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This monument sounds like your momma

A new public art installation in Miami Beach puts mothers' words on a pedestal

A NEW IRIDESCENT 12-FOOT MONUMENT titled *Your Mommas Voice in the Back of Your Head* beams light across Collins Park in Miami Beach—and scolds you. Amid the geometric panels, artist Najja Moon configured multidirectional speakers playing recordings of Miami residents repeating the affirmations, insults and parables their mothers told them (in English, Spanish and Creole). “Your mother is a monument, and she has all these sides to her, just like the light

bouncing from different directions,” Moon says of her installation, which was commissioned by The Bass museum. “Whether your relationship with your mother is positive or negative, we all have a psychological bond to our mothers and their words stick in our brains.” The installation is open to the public and on view until January. The recordings play on a layered loop from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. —JESS SWANSON thebass.org/najjamoons

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THESE MOTHERS KNOW BEST

Three well-traveled moms offer pointers for vacationing with kids



Monet Hambrick
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I travel quite often with my kids to places that aren't necessarily considered “kid-friendly.” That's OK—in fact, I've learned I'm not as adventurous as my kids. When we went zip-lining in Costa Rica, they were the ones encouraging me to let go!



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For “me time” while traveling, I like going to the hotel gym while my husband looks after our son, Nico. We co-parent. My personal tip for moms is the opposite of what most people say: Make sure your kid fits your lifestyle and don't stop doing what you like.



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Traveling with kids doesn't have to be an exercise in misery. My family and I enjoy luxury travel, but one of the biggest benefits of traveling as a family is the bond you create through these shared experiences.