

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MEDIA CONTACTS** Alexandra Medina 786-468-2234

amedina@arshtcenter.org

Gino Campodonico 786-468-2228 gcampodonico@arshtcenter.org

#### PHOTOS AND BROLL AVAILABLE HERE.



# **JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT 2025**

## Third annual celebration of Black music and culture features live music by The W's and DJ Cardi, visual art and a special happy hour menu

## Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$45\* Ziff Ballet Opera House

**Miami, FL – March 25, 2025 –** The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County (@arshtcenter) is proud to present the third annual Juneteenth Juke Joint, a celebration of Black joy, music and culture taking place on the stage of the Ziff Ballet Opera House on Saturday, June 7. This year's Juke Joint features live music by local band **The W's** (@thewsband), an art installation featuring visual art curated by local Black artists, and a special happy hour menu featuring soul food-inspired bites. **DJ Cardi** (@djcardi\_) will be the resident DJ for the evening.

#### PHOTOS AND BROLL AVAILABLE HERE.

Tickets to Juneteenth Juke Joint are \$45\* and may be purchased now at <u>arshtcenter.org</u> or at the Arsht box office by calling (305) 949-6722.

Juneteenth Juke Joint is for audiences ages 18 and over. Guests are encouraged to arrive as soon as doors open at 6 p.m. to enjoy a pre-show happy hour experience featuring music from the New Cannon Chamber Collective, local poet David Hepburn and a specially curated happy hour menu with delicious, soul food-inspired bites and libations for those 21 and over.



For guests with <u>accessibility needs</u>, the Arsht provides accessible seating and complimentary assistive listening devices for all performances, along with sign language interpretation, open captioning, and audio description at select shows to ensure an inclusive experience for all guests.

Juneteenth Juke Joint pays homage to the rich history of Black music, culture and food in the American South. For generations, our country's "second Independence Day" has been celebrated with gatherings, cookouts, music, laughter and pride in Black freedom.

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the effective end of slavery, when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 to free enslaved people. For generations, the day has been celebrated with gatherings, cookouts, music, laughter and pride in Black freedom.

Inspired by these traditions, the Arsht's Juneteenth Juke Joint invites everyone to come together and connect through the power of the performing arts.

## **About the Artists**

Husband-and-wife musical duo **The W's** blend soul, funk, rock, pop, and nu-disco for a highenergy, feel-good performance. Featuring Chadwick Watkins' soulful rock vibes and Brittany Starr James-Watkins' pop-dance energy, The W's bring an uplifting mix of pop, alternative, soul, and funk to the stage.

**DJ Cardi** is Miami's premiere DJ/ producer known for his signature sound combining his love for R&B and hip hop with infectious, feel-good disco and tropical house music. Cardi's ability to connect with his audience has propelled him to the forefront, performing at high-profile events like the Formula 1 Grand Prix, the Pegasus World Cup, the Miami Open & pre-games for the Miami Heat playing for thousands of fans at the Kaseya Center. For more information, visit <u>djcardi.com</u>.

## ABOUT ARSHT IMPACT PROGRAMS

**JUNETEENTH JUKE JOINT** is one of the 12 ongoing Arsht Impact programs that create magical experiences and enrich the lives of more than 120,000 people of all ages in Miami, for free. Programs include: Family Fest, a season of performances featuring the world's leading family-friendly artists; Gospel Fest Miami, a six-month season of celebration of gospel music's rich history and vibrant culture; The Heritage Project, which celebrates Black artists in our community through our annual Heritage Fest and Juneteenth Juke Joint festivities; 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; Arsht on the Road, a series of pop-up performances that bring the arts into Miami-Dade County's diverse neighborhoods; Broadway on Biscayne, interactive pre- and post-show experiences connecting audiences more deeply with each Broadway show; Knight Masterworks Classical Conversations, lectures which give the audience insight into the music presented in our Knight Masterworks Classical Music series; and programs that marry arts and wellness, such as Accessing the Arts Residencies, performance workshops for children and adults with disabilities; Brushes with Cancer, a program that matches artists with patients, survivors and



caregivers touched by cancer to create art reflective of their journeys, and <u>Art + Mind Day</u>, a daylong event which celebrates the connection between art and physical wellbeing.

\*All programs, artists, ticket prices, availability, dates and times are subject to change without notice. Additional fees may apply. Visit arshtcenter.org\_for up-to-date information.

The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is made possible by the public support of the Miami-Dade County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council and the City of Miami Omni Community Redevelopment Agency. The Adrienne Arsht Center also receives generous support from individuals, corporations and local, state and national foundations.

###

### About the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County

The Arsht proudly serves as the cultural pulse of Miami – the heart of magical live arts experiences that spark the imagination and connect people to one another. Whether on our stages or in your neighborhood, the Arsht is alive year-round with international artists , innovative programming from <u>resident companies</u> and local arts partners, free community events that reflect Miami's unique identity and more than 100 culturally diverse and impactful learning experiences for 80,000 children every year.

Since opening in 2006 in the heart of downtown, the Arsht, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has been recognized as a leader in the city's cultural transformation, a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development and a host venue for historic events. The 300+ annual Arsht events include a robust series of touring Broadway musicals direct from New York, star-studded jazz and classical music concerts curated for South Florida, a major annual Flamenco Festival and an award-winning Miami-based theater program. In addition, Family Fest, Gospel Fest Miami, Art + Mind Day, Heritage Fest and our LGBTQ+ Pride celebration are among dozens of free events that bring people from all corners of our community together. For more information, visit arshtcenter.org.