Tenth Annual Chang Lecture on Art and Medicine
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Lecture 5:00-6:00 p.m. ~ Reception 6:00 p.m.
Ford Amphitheater
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“The Surgery Panel in the Detroit Institute of Arts”

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Don Nakayama, MD, MBA, is adjunct professor of surgery at the Florida International University and a pediatric surgeon with the Sacred Heart Medical Group in Pensacola, Florida. He has had leadership positions in a number of academic institutions, including the University of Pittsburgh, the University of North Carolina, Mercer University, and most recently West Virginia University. He is chair of the surgical history group of the American College of Surgeons and studies a variety of topics in art and medical humanism, including subjects as Diego Rivera, Gustav Flaubert, William Ernest Henley, Akira Kurosawa, and Django Reinhart.

One of the masterpieces housed in the Detroit Institute of Arts is Diego Rivera’s Detroit Industry Murals, a work he considered to be his finest. A small panel on the south wall of this work, The Surgery Panel, shows a gloved surgeon’s hands in an operative field, flanked by endocrine, digestive, and reproductive organs. It is a medical analogue to the iconography of the main theme of the panel. Where the monumental panels celebrate the construction of automobiles from forging steel to steel presses and final assembly, The Surgery Panel suggests the assembly of a human worker. Part of the backstory behind Rivera’s work on the mural is that of his wife, Frida Kahlo, who did some of her most personal and celebrated paintings while in Detroit at the time.

About the Chang Lecture on Art and Medicine

This lecture series was established in honor of the extraordinary Chang family linking art and medicine. Dr. Cheng-Yang Chang was the first pediatric urologist at UM and a steadfast supporter of the Urology Department. Son of the esteemed Chinese painter Ku-Nien Chang, Dr. Chang funded “The Shirley Chang Gallery of Chinese Art” in the UM Museum of Art expansion, in honor of his late wife.

The public community along with UM faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.
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