

## Public Art at Port of Miami

The public art works sited at the Port of Miami Cruise Terminals D and E are reflections of Miami-Dade's most vibrant natural resources. Sheng's installation in Cruise Terminal D was derived from the rippling and sun drenched waters off the Florida coastline, while Gay's work in Terminal E pays homage to one of the largest subtropical ecosystems in the United States, the Everglades. Passengers who travel through these terminals will undoubtedly discover the indigenous wonders of Miami-Dade County.

### Shan Shan Sheng

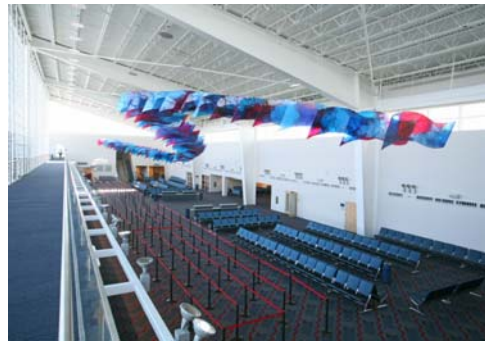
#### *Ocean Waves I and II, 2007*

Port of Miami Cruise Terminal D



Sited in the Port of Miami Carnival Cruise Terminal D, Shan Shan Sheng's *Ocean Waves I* and *II* echo the wave patterns, colors and light found in the tropical waters of South Florida. Composed of a series of suspended glass sculptures, a smaller version in the entry lobby, *Ocean Waves I*, and a larger counterpart in check in area of the terminal, *Ocean Waves II*, the piece celebrates the joy of travel and adventure on the sea.

Born and raised in Shanghai, Sheng grew up surviving the Cultural Revolution. Her paintings are installed in three of the world's tallest buildings and she has had over twenty one on woman shows in Europe, Asia and America. In 1982, Sheng arrived in the United States to pursue academic and artistic interests at Mount Holyoke University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree and then joined Harvard University as an artist-in-residence for two years. She now lives and works in San Francisco.



### Dixie Friend Gay

#### *Ephemeral Everglades, 2007*

Port of Miami Cruise Terminal E



Placed throughout the lobbies and baggage claim area of Terminal E, Dixie Friend Gay has created an installation honoring the Florida Everglades and Biscayne National Park. Inspired by the hammocks, pinelands, wetlands, mangrove forests, flora, fauna and seashores of Miami-Dade County, she created a journey for the traveler, transforming the entire terminal into an environment celebrating the native landscape of South Florida. Her installation combines various materials, including original paintings interspersed digitally printed murals

containing reliefs of tropical flowers.

Dixie Friend Gay is an accomplished artist with an impressive exhibition history. For the last 10 years she has been creating art for public projects and has received recognition and national awards for her public art. In 2003, she was named Texas State Artist of the Year by the Texas Commission for the Arts and Artist of the Year by Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts. Gay lives and works in Houston, Texas.

