

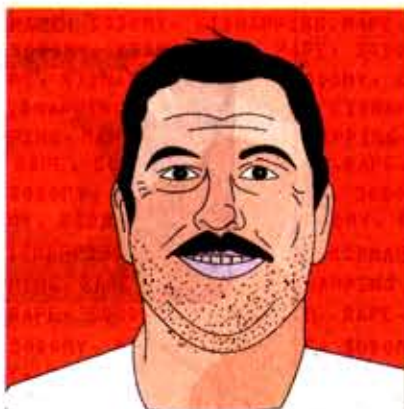


SUNDAY POP!

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POP ARTIST! This week: Diane Arrieta, 46, conceptual/computer artist

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HER



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1. She's now on display at two museums — the Boca Raton Museum of Art and the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

2. She draws with a computer. That's still controversial in some places, since the artist doesn't actually put her hand to the "paper." Arrieta finds that puzzling, since she draws with a pencil that ends up on a computer screen that serves as paper.

3. Her drawings are intended as social commentary. Some of her subjects include childhood obesity, sex offenders, children and violence. "I myself never had any family trauma. I had a perfect childhood. But I'm always aware of how the way you grew up stays with you throughout life. Parents are

so busy these days, they may not have the time to pay attention to what their kids are going through. I have empathy for children. It's hard to be a kid."

As an artist, "I like to make people ... look at things they normally wouldn't see in a gallery setting. A lot of people expect art to be pretty, but I have the ability to think differently. That's just where my mind goes."

4. The Pennsylvania native has a B.F.A. from Florida Atlantic University and is a technical assistant at the school's Jupiter campus library, as well as running its art-gallery program.

5. She lives in Tequesta with her husband, Leslie. "He helps me with my art, dragging me everywhere. He has a good eye and should be an artist himself."

— Gary Schwan



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SEE HER WORK

Arrieta's drawings are at Fort Lauderdale's Museum of Art, where she is displayed along with 12 other artists who won 2007 South Florida Cultural Consortium grants. The exhibition runs through Oct. 6. She also has work in the All Florida juried exhibition at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, which is on view through Sept. 7.