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Elyahou Lallouz Art for Arts Sake

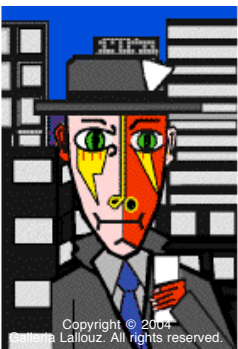
When the South Florida Press Club honored Channel 10's **Michael Putney** and six other local citizens at its annual 'Imprint Award,' the honorees received a special gift in addition to their engraved trophies. Fort Lauderdale artist **Elyahou Lallouz** presented each of them with an oil miniature of his original painting, "The Press." Lallouz's abstract paintings -- including his miniatures -- are highly valued as collector's items. Some collectors are especially proud to own several of the unique miniatures, as well as Lallouz's larger, colorful works. In addition to journalist Putney, others who received the gift were honorees **B. and Don Carlin** (Philanthropy), **Dr. Eduardo Padron** (Education), **Dr. Margaret Fischl** (Medicine), **Thelma Gibson** (Community Service), **Arturo Sandoval** (The Arts) and **Jack McKeon** (Sports). Lallouz, incidentally, is expanding his arts-oriented career into cinema and is in the talking and planning stage to do a movie locally.



Artist-Producer Elyahou Lallouz with Michael Putney



Elyahou Lallouz with B. and Don Carlin



"The Press"



Arturo Sandoval, Elyahou Lallouz

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