

Memorandum



Date: February 12, 2007

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To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 7(D)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Report on upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

The following is a list of special events for mid February through early March 2007 for various County Departments and programs as outlined below:

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Groundbreaking Ceremonies

None for mid February through early March

Library openings

Golden Glades Branch Library Grand Opening

Friday, February 16, 2007 at 1:00 PM

Located at 100 NE 166th Street

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Speaking Hands are a spectacular group of young ambassadors, ages 13 years to 20 years old. Together they bring Gospel Music accompanied by a very spirited usage of American Sign Language to hearing audiences throughout the United States.

Miami Lakes Branch, 6699 Windmill Gate Road

Saturday, February 24, 2007 3:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Freddick Bratcher and Company Contemporary Dance Theater presents "A Storydance on ANANSI." The mischievous spider and cast of characters will leap from the storybook pages as this magical folk tale comes to life through dance, music and narration.

Coral Reef Branch, 9211 Coral Reef Drive

Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 3:00 PM

South Dade Regional, 10750 SW 211 Street

Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM

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Nicole Yarling vocalist and violinist performs Jazz

North Dade Regional, 2455 NW 183 Street

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 7:00 PM

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Fantasy Theatre Factory presents Book It! Featuring selections from award-winning children's books, Book It! is sure to educate and entertain readers at all levels. Enticing children and families to read, read, read!

Shenandoah Branch, 2111 SW 19th Street

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 10:00 AM

South Shore, 131 Alton Road

Saturday, February 24, 2007 3:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Storyteller Awele Makeba presents I'm Not Getting On Until Jim Crow Gets Off: The Untaught History of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Awele focuses on the role of woman and teen girls as leaders and organizers, the importance of finding and using your voice and speaking up for what's right and just.

Sunny Isles Beach, 18070 Collins Avenue

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 4:00 PM

Homestead Branch, 700 N Homestead Blvd

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 10:00 AM

California Club Branch, 850 Ives Dairy Road

Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 10:00 AM

Edison Branch, 531 NW 62nd Street

Thursday, February 22, 2007 4:00 PM

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Alexis Caputo, New York-based artist presents excerpts from two of her solo performance works. *The Proud Pilgrim* traces the artist journey during a period of resistance in which a poetic voice is given as a reason for being and living. *Deconstruction & Deliverance* is an autobiographical theatre piece that blends text, movement and media images with the use of spoken word/poetry to tell compelling stories of African-American life in the South and New York City and offers a touching tribute to African-American women in the arts and in America.

South Dade Regional, 10750 SW 211 Street

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 7:00 PM

Miami Beach Regional, 227 22nd Street

Thursday, March 8, 2007 7:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Women's History Month

Celebrate the countless women who have lived their dreams. Everyone has a dream goal that seems unattainable. What is it that separates the people who achieve their goals from those who don't?

Heidi W. Boehringer discusses how her dream of being published became a reality. Heidi will also read from her first novel, *Chasing Jordan*, answer questions and sign books.

Sunny Isles Beach Branch, 18070 Collins Avenue

Saturday, March 3, 2007 3:00 PM

South Miami Branch, 6000 Sunset Drive

Saturday, March 10, 2007 1:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Mascara, Lipstick, and blush...OH MY! Independent Beauty Consultant, **Peggy Beck** will discuss the importance of business presence when looking for a job. How to get ready for an interview: Basic make-up tips, clothing options, and getting comfortable with the interview process.

South Dade Regional, 17050 SW 211 Street

Saturday, March 24, 2007 2:00 PM

West Flagler Branch, 5050 West Flagler Street

Saturday, March 31, 2007 2:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Breffni Academy of Irish Dance - Join them as they kick-up their heels to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Coral Gables Branch Library.

Coral Gables Branch, 3443 Segovia Street

Saturday, March 17, 2007 10:30 AM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Quilting Workshops - In conjunction with the Down by the Riverside/Holding on to Southern Traditions Exhibition will be presented by the BigMama Quilters & Vintage Guild, Inc.

