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**The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
Presents**

COMMUNITEA DANCE

**South Florida's LGBTQ+ community and allies are invited celebrate Pride Month
at the Arsht Center's FREE annual celebration**

ALEX NEWELL

**Tony Award-winning performer to headline event followed by a "Glowing with
Pride" glow-in-the-dark dance party all hosted on the Center's stage**

Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets: Free with RSVP*

Ziff Ballet Opera House Stage

Miami, FL – April 12, 2023 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is proud to invite the South Florida community to celebrate National Pride Month on Sunday, June 9 at the seventh annual **COMMUNITEA DANCE**, the Center's FREE LGBTQ+ pride celebration.

Tickets to **COMMUNITEA DANCE** are **FREE** and can be reserved now at [arshtcenter.org](https://www.arshtcenter.org).

Hosted directly on the Arsht Center's Ziff Ballet Opera House stage, **COMMUNITEA DANCE** is a free event honoring South Florida's vibrant LGBTQ+ community. From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., guests will be immersed in a rainbow-filled blowout starring **ALEX NEWELL** ([@thealexnewell](https://www.instagram.com/thealexnewell)), Tony Award-winning, Grammy Award-nominated singer, songwriter, actor, activist and performer. Immediately following Newell's electrifying performance, the event will transform into a glow-in-the-dark dance party extravaganza featuring Miami-based **DJ MUSICAT** ([@djmusicat](https://www.instagram.com/djmusicat)) and performances by local artists and drag superstars which will be announced soon. Attendees are encouraged to dance, glow and illuminate the Arsht Center's stage with pride throughout the event.

In addition to the performances and "Glowing with Pride" dance party, all guests are welcomed to explore the event's **PRIDE MARKETPLACE** which spotlights local LGBTQ+ and ally organizations, artisans, creatives and small businesses. Food and drink specials provided by Constellation Culinary will be available for purchase.

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COMMUNITEA DANCE is supported by the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau and OutClique Magazine.

ABOUT ALEX NEWELL

Alex Newell is an electrifying talent whose presence in the entertainment world transcends boundaries. Born with an innate passion for performance, Newell has captivated audiences with their powerhouse vocals, dynamic stage presence, and unwavering commitment to authenticity.

Rising to prominence as a breakout star on the hit television series "Glee," Newell's portrayal of the fearless and flamboyant "Unique Adams," one of network television's very first transgender characters, garnered widespread acclaim and cemented their status as a force to be reckoned with in the industry. Building on this success, Newell seamlessly transitioned into the realm of theater, showcasing their versatility and immense talent on Broadway stages in musicals such as *Once on This Island*, which received a Grammy nomination for Best Musical Theater Album, and *Shucked*.

In a groundbreaking moment in 2023, Newell made history by receiving the prestigious Tony Award for their breathtaking performance in *Shucked*. Along with J. Harrison Ghee, they became the first openly nonbinary performers to win a Tony Award in an acting category. This monumental achievement not only solidified Newell's status as a luminary in the theater world but also served as a testament to their extraordinary artistry and dedication to their craft.

Recognized for their groundbreaking contributions, Newell was also honored with a coveted spot on *Time* magazine's esteemed "Next 100" list, further solidifying their status as a cultural trailblazer and visionary.

Beyond the stage, Newell's music career has flourished, with the release of their 2016 EP, *Power*, including the fan-favorite singles "This Ain't Over," "Basically Over You (B.O.Y.)" and "Nobody To Love." In addition to collaborations with Clean Bandit and The Knocks, they lent their vocal prowess to Blonde's "All Cried Out" and DJ Cassidy's "Kill The Lights" with Jess Glynne and Nile Rodgers, the latter of which clinched #1 on the Billboard Dance/Club chart. Between headlining and supporting Adam Lambert on tour, Newell has ignited stages at Coachella, The Governor's Ball Music Festival, and beyond. Simultaneously, they used their platform to uplift LGBTQ+ youth through advocacy and aligning with The Trevor Project and GLAAD, among other organizations.

For more information on Alex Newell, please click [here](#).

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Image of Guests at CommuniTea Dance 2021 - By Morgan Sophia Photography



ALEX NEWELL - Photo Courtesy of Artist Management



DJ MUSICAT - Photo Courtesy of Artist Management

For high-res versions of the images above, click [here](#).

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About Us

Set in the heart of downtown Miami, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is committed to welcoming and connecting ALL people to the arts, to the Arsht Center and to each other. Our stages are alive year-round with artists from around the world, innovative programming from our resident companies and local arts partners, free community events that reflect Miami's unique identity and arts education experiences for thousands of Miami children each year.

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501C3 non-profit organization, has been recognized as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area, a leader in programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity, a host venue for historic events and Miami's hub for arts education.

Each year, we serve more than 60,000 young learners and offer more than 100 culturally diverse and inclusive education programs — many enhanced by the Arsht Center's relationship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, local teaching artists and Miami-based arts organizations.

The Arsht Center is also a home stage for three resident companies — Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet and New World Symphony — and a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage. Our 300+ events each year include the Center's Signature Series of classical, jazz, Broadway, local theater and much more. We present a robust series of touring Broadway musicals direct from New York, the largest jazz series in South Florida, a major annual Flamenco Festival and an award-winning Miami-based theater program. In addition, our Family Fest, Free Gospel Sundays, CommuniTEA LGBTQ+ celebration and Heritage Fest are among dozens of free events that bring together people from all corners of our community. For more information, visit arshtcenter.org.