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ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

The Center closes out National Pride Month with fifth annual CommuniTea Dance

FREE event features performances by Miz Cracker from "RuPaul's Drag Race," along with Miami's own DJ Hottpants and Victoria Blue

93.9 FM's Kimmy B of the "DJ Laz Morning Show with Kimmy B" to host

Saturday, June 25, 2022 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thomson Plaza for the Arts - Ziff Ballet Opera House

Miami, FL – June 15, 2022 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (@arshtcenter) is proud to invite the entire South Florida community to close out National Pride Month on June 25 at the fifth annual **COMMUNITEA DANCE**, the Center's FREE LGBTQ+ Pride celebration.

Hosted on the Center's Thomson Plaza of the Arts, **COMMUNITEA DANCE** is an all-ages event honoring South Florida's vibrant LGBTQ+ community. From 5 to 8 p.m., guests will enjoy exploring the event's **Pride Marketplace** which spotlights local LGBTQ+ organizations, artisans, creatives and small businesses. Emceed by 93.9 FM's **Kimmy B** (@kimmybofficial), the event also features a stellar lineup of LGBTQ+ artists including Miami's own **DJ Hottpants** (@djhottpants), who will get everyone on the dance floor, as well as a performance by local Afro-Latina singer/songwriter and "X-Factor" alum **Victoria Blue** (@victoriablue) who will bring her signature sound of Pop/R&B with a blend of Latin Flavor to the event. Celebrity drag queen and advocate **Miz Cracker** (@miz_cracker) from "RuPaul's Drag Race" will take over the CommuniTea Dance stage as the event's headliner. Happy-hour food and drink specials will be available throughout the event.

Tickets to **CommuniTea Dance** are **FREE** and can be reserved now at <u>arshtcenter.org</u>. Please note tickets must be obtained for every member of your party regardless of age.

CommuniTea Dance is supported by Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau.



Get a glimpse of the fun by watching this video from a previous CommuniTea Dance.

About the Artists

Miz Cracker

Miz Cracker is a New York City drag queen—and a writer, foodie and comedienne. She launched her drag career in 2011 while participating in marches for marriage equality in Times Square. She went on to compete in "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season Ten, landing a spot in the top five and becoming a fan favorite. She later appeared in "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars" Season Five, landing a spot in the top 3. Today, she tours the world with her one woman shows; delights fans on her YouTube channel; lectures on drag at top universities; writes for publications like Slate, ArtForum, Vice and GQ; engages nearly 1.5 million followers across social media; and tells the stories of incredible women through her interview podcast, "She's a Woman." Cracker describes herself as a "woman's lifestyle brand," and is a vocal advocate for women's rights. For more information, click here.

DJ Hottpants

Born and bred in Miami, DJ Hottpants has brought guilty pleasure pop to his hometown since 2003. DJing the best and worst of his favorite music, Hottpants has spun at special events from Anchorage to Key West, and currently plays at a variety of restaurants and bars across South Florida. For more information, click here.

Victoria Blue

Miami-based singer Victoria Blue brings the sultry sounds of Pop/R&B with a blend of Latin Flavor. Born and raised in Miami, Florida to Afro-Cuban and Puerto-Rican parents, Victoria regards her Latin and diverse upbringing as her primary influence towards her musical career. The singer/songwriter, awarded "Best Outstanding Vocalist" at The National Music Festival held in New York City, is an international artist and traveling musician. She competed in FOX's "The X Factor USA" alongside mentor judges Simon Cowell, Paulina Rubio, Demi Lovato and Kelly Rowland.

In 2016, Victoria was cast as the principal vocalist for the first original production show "C'est Rouge!" directed by the distinctive award-winning Blanca Li. Held at the Faena Theatre, the original production is a live, cabaret-inspired 1950's musical. In 2017, she debuted her first EP "Heart On The Line." The title song holds a special meaning in relation to the growing pains and setbacks she has experienced throughout her music career.

In 2021, Victoria was invited to attend the Latin American Music Awards and sang background alongside Maluma and Ziggy Marley for their "7 Days In Jamaica" release. Bridging the gap between both American and Latin markets, Victoria Blue is set to bring a new diversified sound and electrified vocal style to the masses. For more information, click here.



Image of Miz Cracker – Photo by Joshua Going



Image of Victoria Blue – Photo courtesy artist management



Image of CommuniTea Dance 2019 – Photo by WorldRedEye.com

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AboutUs

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 80,000 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.