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# Jenner featured at Lee Wagener Art Gallery

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Jeremiah Jenner is fascinated by the lights and colors of the mundane. A professional photographer for the past 25 years, the Coral Springs artist likes to do things the old-fashioned way. He captures images on film and has prints made in a lab, without digitally altering them.

“I’m a purist,” Jenner said. “I like film because it has a warmth and sincerity you can’t get with digital.”

You can see a collection of Jenner’s traditional photographs called the *Masterworks*, on display through April 28 at The Lee Wagener Art Gallery inside Terminal 2 at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Broward County Cultural Division’s Public Art and Design Program opened the Lee Wagener Art Gallery in November 2008 to give local artists exhibit space in a high-traffic area.

The 16-by-30-foot exhibit hall



includes a permanent video-exhibit titled *Tree-Rain*, by Broward-based artists Suzanne Scherer and Pavel Ouporov, and space for an additional exhibit that changes every four months, said Christina Roldan, public art and design project manager.

Jenner, who has been shooting images since he was 5, said his works are focused on abstracts,

metallics and bright colors. His subject matter ranges from natural to urban settings: from Morikami Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach to the vistas shot from the front window of the People Mover in downtown Miami. He uses a lab to process his large-scale prints, rather than processing his own, for a simple reason. “It gives me more time

to focus on my work and shooting,” he said. “I try to shoot every day.” The gallery is in a converted bay in Terminal 2, before the entrance to the security area, and is fully accessible to the public. It was funded by a public art and design county ordinance that designated \$75,000 for the construction and administration of the site.

Jenner does dabble in digital photography for his commercial work, which includes shooting freelance for publications including The Miami Herald. He also teaches evening photography classes for adults through the Broward County school system, plus weekend art workshops and art walks.

His work has been shown recently at Art Basel in Miami and at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood. National collectors include the Holiday Inn Corp., Anheuser-Busch and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. He considers his passion for photography a calling. “It’s something I have to do. It chose me, my career, my life,” Jenner said.

In this economy, public art projects often fall under scrutiny, but helping to sustain artists benefits the community as a whole, said Jody Home-Leshinsky, community development director for the Broward County Cultural Division.

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