

# Adrienne Arsht Center

FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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## The Adrienne Arsht Center announces the 2024-2025 lineup of its free **FAMILY FEST**

### **THE BUSY BEES' GREAT ADVENTURE**

Made-in-Miami musical commissioned by the Arsht Center educates kids about  
environmental conservation  
October 19, 2024

### **MIAMI CITY BALLET: BALLET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

A family-friendly ballet performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
February 15, 2025

### **123 ANDRÉS**

An interactive, high-energy show for kids in English and Spanish  
April 12, 2025

**Miami, FL – September 18, 2024** – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is pleased to announce the return of its free **FAMILY FEST** series for the 2024-2025 season. The family-friendly signature series returns for its 17<sup>th</sup> season with free performances, including a made-in-Miami musical about environmental conservation, a family-friendly performance by Miami City Ballet, a high-energy bilingual concert for kids and a fourth performance taking place at the Arsht to be announced soon.

### **PASSES**

**FAMILY FEST** performances are free; however, first-access passes may be required. Passes for the season's first Family Fest performance on October 19 are available now at [arshtcenter.org](https://www.arshtcenter.org).

Sign up for Arsht Center emails [here](#) and be sure to select "Community & Free Events" to be the first to know when tickets become available. There will be a quiet room with sensory-friendly activities available for audience members who need a break from the theater environment.

**FAMILY FEST** is made possible with generous support from Baptist Health.

The 2024-2025 season of **FAMILY FEST** includes:

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**Adrienne Arsht Center presents**

**[FAMILY FEST: THE BUSY BEES' GREAT ADVENTURE](#)**

**October 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Knight Concert Hall**

**FREE – First access passes\* will be available starting September 17, 2024**

**PHOTO AND VIDEO LINK [HERE](#)**

*The Busy Bees' Great Adventure* is an original new work commissioned by the Arsht Center, that follows four honeybees on a quest to save the planet when they learn about the threats to the environment, including their own possible extinction, and what actions can be taken to prevent our planet's destruction. Written by Miami-based playwright Ashlee K. Thomas with music by Nico Raimont and directed by musical theater educator Tanisha Cidel. The musical premiered last year as part of the Arsht's Learning Through the Arts program, which is offered to 18,000 elementary school students across Miami-Dade County. The Arsht is proud to expand the musical's impact and environmental literacy efforts to the Miami community at large through this free performance for the whole family.

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**[FAMILY FEST: MIAMI CITY BALLET: BALLET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE](#)**

**February 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Ziff Ballet Opera House**

**FREE – First access passes\* will be available starting January 10, 2025**

**PHOTO LINK [HERE](#)**

**Miami City Ballet** ([@miamicityballet](#)) presents a family-friendly ballet performance of George Balanchine's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of their Ballet For Young People program. Families will take a dip into the familiar story of mischief, merriment, and mismatched romances, reimagined in the spellbinding undersea setting of South Florida's coastal waters. Shakespeare's comedic characters – the feuding Titania and Oberon, the fiendish Puck, and the quartet of hapless romantics – are brought to life through Balanchine's intricate choreography, all set to Mendelssohn's whimsical fairytale score.

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**[FAMILY FEST: 123 ANDRÉS](#)**

**April 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Knight Concert Hall**

**FREE – First access passes\* will be available starting March 7, 2025**

**PHOTO LINK [HERE](#)**

Christina and Andrés are **123 Andrés** ([@123conandres](#)), the GRAMMY and Latin Grammy-winning husband-and-wife musical duo for kids and families known for their interactive, high-energy concerts. They bring fresh original songs that blend Spanish and English, with an eclectic mix of sounds from all corners of Latin America. In 2021 they released

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"Activate", an album with the collaboration of Rubén Blades, Gilberto Santa Rosa, Los Rabanes and Rafael "El Pollo" Brito, among others. The album was nominated for Best Children's Music Album at the 64<sup>th</sup> Grammy Awards. 123 Andrés pack their show with positive vibes and energetic songs that get the whole family dancing and learning.

The Arsht will present a fourth Family Fest event this season which will take place at the Arsht. Details to be announced soon.



Image of The Busy Bees' Great Adventure – Photo by Morgan Sophia Photography



Image of Family Fest Ballet For Young People – Photo by Taylor Brown



Image of 123 Andrés – Photo by José Alberto Piña Duarte

To download high-resolution versions of the photos above, click [here](#).

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\*All programs, artists, ticket prices, availability, dates and times are subject to change without notice. Visit [arshtcenter.org](http://arshtcenter.org) for up-to-date information.

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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](http://arshtcenter.org).

## **ABOUT THE ARSHT CENTER'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

**FAMILY FEST** is one of the 12 ongoing Arsht Center programs committed to community engagement and deepening the experience of the performing arts for all Miami-Dade County residents. Having served more than 120,000 people throughout its 17-year history, the programs broaden community participation and open the sights, sounds and possibilities of the world through the performing arts. Programs include: [Broadway on Biscayne](#), free interactive pre- and post-show experiences connecting audiences more deeply with each show; **Heritage Fest**, an annual all-ages festival celebrating Black heritage; a **Juneteenth Juke Joint** party; [AileyCamp Miami](#), a full-scholarship, six-week summer camp which uses dance as a vehicle for the personal development of young people; [CommuniTea Dance](#), an annual celebration honoring Miami's LGBTQ+ community; [Knight Masterworks Classical Conversations](#), a series of free lectures which give the audience insight into the musicians, composers and history of music presented in our Knight Masterworks Classical Music series; [Arsht on the Road](#), a series of free pop-up performances that bring the arts into Miami-Dade County's diverse neighborhoods; and programs that marry arts and wellness, such as [Accessing the Arts Residencies](#), art workshops for children and adults with disabilities; and [Art + Mind Day](#).