



Tropically Erotic Tableaux

Replete with magical realism, the works of Cecilia Lueza are an arresting mix of unbridled sensuality and lush tropical foliage, ripe with promises that one might find the forbidden fruits of erotica in nature. The painter's solo

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show "Exploring the Myths," at Chelsea Galleria (32 NE 39th St., Miami), features vibrantly colored canvases bursting with luxurious vegetation engulfing ecstatic and swoon-

ing male and female figures. "A lot of her work deals with the romantic tension between men and women and a heightened sense of spirituality," says gallery director Dorothy Long. "Her paintings are incredibly atmospheric and loaded with emotion." The exhibit runs through May 7. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 to 6:00; Saturday, noon to 5:00. Call 305-576-2950, or visit www.chelseagalleria.com.

— Carlos Suarez de Jesus