

Memorandum



Date: February 10, 2014

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Agenda Item No. 7(A)

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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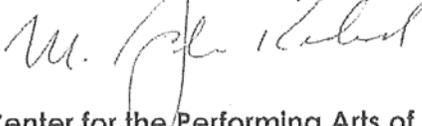
Subject: Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts Center of Miami-Dade County-
Monthly Status Report

Attached please find the monthly report and financials provided from the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County.

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Lisa M. Martinez
Senior Advisor

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 24, 2014
To: The Honorable Carlos Gimenez, County Mayor
From: M. John Richard 
Subject: Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade
County Monthly Status Report

Emmy, Oscar and Tony-winning actor Kevin Spacey will take the stage at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County's John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall for a special performance at the Center's eighth annual Gala on April 5, 2014. In an intimate evening of song and stories, Spacey will reprise hits from the Great American Song Book. Two of South Florida's most prominent philanthropists, Swanee and Paul DiMare, will chair the 2014 Gala event and the institution's name benefactor, Adrienne Arsht, will serve as Honorary Chair. Margaret and Mike Eidson are Co-Chairs.

Nurturing local artists

The Adrienne Arsht Center and Zoetic Stage are proud to present the Miami premiere of Assassins, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman's Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning revue-style musical. Playing January 30 – February 23, 2014, in the Carnival Studio Theater (Ziff Ballet Opera House), Assassins continues the Arsht Center's highly acclaimed 2013-2014 Theater Up Close Series which features artistic collaborations from stellar local theater ensembles and nationally acclaimed theater companies. Assassins is the Arsht Center's first Broadway musical inside the Carnival Studio Theater. Zoetic's stellar cast is a 'who's who' of acclaimed local actors and all the elements are in place for an incredible theatrical event.

Arts Education

Last week the Arsht Center hosted the Tisch School of the Arts auditions for approximately 50 local and regional students looking to attend the school for their undergraduate studies in the disciplines of dance, vocal music and theater. This marks the fifth year the Arsht Center and New York University's top ranking drama program partner to bring the auditions to Miami making it possible for local and regional students to audition with little to no cost in travel and housing to NYC.

Nearly 100 students from local high schools and universities in Miami such as Florida Memorial University and Miami-Dade College participated in this month's Jazz Roots: Sound Check. The program, now in its seventh season, invites young musicians to observe a private sound check with the artists and have a question and answer session where students can learn about the career path of the guest artist. This month Grammy Award winning trumpeter and composer Chris Botti

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and his band improvised with the students on the Knight Concert Hall stage. Afterward, the students attended the Chris Botti concert, all free to the schools and students.

On Saturday, February 1st, the Center will host the Arsht Center Scholar auditions in partnership with the American Dance Festival School Auditions. For the past three years, the Arsht Center has awarded a full tuition scholarship to promising Miami-based dancer who has a high level of technical ability and creative potential. The three hour audition will be held at the Arsht Center's Peacock Foundation Studio. The Arsht Scholar will spend six weeks at the ADF School working with choreographers and dancers from around the world in Durham, North Carolina.

In mid-February the Center's Arsht Goes to School program will take Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater dancers for a special in school master class at Northwestern Senior High School in Liberty City. Fulfilling the Arsht Center's mission to go into the classroom with world-class artists to work with students in their own learning environment, the master class will be for 35 students at Northwestern's PAVAC magnet program.

Black History Month Celebration

The internationally acclaimed Soweto Gospel Choir launches Black History Month at the Arsht Center on February 5th with a moving tribute to Nelson Mandela. This rousing celebration will showcase the 24-member choir's signature mix of African gospel, reggae, and original arrangements of American pop music. February 2014 will also feature performances by the venerable Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, gospel legend Dottie Peoples and award-winning choreographer Rennie Harris who will present *Love American Style*, a new hip-hop musical to be performed by RHAW. As part of the RHAW Miami engagement at the Arsht Center, members of the Rennie Harris Awe-Inspiring Works street dance team will connect with the community and work with local school students through a residency and series of workshops.

Community Engagement

Earlier this month, I had the honor of being invited to speak to The Strategic Forum at Nova University. The Strategic Forum (TSF) was founded in 1999 in New York City and expanded in 2004 to South Florida. It is an organization consisting of prominent CEOs, entrepreneurs and business leaders who represent diverse public and private businesses and organizations. Members meet monthly to engage with invited guests from a variety of business, government and civic organizations.

Financials

- The Performing Arts Center Trust received an unqualified audit report for FY 12-13.
- The Center continues with a strong financial foundation. Ticket sales for December were strong.
- With three months of actual data, we project meeting the balanced budget at fiscal yearend.
- Occupancy costs are as budgeted.
- Chris Botti set a new Arsht Center ticket sales record for the *Jazz Roots Series*, beating out this season's Wynton Marsalis concert ticket sales as the highest-grossing *Jazz Roots* concert ever.

Upcoming Performances

- On January 24th and 25th, Music Director Franz Welser-Möst opens the 2014 Cleveland Orchestra Miami season in the Knight Concert Hall with concerts that feature music from past Viennese eras.
- Florida Grand Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's *Nabucco*, Tuesday January 28th through February 1st for six performances in the Ziff Ballet Opera House.
- Winner of five 2004 Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical, *Assassins* plays in the Carnival Studio Theater January 30th through February 23rd.
- In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of its 1913 premiere, Franz Welser-Möst and the Cleveland Orchestra perform Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* on January 31st and February 1st in the Knight Concert Hall.
- *Once*, Broadway's 2012 Tony Award-winning Best Musical based on the Academy Award-winning film will make its South Florida debut in the Ziff Ballet Opera House Tuesday, February 4th through 9th for eight performances.
- Experience a powerful tribute to Nelson Mandela, as part of a spirited performance by international sensation Soweto Gospel Choir on February 5th in the Knight Concert Hall.
- South Florida is in for a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience when the Pat Metheny Unity Group makes its Arsht Center debut on February 7th in the Knight Concert Hall.

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Town Square Neighborhood Development Corporation

The TSNDC Board of Directors meet regularly to address the neighborhood development issues. We appreciate the ongoing advice and counsel of Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor to Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, and Michael Spring, Director of Cultural Affairs on behalf of the County.