

Memorandum



Date: January 12, 2015

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(E)

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 183,655 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 November, the Center hosted 66 events and had 6,976 patrons in attendance.

The South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center presented the following events in December: *The Nutcracker* by Miami Youth Ballet (December 6) and Handel's *Messiah* performed by Seraphic Fire (December 21)

December was an active rental month at the Center. The following activities took place: Thomas Armour Youth Ballet FREE community classes (every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday); Pridelines meetings (every Tuesday); *The Nutcracker* by Miami Youth Ballet (December 3-5); New Theatre's *The Gospel According To Jerry* (December 5-14); Pinecrest Holiday Show (December 8 and 15); Somerset Holiday Show (December 9-10); *The Nutcracker* by Artistic Dance (December 12-13); and Greater Miami Youth Symphony Winter Concert (December 14).

SMDCAC and Miami Youth Ballet partnered to provide FREE contemporary dance classes open to the community on Saturday, November 22.

Upcoming productions at the Center in January include: Black Creek Nights (outdoor nightclub) featuring top female singer/songwriters (January 2); Broadway's *Guys and Dolls* (January 3); Alonzo King Lines Ballet (January 17); the pop music string quartet Well Strung (January 17); comedy improv group The Second City (January 22); Irish step dancing troupe The Step Crew (January 23); and Afrobeat world music stars Zap Mama and Antibalas (January 24).

So far this season (the season began Oct. 1, 2014) the Center's volunteer program has saved the County \$7,085.

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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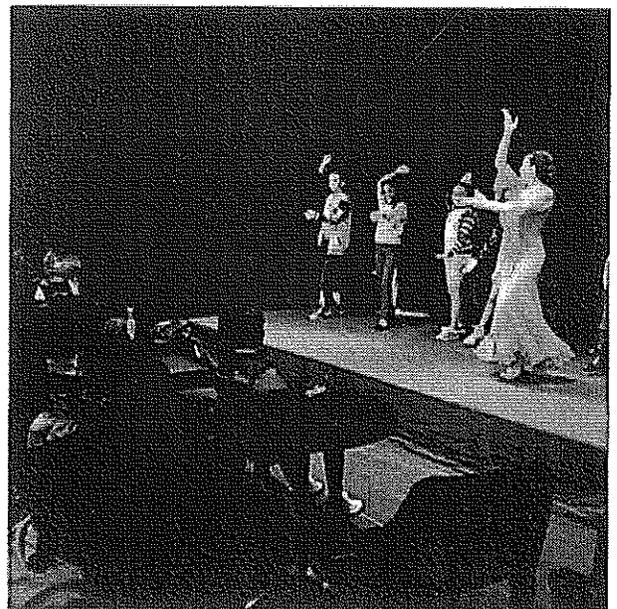
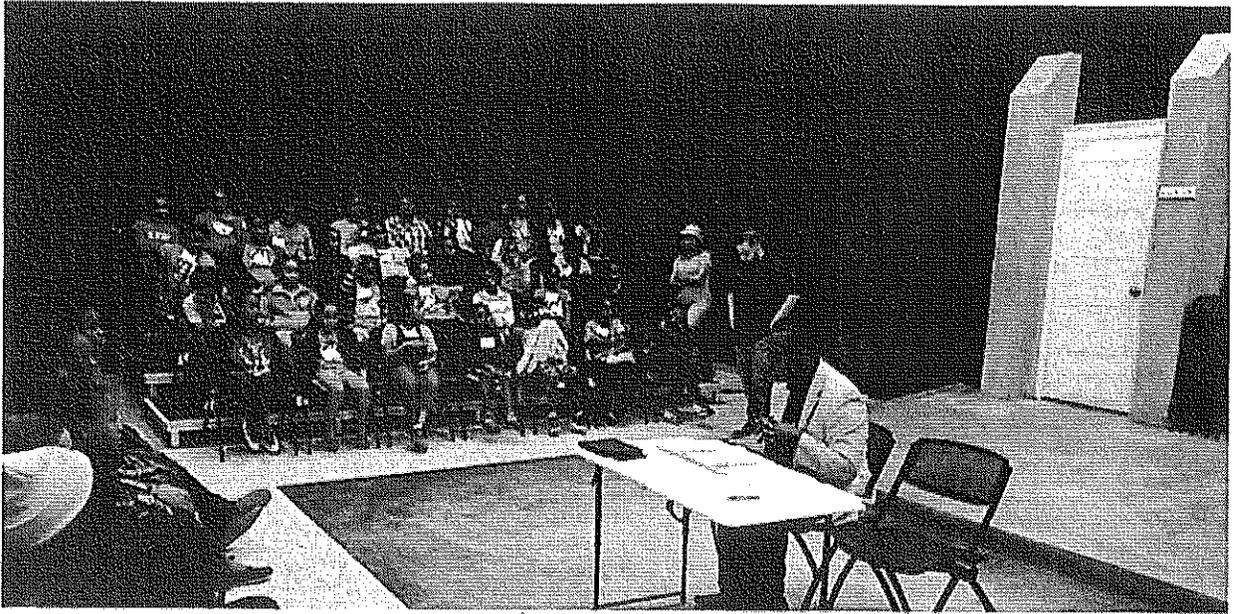
South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center Attachment



Flamenco demonstration for Senior Citizens (November 14)



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