South Dade Regional, 17050 SW 211 Street

Saturday, March 10, 2007 1:30-6:00 PM

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

SAT Workshops

West Dade Regional, 9445 Coral Way

Saturday, March 3, 2007 - Math & Verbal 1:00-5:00 PM

North Dade Regional, 2455 NW 183 Street

Saturday, March 10, 2007 - Math & Verbal 2:00- 6:00 PM

Sunny Isles Branch, 18070 Collins Avenue

Saturday, March 17, 2007 - Math 2:00- 4:00 PM

Sunny Isles Branch, 18070 Collins Avenue

Saturday, March 31, 2007 - Verbal 2:00 - 4:00 PM

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Rosemary Reed Miller author of *The Threads of Time, The Fabric of History: 22 Profiles of African-American Designers and Dressmakers from 1850-1950* will present a booktalk & lecture. In the program, Ms. Reed Miller will combine history and little known facts.

Coral Reef Branch, 9211 Coral Reef Drive

Saturday, March 24 2:00 PM

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ART EXHIBITIONS

Equal Rights: Reggae and Social Change

Main Library exhibitions and events

101 W. Flagler Street, Miami - 305-375-2665

January 11 - February 28, 2007

Auditorium

This traveling exhibition presents social history through Jamaican art and music. Composed of record album covers, text panels, film and sound clips, and voice and music samples, it documents how artists from the Jamaican Diaspora have used reggae music to address worldwide social and political issues. Organized by Herbie Miller, Josh Chamberlain, Catherine Amidon, and the Karl Drerup Art Gallery and Exhibitions Program at Plymouth State University.

The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects. All of these are free and open to the public. Please visit us at www.mdpls.org.

To the Barbershop: Call and Response Series #2

Main Library exhibitions and events
101 W. Flagler Street, Miami - 305-375-2665
January 11 – March 20, 2007
2nd floor exhibition space

A series of photographs by Richard Davenport from the Library's permanent collection, depicting black barbershops in Miami during the early 1980's, is juxtaposed with new photographs by Miami photojournalist and documentarian Noelle Theard for the second installment of the Library's Call and Response series.

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A Jazz Renaissance: Images from the Permanent Collection

North Dade Regional Branch, 2455 NW 183 Street, Miami - 305-625-6424
January 13 – March 31, 2007

This exhibition of jazz and improvisation-related work from the Library's permanent collection is part of a new program that presents jazz as both a historical and contemporary form.

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Down by the Riverside/Holding On to Southern Traditions

South Dade Regional Branch, 10750 SW 211 Street, Miami – 305-233-8144
January 6 – March 24, 2007

By Ms. Snovia Phillips, Big Mama Quilters and Vintage Guild, Inc., and the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Troop #1026, of Liberty City Charter School

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Library and the Lens: Photographs from the Permanent Collection

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street
Through March 31, 2007

This exhibition includes color and black-and-white photographs from the Library's permanent collection. Included are works by Mario Algaze, Eduardo del Valle, Mirta Gomez, Silvia Lizama, Joseph Tamargo, Roberto Machado Ortega, and C. Junquera.

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Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

Upcoming Public Programs:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Event: Guest Lecture by Award-winning landscape architect and Practice Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, Laurie Olin. Dr. Olin will discuss his book, Vizcaya: An American Villa and Its Makers. Dr. Olin will focus on the transformation of the landscape of this 180-acre site on Biscayne Bay into a grand estate, complete with formal gardens, lagoons, and canals.

7:00 p.m.

