

Memorandum



Date: January 15, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center Status Report

CRC
Agenda Item No. 7(B)

The third season of the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) commenced on October 1, 2013. The Center has welcomed 4,195 patrons for the month of October. Since the Grand Opening in October 2011, the Center has seen 105,709 patrons attend events at the facility.

SMDCAC presents several series including: a Main Stage Series in the 960-seat main hall; a Family Series with kid-friendly performances also on the main stage; a Cabaret Series seating 130 people in the intimate Black Box Theater and the Black Creek Night Series which showcases local South Florida bands in a club setting.

In November, the Center presented the following shows: Asolo Repertory Theatre's Romeo and Juliet with Shadow Interpretation (November 1); Stanley Clarke with the Harlem Quartet, an official event of the Miami Nice Jazz Festival (November 2); Siempre Flamenco, Cabaret Series (November 8-10); Fisk Jubilee Singers (November 9) Black Creek Nights with Lanzallamas and Bachaco Hosted by Mr. Pauer (November 15); and Tango Fire (November 23).

For a complete listing of upcoming shows and events, please visit the Center's website, www.smdcac.org.

Outreach activities in November included: two FREE shows for Miami-Dade County Public School middle and senior high school students of Asolo Repertory Theatre's Romeo and Juliet with Shadow Interpretation; a lecture demonstration with Siempre Flamenco and Chapman Partnership, an organization that works with the homeless on job placement; FREE workshops with Musical Director Dr. Paul Kwami from Fisk Jubilee Singers at Avocado Elementary and Coral Reef High School. In addition, the Fisk Jubilee Singers held a FREE community event about the history of Fisk University as a historically black college and the Jubilee Singers' role in advancing spirituals as an art form in the post Civil War era. South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center also partnered with Florida Grand Opera to hold a Family Day of FREE activities for children, which included workshops and a performance. The Center also held a FREE community dance class with Tango Fire.

The Center also invited students from the Coral Reef High School Choral to perform alongside the Fisk Jubilee Singers during their public performance.

In November the Center had the following rental client: Miami Sites Photo Shoot (November 18, 20, 22).

For the 2012-2013 season the Center estimates that its Volunteer Program saved Miami-Dade County \$62,179 in staffing costs at performances, events and administrative/clerical support.

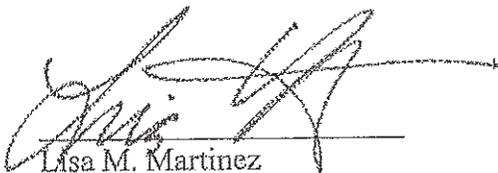
The Miami Herald wrote several significant feature stories on recent performances at the Center including Diavolo Dance (October 12 and 13); Bring It Home Miami, Viva Broadway (October 19) and Gregory Porter who performed at the Center as part of the Miami Nice Jazz Festival (October 25).

BACKGROUND

The South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center is located on S.W. 211 Street in Cutler Bay and is a multidisciplinary arts center designed to showcase the performing arts. The design team was led by architectural and engineering firm Arquitectonica International, Inc, and also included: theater consultant Fisher Dachs Associates, Inc.; acoustical and sound and communications consultant Artec Consultants, Inc.; and arts management consultant AMS Planning & Research Corp.

The Center's 966-seat state-of-the-art Theater Building includes a fly tower, orchestra pit, front of house spaces (box office, lobby, restrooms, concessions, etc.), back of house support spaces (dressing rooms, storage and work areas, administrative offices, etc.) and a multi-purpose rehearsal space. The separate Activities Building of the Center houses an informal performance space, and smaller multi-purpose spaces for lectures, classes, or community gatherings. The Center's two buildings are joined by an outdoor promenade leading to a gently-sloping lawn for outdoor concerts and festivals along the Black Creek Canal.

Through Miami-Dade County's Art in Public Places Program, the Center has major public art works created by Miami artist Robert Chambers. An innovative light piece illuminates the translucent inner lobby wall with changing light designs created by computer-programmed LED fixtures. In addition, the lobby features two marble sculptures also created by Robert Chambers.



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**South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center
Attachment**



Choo Choo Soul Meet and Greet following the performance on October 26 (Family Series)



Flamenco workshop at RR Moton on October 17

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER PRESENTS...



FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

The community is invited to a very special conversation with the Fisk Jubilee Singers and their Musical Director, Dr. Paul Kwami. You'll learn about Fisk University's over 145 years of academic history and the role their internationally acclaimed Jubilee Singers have played in preserving traditional Negro spirituals around the world.

Come and meet Dr. Kwami and hear the Jubilee Singers talk about life at one of our nation's most vibrant Historically Black Universities. They'll also give a brief performance in advance of their evening performance.

COST: FREE

WHEN: 11AM-12PM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

WHERE: SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, LAB THEATER, 10950 SW 211 STREET

RSVP: TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

Reserve your free ticket at:

smcdcac.org or by calling our Box Office at **786.573.5300**
10950 SW 211 St. Cutler Bay, FL 33189



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Fisk Jubilee Singers community event flyer

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