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Time Off: A Week of Diversions

ART

North Miami, Fla.

Mythic Proportions: Painting in the 1980s

It's not just the missile defense shield and tax cuts: the neo-Expressionists are back, too. This show at MoCA features 58 works by 25 artists who made a big splash in the 1980s New York art scene, including Julian Schnabel ("800 Blows"), Susan Rothenberg ("The Hulk"), Francesco Clemente ("Perseverance") and Jean-Michel Basquiat ("Mississippi"). By the 1970s, many critics had pronounced the end of painting—"a corpse made up to look forever young"—seeing any representational efforts as retrograde. But two seminal 1979 exhibitions started a boom which continued until the art market crash of 1990.

☞ Museum of Contemporary Art.
Through May 13. (305) 893-6211 or www.mocanomi.org.