Ticketed Event: \$10; \$5 for members

For further information: 305.860.8436

learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Event: Moonlight Garden Tour; wander through Vizcaya's breathtaking gardens along Biscayne Bay under the light of the full moon. Volunteer Guides will be available to answer questions and lead tours in the gardens. An informal concert of live music will be held in the Courtyard of the main house and the Café will offer light refreshments for sale.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ticketed Event: \$15; \$10 members

For further information: 305.860.8436

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Sunday, March 11, 2007

Event: Family Program; Art-Making Activity – Botanical Drawing and Pressed Flowers. Come see what's in bloom at Vizcaya. This program is designed for families, specifically children with their adult companions. Make a floral drawing and a pressed flower to take home.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Free with paid admission

For further information: 305.860.8435

learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org

Thursday, March 15, 2007 – June 1, 2007

Event: Contemporary Arts Project; Untitled Film by New York-based visual artist Anna Gaskell. She will present her original film installation inspired by and shot on location at Vizcaya

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily

Free with paid museum admission

For further information: 305.860.8436

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MIAMI ART MUSEUM (MAM)

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM**

Date of Event: February 15, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Art Caravan: Photo Phum**

Date of Event: February 17, noon-3:00pm

Location of Event: Elizabeth Virrick Park, 3255 Plaza Street, Coconut Grove

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Intriguing images emerge from a basic photo process as MAM takes it's ever popular Second Saturday family activity on the road to the Heritage Festival at Coconut Grove's Elizabeth Virrick Park.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Morning Lectures: Photography in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century**

Date of Event: February 21, 10-11:30am

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: University of Miami Professor Tomás López reviews Post WWII photography in this lecture series on the history and legacy of photography.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Members Preview: LeWitt x 2**

Date of Event: February 22, 6-8pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: *LeWitt X 2* features both the work of Sol LeWitt and an insider's look at the contemporary art collection that he and his wife Carol created, offering a unique and intimate view of the aesthetic of one of America's most distinguished artists.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: ***LeWitt x 2***

Date of Event: February 23-May 27

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: *LeWitt X 2* features both the work of Sol LeWitt and an insider's look at the contemporary art collection that he and his wife Carol created, offering a unique and intimate view of the aesthetic of one of America's most distinguished artists

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: ***Andy Warhol: Motion Pictures***

Date of Event: March 2 -- April 1, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: In 1963, after painting such American icons as the Campbell Soup can, Andy Warhol purchased a 16mm camera and began an astonishing five-year period of filmmaking. MAM presents a selection of these groundbreaking films -- presented as Warhol intended.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **Second Saturdays are Free for Families: Crazy Constructions**

Date of Event: March 10, 1-4pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-4073

Description of Event: MAM's experienced gallery teachers lead kids of all ages in creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on view. This month transform simple straws into complex geometric creations.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM**

Date of Event: March 15, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Morning Lectures: Contemporary Trends**

Date of Event: March 21, 10-11:30am

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Charles Stainback, the Norton Museum's Curator of Photography discusses contemporary trends in this lecture series on the history and legacy of photography.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Art Caravan: Fun Foam**

Date of Event: March 24, 9am-noon

Location of Event: Special Olympics Games, Miami-Dade College Campus, Kendall

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Participants make art to go with Fun Foam as MAM takes it's ever popular Second Saturday family activity on the road to the Special Olympics in Kendall.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Moonlight and Music at the Deering Estate

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Avenue

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

8:00 pm

The Deering Estate hosts its annual Valentine's Day classic. Enjoy an outdoor concert under the stars and the music of jazz pianist Laurence Elder. Blankets and picnic baskets welcome!

Cost - \$15 - Call 305-235-1668, Ext. 242 for more information

Valentine's Day - A Romance of Jazz

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

10901 Old Cutler Road

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join Fairchild's annual Valentine's Day Concert, featuring the New World School of the Arts High School Jazz Ensemble.

Cost - \$60 adults, \$15.00 ages 6-17

Call (305) 667-1651, Ext. 3358 or email mross@fairchildgarden.org for more information

Community Arts Festival

Sgt. Joseph Delancy Park
14450 Boggs Drive
Saturday, February 16, 2007
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Discover the talent of local artists while the children enjoy face painting, bounce houses and police horses and helicopters. Police will finger print children.

