



Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center
10950 SW 211th Street
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

April 19, 2011

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are proud to announce the completion of the new South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and to invite you to the first of the "soft opening" events. We hope that you can attend

All Kids Included Family Arts Festival
Saturday, April 23, 2011
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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This is the first of a number of introductory shows being presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs leading up to the Center's grand opening in the fall of 2011.

This month's All Kids Included Family Arts Festival, presented in partnership with The Children's Trust, provides an opportunity for local children and families to be among the first to experience this state-of-the-art cultural facility. The Festival offers interactive arts experiences for children of all abilities and features shadow interpreted theater performances with New Theater, American Sign Language storytelling, gourmet food trucks and Los Angeles' Diavolo Dance Company, all free of charge.

Additional upcoming "soft opening" events include:

- On April 29 and April 30 at 8 p.m., there are two more performances by Diavolo. This award-winning performing arts troupe features an eclectic group of dancers, gymnasts and actors. The group creates outrageous, surrealistic large-scale interdisciplinary performances that entertain and delight.
- On May 14 at 8 p.m., the Center presents Doug Varone and Dancers, an established contemporary dance company from New York City that has been commissioned and presented to critical acclaim by leading international venues. Varone will collaborate with students from Coral Reef Senior High Orchestra and Chorus for the show.
- On May 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and on May 22 at 2 p.m., the Asolo Repertory Theatre from Sarasota brings its production of the play *Las Meninas* by Pulitzer-Prize winning writer Lynn Nottage.

We thank you for your continued support and invite you to join us as we celebrate at the All Kids Included Family Arts Festival and enter this new phase of expanded cultural programming in South Miami-Dade. Please contact Nicolle Ugarriza at 786-573-5318 if you are interested in attending any of these performances.

We will keep you updated on opportunities to visit the Center for an introductory performance over the coming months and about our plans for the Center's fall grand opening and an exciting and innovative 2011-2012 season.

Sincerely,

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