: Exploring the Unattainable

In this new body of work, Cohen shifts her focus to **mugshots of incarcerated women from the early 20th century**, juxtaposing their portraits with luxury items of the time. These paintings invite viewers to reflect on **society's divisions, privilege, and human longing**, showing that—regardless of past decisions—these women still aspired to the same dreams as those who lived in privilege. Through her evocative compositions, Cohen emphasizes the **ironies of luxury and the invisible barriers** separating these women from a world they could not access.

This exhibition is a **poignant reflection on social structures**, challenging us to reconsider perceptions of identity, justice, and aspiration.

EXHIBITION DETAILS

- **Dates:** April 5 - 26, 2025
- **Opening Reception:** Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA)

ABOUT MIFA

Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA) is a leading hub for artistic innovation, dedicated to fostering cultural exchange, supporting artists, and promoting meaningful artistic dialogue.

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