Free – Call (305) 235-4503 for more information.

Kite Day

Haulover Beach Park
10800 Collins Avenue
Sunday, February 18, 2007
12:00 noon – 5:00 pm

Kite festival featuring paper building classes, flying competitions, and candy drops from high-flying kites.

Free – Call (305) 893-0906 for more information

Taste of the Diaspora

Joseph Caleb Auditorium
5400 NW 22nd Avenue
Monday, February 22, 2007

7 p.m. - Along with the weekly film series in honor of Black History Month, participants will have the opportunity to sample cuisine from Africa, the West Indies, and the Caribbean.

Cost - \$20 Adults and \$10 Children (12 & under), call (305) 636-2350 for more information.

Black History, "Soul Food"

West Perrine Park
10301 SW 170 Terrace
Thursday, February 22, 2007
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

A celebration of Black History month

Free – Call (305) 235-2053 for more information

Propagation

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Saturday, February 24, 2007
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Learn how to reproduce tropical trees. Class covers planting seeds, root cuttings and air layer and graft. Receive a tree to graft and take home.

Cost - \$40, Call (305) 247-5727 for more information

Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall

Miami Metrozoo – Dr. Wilde's World
12400 SW 152 Street
10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (daily)

January 31st thru May 13, 2007

Through a series of engaging exhibits, including personal and intimate multi-media presentations featuring Dr. Goodall, visitors are transported to the tropical forest of Gombe National Park. Visitors

will learn about chimpanzees and other primates, follow research activities, and hear Jane's message of hope for the future. Comprised of four distinct themes, this stunning exhibit brings you to the African tropical forest. Enter the world of the chimpanzee through a large façade, recreating the look and feel of Gombe. Sound and visual effects transport you from an urban environment to the forest environment of the chimps. Get to know Dr. Goodall's now famous chimpanzee subjects and get an up-close look at them as they fight, hunt, play and communicate with each other. Climb into a chimp nest, "fish" for termites, and discover how chimps use a variety of tools. "Go Ape" at Miami Metrozoo! Free with General Zoo Admission: Adults \$11.50; Seniors (65 and older) \$10.50; Children (3-12) \$6.75; Children two and under are free. Call 305-251-0400 for more information

Family Festival of Arts and Games

Kendall Indian Hammocks Park

11395 SW 79 Street

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 2007

This event is co-sponsored by the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department Leisure Access Services and Creative Children Therapy. Children with disabilities and their families and friends have the opportunity to pre-register into events such as wheelchair races, walker races and bicycle riding. There will be booths set up to create arts and crafts, and a stage for the children to sing, dance, read poems, and perform on during the event. There will also be a Resource Fair of organizations that serve children with disabilities.

Free - for more information and to register contact Lourdes Manzana (305) 412-4177.

Black Violin Outreach

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center

6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Friday, March 9, 2007 (tentative)

5 p.m. - Contemporary musicians, Black Violin, offer a lecture and demonstration to the students of African Heritage Cultural Arts Center

Free - call (305) 755-5455 for more information

Black Violin in Concert

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

5400 NW 22nd Avenue

Saturday, March 10, 2007 (tentative)

8:00 p.m.

Nationally recognized Black Violin takes their classical training and present contemporary music. For more information call (305)636-2350

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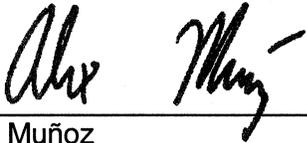
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Fish Tales

Joseph Caleb Auditorium
5400 NW 22nd Avenue
Monday, March 12, 2007
10:30 a.m.

Presented as part of the Magic City Monday series, Fish Tales is a performance by the Momentum Dance Company.

Cost - \$3 children; chaperones admitted free
For more information call (305) 636-2350



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