

Memorandum



Date: December 17, 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(C)

The fourth season (2014-2015) of the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) commenced on October 1, 2014. Since the Grand Opening in October 2011, the Center has seen over 168,553 patrons attend events at the facility. For the 2013-2014 season, the Center had 60,907 people walk through its doors. For the month of October, the Center hosted 35 events and had 5,617 patrons in attendance.

Events presented by the Center for the month of November included: Etienne Charles (jazz) November 1; Black Creek Nights featuring DakhaBrakah (world music) November 8; TU Dance (contemporary dance) November 8; Seraphic Fire's Vivaldi: Gloria (a cappella) November 9; Allan Harris Trio (jazz) November 14; Upright Citizens Brigade (improv / comedy) November 15; Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca (Flamenco) November 15; and The Hot Sardines (jazz) November 22.

Funding for both TU Dance and Seraphic Fire were provided by the Knight Foundation, additional funding for Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca was provided by South Arts and the New England Foundation for the Arts.

Education and outreach events for the month of November included: FREE TU Dance classes and lecture demonstrations: November 5 at INKUB8 Arts Collective in Downtown Miami; November 6 at South Miami Senior High School; November 7 with Riviera Preparatory Academy and Academy of Arts and Minds High School at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center; November 7 with Thomas Armour Youth Ballet at their South Miami studio; and November 8 community class (ages 10 and up) at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. Also, FREE Noche Flamenca classes and lecture demonstrations: November 13 at West Kendall Baptist Hospital; November 14 for senior citizens at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center; November 14 (Siempre Flamenco) at Miami Dade County wellness event; November 15 community class at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. In addition, The Hot Sardines performed for 100 students involved in the Honey Shine mentoring program at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center on November 22.

Rentals for the month of November included: New Theatre's production of *The Gospel According to Jerry* rehearsals and shows throughout the month; Thomas Armour Youth Ballet classes every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; Pridelines meeting every Tuesday of the month; Spicewood community meeting on November 19 and ITD Department meeting on November 21.

Etienne Charles was interviewed on Caribbean radio and WDNA jazz radio station. *The Miami Herald* published pre show feature articles on Etienne Charles and TU Dance. TU Dance was featured on NBC 6.

The Center is launching its volunteer program for the 2014-2015 season and recently created a volunteer postcard and e-blast to promote new recruitment.

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

BACKGROUND

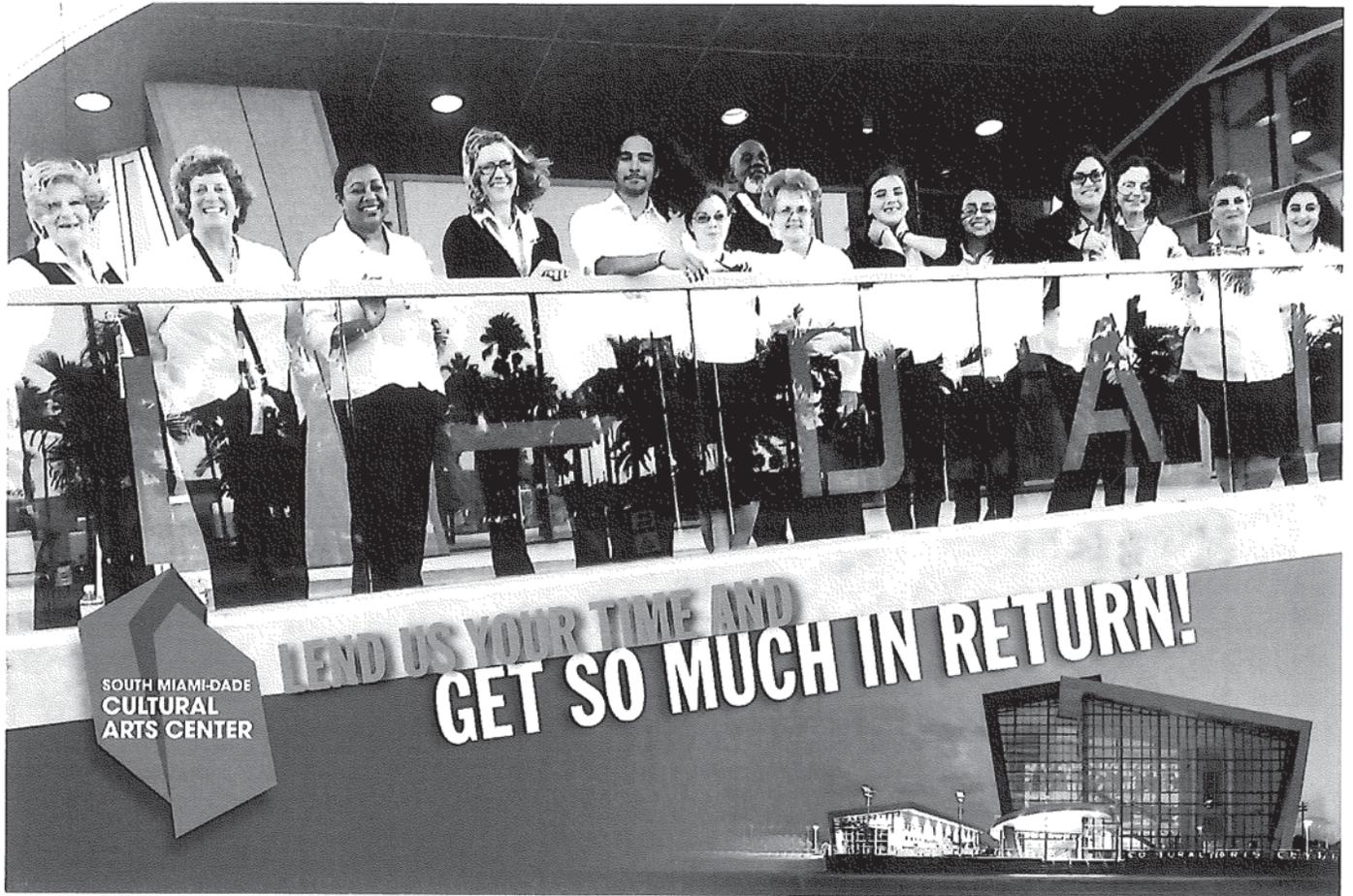
The South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center is located on S.W. 211 Street in Cutler Bay and is a multidisciplinary arts center designed to showcase the performing arts. The design team was led by architectural and engineering firm Arquitectonica International, Inc, and also included: theater consultant 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



Volunteer recruitment postcard



Dino Light Family Show costume contest (October 25)